

# 2026 CCCL

## Chinese and Comparative Law

### Junior Scholars Forum

#### The Study of Chinese Law in the Age of AI

June 11 - 12, 2026

City University of Hong Kong (CityUHK)  
83 Tat Chee Ave, Kowloon, Hong Kong SAR

**Venue:**

Interdisciplinary Multi-function Room(G7603),  
Floor 7, Yeung Kin Man Academic Building

**Programme Coordinator**

Professor Peter C.H. Chan

**Organizing Committee**

Prof. Peter C.H. Chan (chair)

Prof. He Tianxiang

## PROGRAMME

Thursday, June 11

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Time	Event	Venue
08:30 - 09:00	<b>Registration</b>	G7603, Floor 7, Yeung Kin Man Academic Building
09:00 - 09:30	<b>Opening Remarks</b> <b>Speakers:</b> <b>Prof. LIN Feng</b> (Dean, School of Law, CityUHK) <b>Prof. WANG Jiangyu</b> (Director of CCCL, School of Law, CityUHK) <b>MC:</b> Ms. KANG Xin (PhD student, CityUHK)	
09:30 - 10:00	<b>Keynote Speech I (With Q&amp;A)</b> <i>A Brave New World for Studying Chinese Law?: Old and New Challenges, Double-Edged Tools, and Emerging Topics</i> <b>Speaker:</b> Prof. Jacques deLisle (Stephen A. Cozen Professor of Law & Professor of Political Science, Penn Carey Law, University of Pennsylvania)	
10:00 - 10:30	<b>Keynote Speech II (With Q&amp;A)</b> <i>Will Artificial Intelligence Potentially Dominate Criminal Judicial Decision-Making? Evidence from Cognitive Experiments</i> <b>Speaker:</b> Prof. LIN Xifen (Professor, KoGuan Law School, Shanghai Jiao Tong University)	
10:30 - 10:35	<b>Presentation of Souvenirs to Keynote Speakers</b>	
10:30 - 10:45	<b>Welcome Remarks from Prof. Peter CHAN</b> (Programme Coordinator)	

<b>10:45 - 11:00</b>	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
<b>11:00 - 12:30</b>	<b>Parallel Sessions</b> Main Forum (Session I and Session II) Early Researchers Panels (Panels A and B)	G7603, G5-214, G5-216, B5-211, Yeung Kin Man Academic Building
<b>12:30-14:30</b>	<i>Conference Lunch</i>	CityUHK Chinese Restaurant, 8/F, Bank of China (Hong Kong) Complex
<b>14:30-16:00</b>	<b>Parallel Sessions</b> Main Forum (Session III and Session IV) Early Researchers Panels (Panels C and D)	G7603, G5-214, G5-216, B5-211, Yeung Kin Man Academic Building
<b>16:00-16:30</b>	<i>Coffee Break</i>	G7603, Floor 7, Yeung Kin Man Academic Building
<b>16:30-18:30</b>	<b>Parallel Sessions</b> Main Forum (Session V and Session VI) Early Researchers Panels (Panel E)	G7603, G5-214, G5-216, B5-211, Yeung Kin Man Academic Building
<b>18:30-21:00</b>	<i>Conference Dinner</i>	Lodge Bistro, G/F, CityUHK Lodge, Academic Exchange Building

## PROGRAMME

Friday, June 12

Time	Event	Venue
08:30 - 09:00	<p><b>Sharing by Prof. WANG Jiangyu</b> (Director of CCCL, School of Law, CityUHK)</p> <p><i>In Search of Insights in the Age of AI-Empowered Legal Research</i></p> <p><b>MC:</b> Ms. KANG Xin (PhD student, CityUHK)</p>	G7603, Floor 7, Yeung Kin Man Academic Building
09:00-10:15	<p><b>Parallel Sessions</b></p> <p>Main Forum (Session VII and Session VIII)</p> <p>Early Researchers Panels (Panel G and H)</p>	G7603, G5-214, G5-216, B5-211, Yeung Kin Man Academic Building
10:15 - 10:45	<i>Coffee Break</i>	G7603, Floor 7, Yeung Kin Man Academic Building
10:45 - 12:00	<p><b>Parallel Sessions</b></p> <p>Main Forum (Session IX and Session X)</p>	G7603, G5-214, Yeung Kin Man Academic Building
12:00-13:30	<p><b>Editors-in-Chief Panel (with Q&amp;A):</b></p> <p><i>Publish or Perish – Editors’ Expectations</i></p> <p><b>Session Speakers:</b></p> <p>Prof. Jacques deLisle (Penn Carey Law, University of Pennsylvania)</p> <p>Prof. WANG Jiangyu (CityUHK)</p> <p>Prof. LIU Qiao (CityUHK)</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b></p> <p>Prof. HE Tianxiang (CityUHK)</p>	G7603, Floor 7, Yeung Kin Man Academic Building

<p><b>13:30-14:15</b></p>	<p><i>Light Refreshments</i></p>	
<p><b>14:15-15:00</b></p>	<p><b>Scholars Panel (with Q&amp;A):</b>  <i>Conducting China law research in Hong Kong</i></p> <p><b>Session Speakers:</b>          Prof. Yahong LI (HKU Law)          Prof. Peter CHAN (CityUHK)(Moderator)          Prof. HE Tianxiang (CityUHK)</p> <p><b>Presentation of Souvenirs to Session Speakers</b></p>	
<p><b>15:00-15:30</b></p>	<p><b>Presentation of Paper Awards</b>          Prof. LIN Feng (Dean, School of Law, CityUHK)</p> <p><b>Closing Remarks</b></p> <p><b>Session Speakers:</b>          Prof. WANG Jianguo (Director of CCCL, School of Law, CityUHK)          Prof. Peter CHAN (Associate Director of CCCL, School of Law, CityUHK)</p> <p><b>MC:</b> Ms. KANG Xin (PhD student, CityUHK)</p>	
<p><b>15:30</b></p>	<p><b>Participants Depart</b></p>	

## KEYNOTE SPEECHES

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### Prof. Jacques deLisle

Stephen A. Cozen Professor of Law  
Penn Carey Law  
University of Pennsylvania



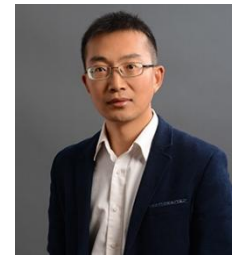
### A Brave New World for Studying Chinese Law?: Old and New Challenges, Double-Edged Tools, and Emerging Topics

#### Abstract:

The advent of AI has coincided with unrelated challenges—some old and some new—in studying Chinese law. To a senior generation, AI is the most recent of several revolutions in access and research that have changed the field. AI offers new research tools and attendant opportunities for Chinese and foreign researchers focused on Chinese law. Like most tools, AI is double-edged, increasing capacities but also coming with risks that scholars need to manage. The mixed impact of AI extends beyond scholarship to publication and teaching. At the same time, AI is an increasingly important and fruitful area for research on Chinese law, in itself and in comparative and international context.

### Prof. Lin Xifen

Professor  
KoGuan School of Law  
Shanghai Jiao Tong University



### Will Artificial Intelligence Potentially Dominate Criminal Judicial Decision-Making? Evidence from Cognitive Experiments

#### Abstract:

Clarifying the actual adjudicative subject in criminal justice involving artificial intelligence (AI)—whether judges or machines—helps reveal the internal mechanisms of AI-assisted adjudication, thereby safeguarding the judge’s central role and upholding the fairness and authority of criminal justice. This study adopts a cognitive experimental approach, in which 165 participants were asked to adjudicate multiple dangerous driving cases under varying priming conditions (with or without AI assistance) and intervention conditions (with or without judicial accountability constraints). Experiment I demonstrates that, under conditions of case-handling pressure, judges exhibit a significant tendency to rely on AI, with adjudicative dominance showing a shift toward machine influence. Experiment II indicates that introducing the judicial accountability system as a form of “cognitive intervention” can partially mitigate excessive reliance on AI. However, its overall effect remains limited. Judges’ dependence on AI does not stem merely from inertia, but rather from the combined effects of cost-benefit considerations, algorithmic authority, and other factors. To prevent potential risks posed by AI-dominated adjudication to substantive justice, procedural justice, and judicial authority, it is necessary to further clarify the judge’s principal role and corresponding judicial accountability in criminal adjudication. Institutionalized cognitive intervention mechanisms should be developed to reduce excessive reliance on AI, and ultimately to construct an empirically grounded model of human-machine collaboration in criminal justice.

## PARALLEL SESSIONS

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**Thursday, June 11**

**11:00 - 12:30: Main Forum (Session I and Session II) and Early Researchers Panels (Panels A and B)**

### **Main Forum Session I: International Trade, Investment and Economic Law**

**Venue: G7603**

<p>Opening reflection: Prof. Michael TSIMPLIS</p> <p>Discussant: Prof. YU Chen</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. GAO Lingjun</p>	<p>Feiyang DAI (Beijing Language and Culture University): <i>Patchwork or Framework? How China Regulates Outbound AI Technology</i></p> <p>Luci WANG (Erasmus School of Law, Erasmus University Rotterdam): <i>Shipping Documentation in the Age of AI: Negotiability and Liability under the UN NCD Convention</i></p> <p>Xue FENG (School of Law, Xi'an Jiaotong University): <i>National Security and Digital Trade under the WTO: Reassessing GATS Article XIV bis in Light of PAFACAA</i></p>
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### **Main Forum Session II: Arbitration Law and Practice**

**Venue: G5-214**

<p>Discussant: Prof. Peter CHAN</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. HE Hao</p>	<p>Dan XIE (School of International Law, East China University of Political Science and Law): <i>From Online to Smart: AI Enablement and Data Governance under China's 2025 Arbitration Law</i></p> <p>Apoorvi SHRIVASTAVA (Manipal Law School): <i>Reassessing 'Information Networks' in the Chinese Arbitration Law: Implications for Blockchain-based Dispute Resolution</i></p>
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## Early Researchers Panel A: AI and Teach Law (I)

Venue: G5-216

<p>Panel Chair: Ms. ZHANG Yiyan</p>	<p>YONG Gang (School of Law, City University of Hong Kong): <i>The Hidden Crisis of Trust and Procedural Justice in AI-Enabled Commercial Mediation: A Mixed-Methods Empirical Study</i></p> <p>ZHANG Yiyan (School of Law, City University of Hong Kong): <i>The Right to Explanation for Algorithmic Recommendation on Content Platforms in China</i></p> <p>CAI Yida (School of Law, City University of Hong Kong): <i>Data Altruism: An Optimal Solution for Second Phase Data Regulation</i></p>
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## Early Researchers Panel B: AI and Tech Law (II)

Venue: B5-211

<p>Panel Chair: Ms. LI Peiting</p>	<p>GUO Ai (School of Law, City University of Hong Kong): <i>Reconstruction of Chinese Legal Ethics in the Age of Brain-Computer Interfaces</i></p> <p>LI Peiting (School of Law, City University of Hong Kong): <i>Governing AI-Enabled Digitalisation of Intangible Cultural Heritage in China: Rights Allocation in a Closed-Loop System</i></p>
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## Thursday, June 11 (cont')

### 14:30 - 16:00: Main Forum (Session III and Session IV) and Early Researchers Panels (Panels A and B)

#### Main Forum Session III: Tech Law and AI (I)

Venue: G7603

<p>Discussant: Prof. YANG Shunqi</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Jack BURKE</p>	<p>Yuchen ZHU (Law School, Renmin University of China): <i>How to Technically Realize AI-Assisted Discretion to Curb Its Abuse: A Study Based on Intelligent Discretion Systems in Mainland China</i></p> <p>Xiyi CHEN (Shanghai Jiaotong University): <i>Establishing Responsibility Systems for AI Application in Clinical Decision-Making: A Relational Responsibility Perspective</i></p> <p>Hongyue CHEN (School of Law, Tsinghua University): <i>On the Commercial Exploitation of Indicia of Identity in the Age of Deepfakes: A Value-Source-Oriented Approach</i></p> <p>Fang YUAN &amp; Bin LI (University of Newcastle): <i>'Digital Court' Reform in China (2019-2025): Artificial Intelligence and the Pursuit of Justice</i></p>
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#### Main Forum Session IV: Tech Law and AI (II)

Venue: G5-214

<p>Discussant: Prof. ANIMASHAUN Sijuade Thakib</p> <p>Moderator: Prof. HUANG Tao</p>	<p>Yongxi YANG &amp; Zelin SU (Sun Yat-sen University): <i>Obstacles to Building Knowledge Bases for LLMs: A Cross-Jurisdictional Comparison of Judgment Structures</i></p> <p>LIN Yating (School of Law, City University of Hong Kong): <i>A Law for Need or a Law for Greed? Restoring the Lost Law of Platform Accountability in China's Health AI Regulation</i></p> <p>Bo YUAN (Law School, Shanghai University of Finance and Economics) &amp; Peicheng WU (Guanghua Law School, Zhejiang University): <i>Self-Preference of Digital Platforms in China: Antitrust or Sector-Specific Regulation?</i></p>
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## Early Researchers Panel C: AI and Tech Law (III)

Venue: G5-216

<p>Panel Chair: Ms. Di WU</p>	<p>GAO Lingjun (City University of Hong Kong): <i>Why China Should Reject the TDM Exception: A Shift to Output-Stage Governance for AI Training</i></p> <p>WANG Yu (School of Law, Fudan University): <i>Patenting AI Algorithms in China: Challenges to Patentability and Examination Standards</i></p> <p>Di WU (Renmin University of China): <i>Judicial Review of AI-Enabled Platform Governance Decisions in China: Operationalizing Digital Human Rights Principles</i></p>
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## Early Researchers Panel D: AI and Tech Law IV

Venue: B5-211

<p>Panel Chair: Ms. LIU Qi</p>	<p>LIU Qi (Guanghua Law School, Zhejiang University): <i>The Shackles of Openness: Rethinking the Paradox of Copyright Instrumentalization through a Capability Approach</i></p> <p>WU Xiaoqing (East China University of Political Science and Law): <i>Competition Law Perspective and Regulatory Response to the “Content is King” Strategy of Streaming Platforms</i></p> <p>WU Chuqiao (School of Law, Sun Yat-sen University): <i>AI-Assisted Local Legislative Drafting in China: Text Generation, Decision Support, and Their Limits</i></p>
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## Thursday, June 11 (cont')

### 16:30 - 18:30: Main Forum (Session V and Session VI) and Early Researchers Panels (Panel E)

#### Main Forum Session V: Private Law

Venue: G7603

<p>Opening reflections: Prof. Dan PRIEL</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. CAI Yida</p>	<p>Hao JIANG (Department of Legal Studies, Bocconi University): <i>The Fallacy of Liberal Ideals and the Promise of an Apolitical Contract Law-A Comparative Study of the Three Chinese Contract Laws</i></p> <p>Siyi LIN (Faculty of Law, The Chinese University of Hong Kong): <i>The 'Contracting Problem' of Algorithmic Contracts Revisited: A Perspective from China</i></p> <p>YE Yabing (School of Law, Tsinghua University): <i>Formal Defects and True Intent: The Validity of Electronic Wills</i></p>
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#### Main Forum Session VI: Law and Society/ Public Law/ Labour Law

Venue: G5-214

<p>Discussant: Prof. Peter WANG</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Celeste LO</p>	<p>Huina XIAO (Department of Law and Business, Hong Kong Shue Yan University) &amp; Bing GUO (School of Law and Humanities, Zhejiang Sci-Tech University): <i>Ants against Big Tech: Legal Mobilization of Personal Data Protection in China</i></p> <p>Guotong SHEN (School of Law, Guangxi University) &amp; Peter C.H. CHAN (School of Law, City University of Hong Kong): <i>All Work and No Play? An Analysis of the Right to Disconnect in China</i></p> <p>Celeste LO (School of Law, City University of Hong Kong): <i>Borrowed Judges, Borrowed Impact? How Overseas Non-Permanent Justices of the HKCFA Foster International Legal Standing of Hong Kong</i></p>
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## Early Researchers Panel E: Law and Society

Venue: G5-216

<p>Panel Chair: Ms. KANG Xin</p>	<p>KANG Xin (School of Law, City University of Hong Kong): <i>Digital Platforms and Judicial Response to Domestic Violence: An Exploratory Study of Wenzhou and Shenzhen</i></p> <p>DUAN Haojin (School of Law, City University of Hong Kong): <i>Digital Equity as Governance: Reframing China's Anti-Discrimination Legal Framework in the Age of AI</i></p>
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## PARALLEL SESSIONS

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**Friday, June 12**

**09:00-10:15: Main Forum (Session VII and Session VIII) and Early Researchers Panels (Panel G and H)**

**Main Forum Session VII: IP**

**Venue: G7603**

<p>Discussant: Prof. HE Tianxiang</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Guo Ai</p>	<p>Kui CAI (School of Law and School of Intellectual Property, Shanghai University): <i>AI Cover Songs: Copyright Infringement, Personality Rights Infringement, or Data Law Violation?</i></p> <p>Yung Chieh TSAI (Ocean University of China): <i>From User-Generated to AI-Generated Content: Copyright Governance Challenges on Bilibili</i></p> <p>Christopher TO (City University of Hong Kong) &amp; IU Kwan Yuen (Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, UOL): <i>Enforcement Risks of AI-Assisted Arbitral Awards in Mainland China and Hong Kong</i></p>
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**Main Forum and Early Researchers Panels Combined Session VIII: Corporate and Financial Law**

**Venue: G5-214**

<p>Discussant: Professor Virginia HARPER HO (via zoom)</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Jiaming ZHANG</p>	<p>Jiaming ZHANG (Durham Law School, Durham University): <i>From Formal Independence to Algorithmic Dependence: AI Risk and Independent Directors in Chinese Listed Companies</i></p> <p>LI Suyang (Singapore Management University): <i>What Consent Conceals: Judicial Liability and the Expert Chilling Effect on Independent Directors in China</i></p> <p>Sihao CHEN (Faculty of Law, The University of Hong Kong): <i>A Bumpy Ride Towards Sustainability: A Comparative Study of China's New ESG Disclosure Rules</i></p>
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## Early Researchers Panel G: Criminal Procedure/ Civil Procedure

Venue: G5-216

<p>Panel Chair: Ms. Yufei XIA</p>	<p>Ziteng YUAN (School of Law, Chongqing University): <i>Sexual Offenses Against Minors in China: Causal Mechanisms, Normative Empirical Analysis and Prevention Pathways</i></p> <p>Yufei XIA (School of Law, City University of Hong Kong): <i>Evidence Review Mechanism for Large Model Outputs under the Denial of AI's Civil Subject Qualification</i></p>
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## Early Researchers Panel H: Private Law/ Cross-Border Data Transfer Law

Venue: B5-211

<p>Panel Chair: Mr. YONG Gang</p>	<p>Cheng Rui (Zhejiang University Guanghua Law School): <i>Theoretical Reflections and Systemic Reconstruction of Cross-Border Data Transactions from the Perspective of Global Governance</i></p> <p>HE Hao (School of Law, City University of Hong Kong): <i>Reforms of the True Sale Doctrine in Chinese Asset-Backed Securitisation for Achievement of Bankruptcy Remoteness— By Reference to Equivalent Legal Frameworks in the United States and the United Kingdom</i></p>
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**Friday, June 12 (cont')**

**10:45-12:00: Main Forum (Session IX and Session X)**

**Main Forum Session IX: Criminal Law and Procedure**

**Venue: G7603**

<p>Opening reflection: Prof. Thomas CROFT</p> <p>Moderator: Ms. Yufei XIA</p>	<p>Yuanjun ZENG (Faculty of Law, Southwest University of Political Science and Law): <i>The Role of Victims' Lawyer in Sexual Assault Cases from a Comparative Perspective</i></p> <p>He LIU (Fudan University Law School): <i>Criminalizing Crypto Transactions in Mainland China: Boundaries, Justifications, and the Risk of Overcriminalization</i></p>
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**Main Forum Session X: Antitrust and Competition Law**

**Venue: G5-214**

<p>Moderator: Prof. Martin LAI</p> <p>Discussant: Mr. QIU Yizhang</p>	<p>Jin LI (Koguan School of Law, Shanghai Jiao Tong University) &amp; Wei ZHOU (School of Law, Wuhan University): <i>The Protection of Mavericks: Antitrust Regulation of AI Partnerships</i></p> <p>Minghe DUAN (Koguan School of Law, Shanghai Jiao Tong University) &amp; Yang CHEN (School of Law, City University of Hong Kong): <i>Are Platforms Winner-Take-All? How China's Involuntary Competition Challenges the Conventional Wisdom of the U.S. Antitrust</i></p> <p>Rafique KHAN (School of Law, UPES (Dehradun)): <i>Platform Power, Digital Colonialism, and Extractivism: Repositioning Competition Law through China's Digital Sovereignty Model for the Global South</i></p>
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## THE ORGNAISER

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### Centre for Chinese and Comparative Law

#### Introduction

The Centre for Chinese and Comparative Law (CCCL) was established in 1994 as an interdisciplinary research institute in affiliation with the School of Law of City University of Hong Kong (CityU Law). As one of the world's oldest research centres on Chinese and comparative legal studies as a discipline, it is devoted to research in both fundamental and cutting-edge issues in the relevant areas. Located in Hong Kong whose legal system is based on the common law, the CCCL is adjacent to Chinese Mainland while connecting to the world. It fully utilizes the international environment and academic research platform provided by Hong Kong and the CityU.

#### Our Mission

The Centre for Chinese and Comparative Law (CCCL) contributes to the University's goal of excellence — research. It aspires to become the premier Chinese and comparative law research centre in the Asia Pacific region and the world through organizing and facilitating research on Chinese law and comparative law. The Centre disseminates research results and knowledge in the HKSAR, mainland China and overseas, and provides a platform for discussion and exchange of knowledge amongst a diverse group of scholars and develops links for a co-operative research culture. It endeavours to make HKSAR the centre of gravity for Chinese and comparative legal studies.

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