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Histories of International Law in China. All under Heaven?

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School of Law Seminar Room 6301

Li Dak Sum Yip Yio Chin Academic Building,
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The global upsurge of interest in historical studies of international law has resulted in a substantial and rapidly expanding body of literature on the history of international law. Notable examples include the "Series in the Theory and History of International Law" by Oxford University Press (OUP) and "Studies in the History of International Law" by Brill. However, much of the work still takes Eurocentric perspectives. While there has been excellent pioneering scholarship on Chinese perspectives of international law, the literature on the history of international law in China remains limited. To achieve a truly "global" history of international law, it is crucial to incorporate China's unique historical, political, and cultural experiences, as well as contributions made by Chinese scholars and practitioners to the development of international law.

In response to this need, the Centre for Chinese and Comparative Law (CCCL) at the School of Law of the City University of Hong Kong (CityU), Wuhan University Law School, and Fudan University Law School have collaborated to assemble a group of internationally distinguished scholars specializing in Chinese and international legal history with the aim to conduct a research project examining the “turn to the history of international law” and the “historiographical turn” in regard to China's experiences with international law, spanning from ancient times to the as the "Reform and Opening-up” era.

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Thursday, 09 NOVEMBER 2023

TIME	PROGRAMME
7:00pm - 9:00pm	Welcome Dinner

Friday, 10 NOVEMBER 2023

TIME	PROGRAMME
9:20am - 9:30am (10 mins)	Registration
SESSION 1: From Ancient to Modern (Chairperson: Ignacio de la Rasilla)	
9:30am - 11:10am Each speaker will be given 25 minutes in total, including 15 min presentation and 10 min discussion <i>(speakers with * will be given their presentation via Zoom)</i>	Speakers: Ignacio de la Rasilla [09:30-09:55] Wuhan University <i>China and The Turn to National and Semi-Peripheral Histories of International Law</i> Christopher R. Rossi [09:55-10:20] Artic University of Norway <i>In the Garden of Gethsemene: US-Sino Relations in the History of International Law during the Republican Period</i> Huang Xinyu [10:20-10:45] Yale University <i>International Law in China – From Ancient Times to the Encounter</i> Ryan Martinez Mitchell [10:45-11:10] The Chinese University of Hong Kong <i>The Republic of China and the League of Nations</i>
11:10am to 11:25am (15 mins)	AM Tea / Coffee Break

Friday, 10 NOVEMBER 2023

TIME	PROGRAMME
SESSION 2: Early Engagement (Chairperson: Ignacio de la Rasilla)	
11:25am - 12:40pm Each speaker will be given 25 minutes in total, including 15 min presentation and 10 min discussion <i>(speakers with * will be given their presentation via Zoom)</i>	Speakers: Qu Wensheng* & Wan Li* [11:25-11:50] East China University of Political Science and Law <i>Historicism and Chinese Translations of International Law in Late Qing China</i> Cai Congyan & Liu Jie [11:50-12:15] Fudan University & Sun Yat-sen University <i>The Foundation of the Chinese Communist Party and the Introduction of Marxist theory of International Law to China in the Interwar Period</i> Li Mingqian* [12:15-12:40] East China University of Political Science and Law <i>China, the Western Standard of Civilization and The Hague Peace Conferences of 1899 and 1907</i>
12:40pm - 2:30pm (110 mins)	Group Photo & Lunch
SESSION 3: Chinese From the Republican Period to the New China (Chairperson: Cai Congyan)	
2:30pm - 4:30pm Each speaker will be given 25 minutes in total, including 15 min presentation and 10 min discussion <i>(speakers with * will be given their presentation via Zoom)</i>	Speakers: Jacques deLisle [14:30-14:55] University of Pennsylvania <i>The Opening Up and Reform Policy and China's Re-engagement with the International Legal Order</i> Pasha L. Hsieh* [14:55-15:20] Singapore Management University <i>The Professionalization of the Discipline of International Law in the Republican Period</i> Wang Jiangyu [15:20-15:45] City University of Hong Kong <i>China, Cold War and International Law</i> Luigi Nuzzo [15:45-16:10] University of Salento <i>Lease Agreements and International Law at the Turn of XX century. A History of Western Colonialism in China</i>

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Friday, 10 NOVEMBER 2023	
TIME	PROGRAMME
4:10pm - 4:25pm (15 mins)	PM Tea / Coffee Break
4:25pm - 6:05pm Each speaker will be given 25 minutes in total, including 15 min presentation and 10 min discussion <i>(speakers with * will be given their presentation via Zoom)</i>	Speakers: Su Jinyuan* [16:25-16:50] Wuhan University <i>Present at the Creation – China from the Foundation of the UN to the Exclusion of the PRC</i> Straton Papagiannenas* [16:50-17:15] Leiden University <i>China and International Law during the Cultural Revolution and Its Aftermath</i> [Netherlands 09:50-10:15] Eva Pils* [17:15-17:40] King's College London <i>China's Historical Engagements with Democracy and Human Rights</i> [London 09:15-09:40] Lauri Mälksoo* [17:40-18:05] Tartu University <i>Soviet-Sino Relations in the History of Cold War International Law</i> [Estonia 11:45-12:05]
6:05pm	End of Conference, Day 1 Dinner

Saturday, 11 NOVEMBER 2023

TIME	PROGRAMME
9:00am - 9:15am (15 mins)	Registration
SESSION 4: China and International Law Issues in the PRC Era (Chairperson: Ignacio de la Rasilla)	
9:15am - 10:55am Each speaker will be given 25 minutes in total, including 15 min presentation and 10 min discussion <i>(speakers with * will be given their presentation via Zoom)</i>	Speakers: George R.B. Galindo* & Louis Felipe Yonezawa Fernandes [09:15-09:40] University of Brazilia & Embaixada do Brasil na China <i>British Historiography of International Law on China</i> [Brazil 22:15-22:40] Frederic Megret & Cong Wanshu [09:40-10:05] McGill University & The University of Hong Kong <i>The Origins of Chinese Policy Towards its Diaspora: The Qing Dynasty, Emigration and Early Transnational Protection</i> Chen Yifeng* [10:05-10:30] Peking University <i>International Law and its Alternatives: China's Search for a Foreign Policy Vocabulary in the 1950-1960s</i>
10:30am to 10:45am (15 mins)	AM Tea / Coffee Break

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SESSION 5: China and International Law: Global Perspectives (Chairperson: Luigi Nuzzo)

10:45am - 1:40pm

Each speaker will be allocated 25 minutes in total for their presentation

*(speakers with * will be given their presentation via Zoom)*

Speakers:

Luo Guoqiang & Wang Chao [10:45-11:10]

Wuhan University
Zhou Gengshen (1889-1971)

Zhuo Zenghua* [11:10-11:35]

Tsinghua University
Xiang Zhejun (1892-1987)

Zou Guoyong* & Li Jue* [11:35-12:00]

Wuhan University
Li Haopei (1906-1997)

Hao Yayezi & Yu Hong [12:00-12:25]

Wuhan University
Ni Zhengyu (1906-2003)

Xiao Yongping* & Zhu Lei [12:25-12:50]

Wuhan University
Han Depei (1911-2009)

He Chi* [12:50-13:15]

Tongji University Law School
Wang Tieya (1913-2003)

Wang Chao [13:15-13:40]

University of Macau
Qiu Shaoheng (1913-2009)

SESSION 6: Eminent International Law Figures in China

1:40pm - 2:00pm (20mins)

Closing Remarks

Wang Jiangyu, City University of Hong Kong, Centre for Chinese and Comparative Law
Ignacio de la Rasilla, Wuhan University
Cai Congyan, Fudan University

2:00pm

**Lunch & Group Photo
End of Conference**

**Academic Exchange Building, 81 Tat Chee Avenue (facing To Yuen Street),
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