CCPL

CENTRE FOR COMPARATIVE AND PUBLIC LAW

AT THE FACULTY OF LAW, THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG



The 9/11 Effect: Comparative Counter-Terrorism Law

Professor Kent Roach

Faculty of Law, University of Toronto

Wednesday, 24 February 2010, 1:00 - 2:00 pm Room LG104, LG1 Floor, KK Leung Building The University of Hong Kong

This seminar will examine the emerging subject of comparative counter-terrorism law with a focus on laws enacted since 9/11. Sources and trends in counter-terrorism laws will be examined with a focus on the work of the Security Council of the United Nations and its Counter-terrorism committee. Selected aspects of counter-terrorism law in Australia, Canada, Hong Kong, Singapore, the United States and the United Kingdom will be examined. Specific topics to be examine may include the role of terrorism financing laws, the treatment of Muslim minorities, the role of courts and the enforcement of human rights and the respective roles of criminal and immigration law including the use of secret intelligence in legal proceedings.

Kent Roach is a Professor of Law at the University of Toronto where he holds the Prichard-Wilson Chair in Law and Public Policy. He is a graduate of the University of Toronto and Yale and a former law clerk to Justice Bertha Wilson of the Supreme Court of Canada. Since 1998, Professor Roach has been editor-in-chief of the Criminal Law Quarterly. Much of his current research is devoted to the study of comparative anti-terrorism law and his work on that subject has been published in Australia, Canada, Hong Kong, India, Netherlands, Singapore, South Africa, the United Kingdom and the United States. He served on the research advisory committee of the Commission of Inquiry into the Activities of Canadian Officials in Relation to Maher Arar and as research director (legal studies) to the Inquiry into the Bombing of Air India Flight 182. He has also testified before Canadian Parliamentary and American congressional committees on terrorism related subjects.