

# COVID-19 AND ITS IMPACT ON THE CHANGING WORLD OF LAW

The GRF project entitled “Addressing Impediments or Hardship to Contract Performance: A Comparative Study of the Common Law in Hong Kong and Chinese Law”, of which Professor QiaoLiu is the chief investigator, deals with the problem that the performance of a wide range of contracts is affected by unexpected events such as the regional/global financial crisis, the US-China economic decoupling, the COVID-19 pandemic, through a comparative study of the common law of Hong Kong and the contract law of Mainland China. The proposed conference is a vital and integral part of the GRF project and aims to synthesise the collective wisdom on profound changes to the dynamics of the legal world and to release some of the GRF research findings to experts in the field who are expected to contribute valuable feedbacks.

The Centre for Chinese and Comparative Law (CCCL) plays an important role in organising the conference. The Centre, established in 1982, has been committed to advancing the study and application of comparative law in Asia. As one of the world's oldest and most prestigious research centres dedicated to Chinese and comparative legal studies, CCCL is committed to advancing scholarly research and practical applications in both fundamental and cutting-edge areas of law.

The conference not only offer a platform for scholars in and beyond Asia to present and discuss their research on the topic but also foster collaboration between Asian and international scholars. The main theme of the conference is the impact of COVID-19 or like events on private transactions in this fast-changing world. The scope of papers to be presented to the conference is not confined to the topic of the GRF project itself but extends to all related legal research, which has diversity in terms of jurisdiction, perspective, methodology and focal point etc. Therefore, the conference is set to welcome diverse perspectives from potential authors who have great latitude in shaping the contours of their papers. By doing so, the conference is expected to benefit the GRF project by, for example, promoting empirical research in legal policy and providing both theoretical and practical guidance for optimizing legal systems not targeted under the GRF project. It is also expected to integrate the relevant research into the global discourse, contributing to the development of the field on a worldwide scale. As the direct tangible output of the conference, papers submitted to the conference may be published in an edited volume or in the Chinese Journal of Comparative Law (subject to satisfactory reviews).



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**The primary objective** of the proposed conference is to promote the research and resolution of legal problems triggered by the COVID-19 and like events, fostering intellectual exchange among scholars, policymakers, and practitioners. This conference will serve as a platform for scholars to present cutting-edge research, particularly in addressing contemporary legal challenges arising from unexpected disruptions to the legal status quo.

**June 21-22, 2025**

**(Saturday&Sunday)**

**Interdisciplinary Multi-  
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