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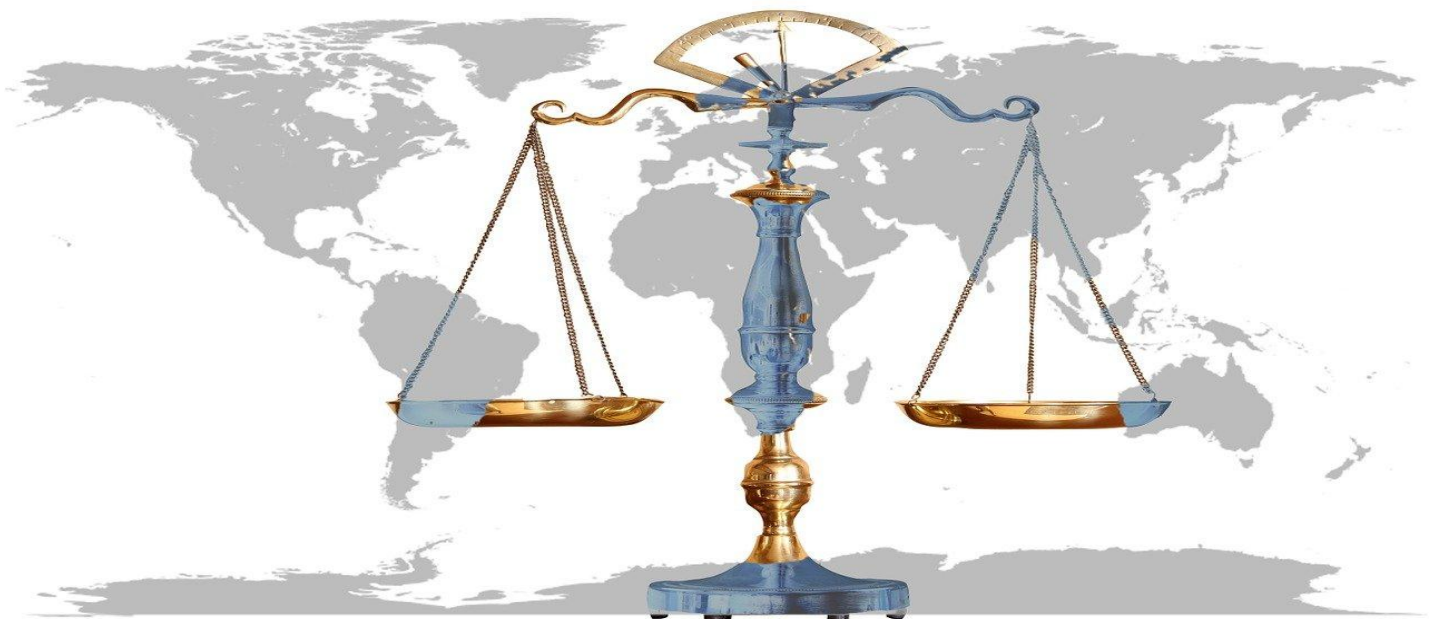
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Workshop

INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE IN THE CONTEMPORARY ASIA-PACIFIC REGION

The University of Hong Kong

12-13 September 2025





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International Criminal Justice in the Contemporary Asia-Pacific Region

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Academic Conference Room, 11/F Cheng Yu Tung Tower, The University of Hong Kong

Programme Agenda

Thursday 11 September 2025 (Pre-Workshop Public Lecture)

16:30-17:30 **Judge Margaret M. deGuzman**, Professor, Temple University; Judge, UN International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals
'The Future of Global Justice in a Multi-Polar World'

Friday 12 September 2025 (Day 1)

8:30-9:00 **Arrival and Registration**

9:00-9:15 **Welcome Remark**

Professor Simon Young, Ian Davies Professor in Ethics, Faculty of Law, The University of Hong Kong

Dr Ling Yang, Director, Hong Kong International Legal Talents Training Academy

9:15-10:15 **Keynote Opening Session**

Moderator: Professor Simon Young, Ian Davies Professor in Ethics, Faculty of Law, The University of Hong Kong

Speakers:

Judge Daqun Liu, UN International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals

'International Criminal Justice and Asia Pacific Region'

Judge Raul Cano Pangalangan, Professor, University of the Philippines;
International Criminal Court

*'The Trial of Former Philippine President Duterte: Jurisdictional Effects of
Withdrawal from the Rome Statute'*

Judge Chang-ho Chung, International Criminal Court

'ICC Jurisdiction over Nationals of Non-State Parties'

10:15-10:45

Group photo and coffee break

10:45-12:30

Panel 1: Domestic Prosecutions and Universal Jurisdiction

Moderator: Dr Suhong Yang, Global Academic Fellow, Faculty of Law, The
University of Hong Kong

Speakers:

Professor Sarah Williams, Professor, University of New South Wales

*'Challenges of Criminal Prosecutions for Contemporary War Crimes
Allegations in Australian Courts'*

Commentator: Professor Douglas Guilfoyle (Online), Professor, University
of New South Wales

Dr Emma Palmer, Senior Lecturer, Griffith University

*'Beyond the ICC: Universal Jurisdiction as Norm Adaptation in the Asia-
Pacific'*

Commentator: Professor Gregory Gordon, Professor, Peking University
School of Transnational Law

Ms Tanishtha Vaid, Legal Advisor, Presidential Court of the United Arab
Emirates

*'Dressed for Legitimacy? The International Crimes Tribunal (Bangladesh)'s
Attempt at Reinvention'*

Commentator: Professor Alex Green, Associate Professor, The Chinese
University of Hong Kong

Dr Yingxin He, Lecturer, Southeast University

'The Principle of Legality and the Prosecution of International Crimes before Chinese Courts'

Commentator: Dr Christoph Sperfeldt, Senior Lecturer, Macquarie University

12:30-13:30

Lunch break

13:30-15:15

Panel 2: ICC and Asia Pacific States

Moderator: Judge Margaret M. deGuzman, Professor, Temple University; Judge, UN International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals

Speakers:

Judge Nina H.B. Jørgensen, Professor, University of Southampton; Judge, Kosovo Specialist Chambers

'Temporality in International Criminal Court Investigations'

Commentator: Professor Sarah Williams, Professor, University of New South Wales

Professor Daley Birkett, Associate Professor, University of Birmingham
Dubai

'Scattered Islands, Scattered Laws? Domestic Implementation of the Rome Statute in the Pacific'

Commentator: Dr Emma Palmer, Senior Lecturer, Griffith University

Dr Yudan Tan, Lecturer, East China University of Political Science and Law
'The Effects of Unlawful Arrest on the Jurisdiction of the International Criminal Court: Reassessing the Right to Fair Trial'

Commentator: Judge Raul Cano Pangalangan, Professor, University of the Philippines; International Criminal Court

Professor Ryan Mitchell (Online), Associate Professor, The Chinese University of Hong Kong

'Asia-Pacific Foundations for the Crime of Ecocide'

Commentator: Professor Simon Young, Ian Davies Professor in Ethics, Faculty of Law, The University of Hong Kong

15:15-16:00 Transportation

16:00-17:30 Tour at the High Court of Hong Kong

18:00-20:00 Conference Dinner

Saturday 13 September 2025 (Day 2)

8:45-9:00 Arrival

9:00-10:20 Panel 3: Perspectives in China and Hong Kong SAR

Moderator: Professor Gregory Gordon, Professor, Peking University School of Transnational Law

Speakers:

Dr James Ding, The Law Officer (International Law), Department of Justice of Hong Kong, China

‘Mutual Legal Assistance in Criminal Matters in the HKSAR’

Commentator: Ms Sau Kong Lee, Principal Lecturer, The University of Hong Kong

Professor Florence Lee, Assistant Professor, The University of Hong Kong

‘Comparison of the Proscription of Terrorist Organisations Regime in UK and Hong Kong- Implications for International Criminal Justice’

Commentator: Professor Michael Hor, Professor, The University of Hong Kong

Dr Suhong Yang, Global Academic Fellow, Faculty of Law, The University of Hong Kong

‘China and the International Criminal Court: Stance, Interactions, and Implications’

Commentator: Professor Daley Birkett, Associate Professor, University of Birmingham Dubai

10:20-10:40

Coffee break

10:40-12:00

Panel 4: Hybrid Courts and Alternative Justice

Moderator: Dr Emma Palmer, Senior Lecturer, Griffith University

Speakers:

Professor Jiayi Li (Online), Associate Professor, Shihezi University &

Ms Xinru Jin, PhD Candidate, China University of Political Science and Law

'From Trials to Truth Commissions: Addressing Sexual Violence in Asia-Pacific International Justice Mechanisms'

Commentator: Judge Margaret M. deGuzman, Professor, Temple University; Judge, UN International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals

Professor Megumi Ochi, Associate Professor, Ritsumeikan University

'The Citing Practice in the Asia-Pacific to Find General Principles of International Criminal Law'

Commentator: Professor Cheah Wui Ling (Online), Associate Professor, National University of Singapore

Dr Christoph Sperfeldt, Senior Lecturer, Macquarie University

'Evaluating Reparations: Lessons from the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts Cambodia' (co-authored with Rachel Hughes)

Commentator: Professor Cheah Wui Ling (Online), Associate Professor, National University of Singapore

12:00-13:30

Lunch break

13:30-14:25

Panel 5: International Criminal Justice and Public International Law

Moderator: Judge Daqun Liu, UN International Residual Mechanism for Criminal Tribunals

Speakers:

Professor Yang Liu, Assistant Professor, East China University of Political Science and Law

'The Obligation to Prevent Crimes against Humanity: A View from General International Law'

Commentator: Professor Megumi Ochi, Associate Professor, Ritsumeikan University

Professor Noam Zamir, Associate Professor, City University of Hong Kong
'Heads of State Immunity and International Courts: Insights from the Asia-Pacific Region'

Commentator: Professor James Fry, Associate Professor, The University of Hong Kong

14:25-14:45

Coffee break

14:45-16:05

Panel 6: Responsibilities and Punishment

Moderator: Judge Chang-ho Chung, International Criminal Court

Speakers:

Mr Pubudu Sachithanandan (Online), Trial lawyer (Office of the Prosecutor), International Criminal Court

'Attribution of Responsibility for Gender-Based Crimes in Complex Actor Networks: Legal and Evidentiary Approaches'

Commentator: Judge Nina H.B. Jørgensen, Professor, University of Southampton; Judge, Kosovo Specialist Chambers

Professor Michael Hor, Professor, The University of Hong Kong

'Joint Criminal Enterprise in International Criminal Law: The Rational and the Emotional'

Commentator: Dr Yudan Tan, Lecturer, East China University of Political Science and Law

Professor Gregory Gordon, Professor, Peking University School of Transnational Law &

Dr Yuxi Feng, Research Assistant, The Chinese University of Hong Kong

'Early Release in International Criminal Law: Toward a Uniform Framework'

Commentator: Professor Michael Jackson, Associate Professor, The University of Hong Kong

16:05-16:20

Closing & Next Steps

Dr Suhong Yang, Global Academic Fellow, Faculty of Law, The University of Hong Kong

Professor Simon Young, Ian Davies Professor in Ethics, Faculty of Law, The University of Hong Kong