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Judging Immigration: National Privilege and International Duties

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Starting from the principle that it is for the legal system of an individual territory to decide what access foreigners will have to it, Mr Ockelton will explore some of the obligations imposed by international Conventions, including the ICCPR and the CAT. He will explore the developing interpretation of Convention duties with particular reference to decisions of the Court of Final Appeal of the HKSAR, and will briefly examine the process by which individual claims are characterised and assessed.

Mark Ockelton is the Vice President of the Upper Tribunal in the United Kingdom, and also sits in the High Court and the Crown Court in England and Wales. He is a Bencher of Lincoln's Inn. He has great experience in immigration, refugee and human rights cases and has been involved in the training of members of the Hong Kong Torture Claims Appeal Board.

