

*A CCPL Lunchtime Seminar***GLOBAL CONSTITUTIONALISM – A CRITICAL VIEW****Professor Dr. Jaakko Husa***Professor of Comparative Law and Constitutional Law, University of Lapland***TUESDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 2016, 13:00 – 14:00****ROOM 901, 9/F CHENG YU TUNG TOWER****CENTENNIAL CAMPUS, THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG**

Global constitutionalism is a hot topic among internationally oriented public law scholars. Many contemporary authors seem to presume that the idea of constitutionalism is, or that it must be, universal. According to some views constitutionalism has now gone global. Consistent with this thinking, the commitment to the rule of law, democracy and human rights has arguably become a defining feature on a global scale. In practice, this means that constitutionalism is regarded as relevant not only in the context of states but also when we assess and interpret development of law beyond the state level. In this seminar, Professor Husa examines certain underlying themes and calls into question the universality of global constitutionalism. Drawing on modern comparative law scholarship his presentation examines and discusses global constitutionalism from a critical point of view.

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