

China's National Security: Endangering Hong Kong's Rule of Law?

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All states are challenged by the need to protect national security while maintaining the rule of law, but the issue is particularly complex in Hong Kong. Now governed by China under the rubric "one country, two systems", Hong Kong has a strong tradition of the Rule of Law - a key feature that distinguishes it from China. However, concerns over whether Hong Kong can maintain this distinctiveness in light of apparently-increasing Chinese security advances are intensifying, partly due to renewed calls for the territory to fulfil its constitutional duty of enacting national security legislation, and uncertainties over the human rights guarantees therein when China's 50-year commitment to Hong Kong's autonomy expires in 2047. This project assembles leading experts on Hong Kong, national security, and comparative public law to explore both the risks of introducing security legislation in Hong Kong and the region's sources of resilience. It presents a forward-looking perspective on the rule of law in Hong Kong, illustrating how it may succeed in resisting pressure to advance China's security interests through repressive law.

0900-0915 **WELCOMING REMARKS**, Prof Michael Hor, Dean of Faculty of Law, HKU

SESSION I: HONG KONG, THE RULE OF LAW, AND NATIONAL SECURITY

0915-1100 Prof Albert Chen (HKU)
Prof Hualing Fu (HKU)
Prof Carol Jones (Birmingham)
Dr Fergal Davis (UNSW & King's College London)
Prof Lin Feng (City University of Hong Kong)

SESSION II: SOURCES OF RESILIENCE IN HONG KONG'S POLITICO-LEGAL CULTURE

1115-1300 Ms Swati Jhaveri (National University of Singapore)
Dr P.Y. Lo (Barrister-at-law)
Dr Margaret Ng (Barrister-at-law)
Prof Michael Davis (Jindal Global University)
Dr Paulo Cardinal (University of Macau)

SESSION III: COMPLYING WITH ARTICLE 23 WHILE MAINTAINING THE RULE OF LAW

1400-1530 Prof Simon Young (HKU)
Prof Carole Petersen (University of Hawaii)
Prof Fiona de Londras (Birmingham)
Ms Cora Chan (HKU)
Mr Danny Gittings (HKU School of Professional and Continuing Education)

SESSION IV: ENHANCING RESILIENCE

1545-1730 Dr Lam Wai Man (Open University of Hong Kong)
Ms Puja Kapai (HKU)
Prof Johannes Chan (HKU)
Prof Yash Ghai (Katiba Institute, Kenya)
Ms Surabhi Chopra (Chinese University of Hong Kong)



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