

The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Faculty of Law (CUHK LAW)  
CCTL Obligations Lab Asia

***Private Law in Greater China – Yesterday, Today, Tomorrow***  
*Conference (hybrid)*

**Friday, 10 May 2024** (times given are HK times)

[Venue: LT3]

- 10:00-10:05 Prof. Normann Witzleb, CCTL Obligations Lab Asia Chair: Welcome  
10:05-10:10 Prof. Lutz-Christian Wolff, CUHK LAW Dean: Welcome and Introduction  
10:10-10:50 Prof. Liming Wang, *Renmin University*  
Keynote Address: “New Developments in Remedies for Breach of Contract in Chinese Contract Law (中国合同法违约救济的新发展)” – in Chinese (with translation)

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- 10:50-12:30 **PLENARY SESSION I: Contract Law in Greater China: Civil Law and Common Law Perspectives**  
– Chair: Prof. Siyi Lin, *CUHK LAW*
- Prof. Alexander Loke, *City University of Hong Kong*  
“Change of Circumstances and the Frustration Doctrine in Hong Kong” (20 min)
  - Prof. Stephen Hall, *CUHK LAW*  
“Hong Kong Estoppel” (20 min – remote)
  - Prof. Hao Jiang, *Bocconi University*  
“Fairness in Chinese Contract Law: A Borrowed Mistake” (20 min)
  - Prof. Zhicheng Wu, *Renmin University* & Prof Hui Jing, *The University of Hong Kong*  
“Uncovering Hidden Fiduciaries in the Chinese Civil Code” (20 min – remote)
  - Q&A (20 min)

12:30-13:30 Lunch Break

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- 13:30-14:35 **PARALLEL SESSION I: Comparing and Harmonising Contract Law in Greater China**  
– Chair: Prof. Alexander Loke, *City University of Hong Kong*
- Prof. Yang Chen, *City University of Hong Kong* & Dr. Xingguang Zou, *Tsinghua University*  
“Unveiling the Mysterious Role of Contractual Disgorgement: A Comparative and Functional Approach” (15 min)
  - Prof. Siyi Lin, *CUHK LAW*  
“Chinese Contract Law: Theories Compared” (15 min)
  - Ms. Giulia Aurora Radice, *University of Milan* and *Soochow University*  
“On the Principle of Change of Circumstances: A Good Faith Obligation to Renegotiate?” (15 min – remote)
  - Q&A (20 min)

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13:30-14:35 **PARALLEL SESSION II: Emerging Issues in Private Law**

– Chair: Prof. Hao Jiang, *Bocconi University*

- Mr. Ruifeng Song, *University of Hong Kong*  
“Information Fiduciaries for China? A Critique” (15 min)
- Dr. Brendan Clift, *The University of Melbourne*  
“Hong Kong Defamation Law: a Progressive Oasis Facing Winds of Change” (15 min – remote)
- Prof. Normann Witzleb, *CUHK LAW*  
“Establishing the Tort of Harassment in Hong Kong – Evidence-Based and Comparative Considerations” (15 min)
- Q&A (20 min)

14:35-14:55 Tea Break

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14:55-16:00 **PARALLEL SESSION III: System Building in Chinese Private Law**

– Chair: Prof. Yang Chen, *City University of Hong Kong*

- Prof. Jian He, *Peking University*  
“Special Sources of Private Law in China” (15 min – remote)
- Mr. Hanbin Zheng, *Zhejiang University*  
“The Evolution of the General Provisions of Obligation Law in China Mainland – The Fallacy of Systemization?” (15 min – remote)
- Prof. Tien Dat Bui and Dr. Giang Nam Do, *Vietnam National University Hanoi*  
“The Constitutionalisation of Private Law in China and Vietnam: Recent Developments of the Constitutions and the Civil Codes” (15 min – remote)
- Q&A (20 min)

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14:55-16:00 **PARALLEL SESSION IV: New Developments in Healthcare Law**

– Chair: Prof Normann Witzleb, *CUHK LAW*

- Dr. Manman Yang and Ms. Mingyu Cao, *West Anhui University*  
“Hovering between Life and Death: Hospice Care under Autonomy” (15 min)
- Prof. Rui Cascão, *Lusofona University Porto*  
“Shifts in Medical Liability in the Macao SAR” (15 min – remote)
- Dr. Man Teng Iong, *University of Macau*  
“Harmonizing Advance Directives Across Diverse Legal Cultures: A Model Law Proposal for Macao, Hong Kong, and China” (15 min)
- Q&A (20 min)

16:00-16:20: Tea Break

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16:20-17:00 Prof. Jianyuan Cui, *Tsinghua University*

“Compensation for Damages of Opportunity Interests (论机会利益的损害赔偿)” (remote) – in Chinese (with translation)



17:00-18:00 **PLENARY SESSION II: Protection of Vulnerable Persons in Private Law**

– Chair: Prof. Lutz-Christian Wolff, *CUHK LAW*

- Prof. Le Cheng, *Zhejiang University*  
“Defining and Protecting ‘Digital Vulnerability’ in Private Law” (20 min – remote)
- Prof. Yuanshi Bu, *University of Freiburg*  
“Reform of Chinese Tort Law in the Post-Codification Era: A Comparative Study based on Children’s Tort Liability” (20 min – remote)
- Q&A (20 min)

18:00-18:05 Prof. Normann Witzleb, CCTL Obligation Lab Chair Asia: Closing Remarks