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*Seminar*

## **Constitutional Interpretation and the Basic Law of the Macao SAR**

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**1:00 – 2:00 pm**

**Room 303, 3/F KK Leung Building  
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The Seminar approaches the question of the legal system – the set of principles, norms, values and institutional traditions – from within which the courts of the Macao SAR ought to interpret the Basic Law: from within the Chinese or Macao's body of law? It discusses a Judge's dissenting opinion to a ruling of the Court of Appeal of the Macao SAR, as well as the creative or innovative nature of constitutional interpretation. It will briefly consider how the Standing Committee ought to act when performing constitutional interpretation of the provisions 'which are within the limits of the autonomy of the Region' (Article 143).

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