

## Recent Developments of the Centre for Chinese and Comparative Law (RCCL) as of August 2018

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With the goal of promoting and enhancing research relating to Chinese and comparative Law, the Centre for Chinese and Comparative Law (RCCL) has been actively exploring ways to further its goal. Below are recent efforts of RCCL in strengthening its establishment and influence in the area of Chinese and comparative law:

### New Core Member

With the resignation of Core Member Prof. Gu Minkang from CityU on 1 July 2018, Dr. Peter Wang Shucheng, Assistant Professor of the School of Law and affiliated member of RCCL, was appointed to replace Prof. Gu as RCCL's Core Member. Since Dr. Wang actually has been playing an active role in RCCL and heavily involved in RCCL's activities and administration since March 2018, his appointment was retrospectively effectively from 1 March 2018.



Dr. Peter Wang Shucheng

Dr. Wang has obtained two GRF/ECS grants with an impressive publication record. His expertise is on Chinese and comparative public law. His recent publications include: “Judicial Approach to Human Rights in Transitional China”, in Yun Zhao and Michael Ng (eds), *Chinese Legal Reform and the Global Legal Order: Adoption and Adaptation* (Cambridge University Press, 2017), Chapter 4; “Tripartite Freedom of Religion in China: An Illiberal Perspective” (2017) 39(4) *Human Rights Quarterly* 783-810; and “Boundaries of the Investigative Power of the Legislative Council under an Executive-led

Government in Hong Kong” (2017) 38(2) *Statute Law Review* p. 182-195.

We are sure that Dr. Wang’s joining us will further strengthen RCCL’s research profile, hence its force in promoting Chinese and comparative law.

### Postdoctoral Fellow

To enhance its research capacity, especially in Chinese civil law, RCCL recruited two postdoctoral fellows who will work with us for one year. One of the postdoctoral fellow is Dr. Xiao Huina, who officially joined us in early July 2018.



Dr. Xiao Huina

Dr. Xiao obtained her LLB and LLM from the School of Civil and Commercial Law of Northwest University of Politics and Law and the School of Law, Southwestern University of Finance and Economics in China respectively. She is a fresh PhD graduate of our Law School. Dr. Xiao’s research interests include law enforcement, compliance, regulation, business law and Chinese legal system. Her recent publications include: “A Typology of Tax Compliance in Developing Economies: Empirical Evidence from China’s Shoe Industry”, *Law & Policy* (with HE Xin, accepted for publication); “Why Law Enforcement is Weak in China: The Mindset of the Frontline Tax Officials” (2018) 31 *Columbia Journal of Asian Law* (forthcoming).

Another postdoctoral fellow is expected to join us in early September 2018.

### RCCL’s Facebook and WeChat

In July 2018, RCCL set up a WeChat Official Account and a Facebook Page to post research outputs of its members, reports of recently held academic activities, and latest information about the Centre. Our new social networking platforms will enhance our links with people who share common interests with us in Mainland Chinese and other parts of the world more efficiently.

