Occupied Central for Universal Suffrage: Constitutional Development and Political Reform in Hong Kong

Thursday and Friday, 14 & 15 May 2015
Lee Sheridan Conference Room, Bukit Timah Campus, National University of Singapore

Thursday, 14 May 2015
9.00am – 10.00am  Registration & Morning Tea (Lee Sheridan Conference Room, Eu Tong Sen Building)

10.00am  Introduction
Associate Professor Wang Jiangyu (王江雨), Deputy Director
Centre for Asian Legal Studies, Faculty of Law
National University of Singapore

Welcome Remarks
Professor Simon Chesterman, Dean
Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore

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Professor Andrew Harding, Director
Centre for Asian Legal Studies
Asian Law Institute
Faculty of Law
National University of Singapore

10.30am – 12.00pm  Panel 1: Hong Kong’s Democratic Development between Law and Politics
Chair: Professor Simon Chesterman (陈西文)

The Political-constitutional History of Hong Kong: 1984 to the Present
Assistant Professor Michael Dowdle (杜鸣)
Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore

The Law, Legitimacy and Fairness in Hong Kong’s Political Development
Professor Wang Zhenmin (王振民), Dean
Tsinghua University Law School

The Beijing Decisions, the Umbrella Movement and the Rule of Law in Hong Kong
Professor Michael Davis
Hong Kong University Faculty of Law

Hong Kong Basic Law: Hybrid of Chinese Law and Common Law
Associate Professor Leung Mei Fun Priscilla (梁美芬)
City University of Hong Kong Law School
Member, Legislative Council of the Hong Kong SAR

12.00am – 1.30pm  Lunch (Staff Lounge @ Federal Portico, Federal Building)
1.30pm – 3.00pm  Panel 2: Reflections on Hong Kong’s Political Reform and The Occupy Central Movement
Chair: Provost’s Chair Professor of Law A. P Simester
The Process for Realizing Hong Kong Universal Suffrage: How Could We Have Done Better?
Professor Simon Young (杨艾文), ASSOCIATE DEAN
HONG KONG UNIVERSITY FACULTY OF LAW
The NPCSC Decision of 31 August and Occupy Central: Doubts, Dilemmas, and Dangers
Associate Professor Yap Po Jen (叶保仁)
HONG KONG UNIVERSITY FACULTY OF LAW
Why Administration Can No Longer Absorb Politics in Hong Kong?
Professor Zheng Ge (郑戈)
SHANGHAI JIAOTONG UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL
Whither Hong Kong’s Post-Occupy Central Political Reform
Professor Zhu Guobin (朱国斌)
CITY UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG LAW SCHOOL

3.00pm – 3.20pm  Afternoon Tea (Outside Lee Sheridan Conference Room, Eu Tong Sen Building)

3.50pm – 5.20pm  Panel 3: Hong Kong Democracy in the Context of Central-Local Relations
Chair: Andrew Halpin, Professor, Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore
Civil Participation in Hong Kong and Constitutional Dialogue with Beijing
Professor Fu Hualing (傅华伶)
HONG KONG UNIVERSITY FACULTY OF LAW
Legality of the Recent NPC Decision on Hong Kong’s Universal Suffrage under the Basic Law and PRC Constitution
Zou Pingxue (邹平学), Professor and Deputy Director, Hong Kong and Macau Basic Law Centre and Director, Shenzhen University.

From Centrality to Neutrality: The Role of the CPG in Hong Kong’s Constitutional Development
Cheng Jie, Associate Professor, Tsinghua Law School

Local Democracy, National Sovereignty, and Central-Local Relations: The Case of Hong Kong
Associate Professor Wang Jiangyu (王江雨), DEPUTY DIRECTOR
CENTRE FOR ASIAN LEGAL STUDIES, FACULTY OF LAW, NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF SINGAPORE

5.20pm – 5.30pm  Group Photo

5.45pm onwards  Transportation to Conference Dinner (by invitation only)
Prego’s @ Fairmont Hotel
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Friday, 15 May 2015
9.30am – 11.00am  Panel 4: *Hong Kong Democracy in the Global and Regional Context*
Chair: Ho Hock Lai, Amaladass Professor of Criminal Justice, Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore
*Hong Kong Politics and China’s Geopolitical Influence*
Professor Zheng Yongnian (郑永年), Director, East Asian Institute, National University of Singapore
Confrontational Contestation and Democratic Compromise: The Sunflower Movement and Its Aftermath
Brian Christopher Jones, Post-Doctoral Research Fellow, Institutum Iurisprudentiae, Academia Sinica
Melting Pot or Salad Bowl: Hong Kong’s Universities as Forum for Mainland-Hong Kong Exchanges
Yuan Fang (袁方), Executive Chief Editor, China Law Review (中国法律评论)

11.00 – 11.15am  Morning Tea (Lee Sheridan Conference Room, Eu Tong Sen Building)

11.15am – 12.45pm  Panel 5: *The Role of Media in Hong Kong’s Democratic Movement*
Chair: Swati Jhaveri, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore

*The Devil in the Details: A Nuanced View of the Recent Conflicts between Hong Kong and Mainland China*
Zhao Lingmin (赵灵敏), Columnist and Former Executive Editor in Chief, South Reviews (南风窗)
*Censorship and Biases in Reporting Occupy Central*
Alice Qianye Zhang (张倩烨), Research Fellow, ANBUND Consulting, Former Reporter, Asia Weekly (亚洲周刊)
*The Rise of fall of Certain Keywords in the Coverage of Occupy Central*
Mai Jun (麦俊), Reporter, Mingpao Daily (明报)

12.45pm – 1.00pm  Closing Remarks
Associate Professor Wang Jiangyu (王江雨), Deputy Director, Centre for Asian Legal Studies, Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore

1.00pm onwards  Transportation to Closing Lunch (by invitation only)
Prawn Star @ Duxton Hill