Third Annual Fordham International & Comparative Urban Law Conference

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About the Conference

The International & Comparative Urban Law Conference, sponsored by the Fordham Urban Law Center and the Centre for Chinese Law is gathering scholars at The University of Hong Kong (HKU) for its third global conversation about the field of urban law from international, comparative and interdisciplinary perspectives. In the twenty-first century, the intersection of law and urbanism raises pressing questions about urban governance and innovation ecosystems, the structure and scope of local authority, and the role of law in urban policy areas.

Among these are questions of finance, public health, housing, local governance, social service delivery, and land ownership.

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Cheng Yu Tung Tower, 11th Floor | Centennial Campus, Pokfulam Road
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WEDNESDAY, June 29th

9:00 a.m. - 9:10 a.m.  Welcome Remarks
Dean Michael Hor (The University of Hong Kong)

9:10 a.m. - 10:25 a.m.  PLENARY I | Corporate, Fiscal and Market Contexts of Urbanism
Location: Academic Conference Room, 11th Floor
Moderator: Nestor Davidson
1  Ronit Kedar (Associate Professor of Law, Head of the Corporate Social Responsibility Institute, Academic Center for Law and Business, Israel)
   “Corporations and the City”
2  Daniel B. Rodriguez (Professor of Law, Dean of Northwestern University School of Law) & Nadav Shoked (Assistant Professor of Law, Northwestern University School of Law)
3  Neta Ziv (The Faculty of Law, Tel Aviv University)
   “Changing Roles of State & Market in Addressing Urban Inequity and Social Exclusion in Israel”

SHORT BREAK (5 min.)

10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.  PLENARY II | Advancing Public Health in the Modern City
Location: Academic Conference Room, 11th Floor
Moderator: Rebecca Leshinsky
1  (Kelly) Wenwen Lu (PhD Candidate, Faculty of Law, The University of Hong Kong)
   “Contagion and the Chinese State”
2  David R. Papke (Professor of Law, Marquette University) & Elise Papke (Lecturer and Senior Public Health Specialist, Joseph J. Zilber School of Public Heath, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee)
   “Addressing Health Inequities: Law & Social Justice for the American Urban Poor”

TEA BREAK (15 min.)
11:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

**BREAKOUT I**

**(A) Urban Housing: Through a Comparative Legal Lens**

| Location          | Room 724
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| Moderator         | Ernesto Hernández-López

1. Michelle Bruijn (PhD Candidate, University of Groningen)
   “The Fight of Dutch Local Authorities Against Drug-Related Crime: Comparative Analysis”

2. Alice Lee (Associate Professor of Law, Associate Dean for Teaching and Learning, Faculty of Law, The University of Hong Kong)
   “Subsidized Housing: A Hard Choice Between Trust Law and Statutory Schemes”

3. Wendell Pritchett (Presidential Professor of Law and Education, University of Pennsylvania) & Shitong Qiao (Assistant Professor of Law, Centre for Chinese Law, Faculty of Law, The University of Hong Kong)

**(B) Balancing Growth, Conservation and Sustainability**

| Location          | Room 725
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| Moderator         | Nadav Shoked

1. Chen Hung-Yi (PhD Candidate, Graduate School of Law, Nagoya University, Japan)
   “Crowdfunding and the NIMBY of Urban Development - Based on Renewable Energy”

2. Nahid Rabbi (Assistant Professor of Law, Eastern University, Dhaka, Bangladesh; Advocate, Supreme Court of Bangladesh)
   “Environmental Concerns towards Sustainability in Urban Development of Least Developed Countries”

3. Lu Zhou (PhD Candidate, Department of Real Estate and Construction, The University of Hong Kong) & Kwong Wing Chau (Professor, Department of Real Estate and Construction, The University of Hong Kong)

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**LUNCH BREAK (1.5 hours)**

Rm. 901, Cheng Yu Tung Tower

12:45 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.
2:15 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

**BREAKOUT II**

**(A) Topics in Local Governance**

**Location:** Room 724  
**Moderator:** Wendell Pritchett

1. Mathew Idiculla (*Research Associate, School of Policy and Governance, Azim Premji University, Bangalore*)  
   “The Possibilities of Multi-tier Governance in Bangalore, India”

2. Nestor M. Davidson (*Professor of Law, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, Fordham Law School*)  
   “Privacy in Local Perspective”

3. Dr. Rebecca Leshinsky (*Barrister-at-Law, Senior Lecturer, Property, Construction and Property Management, RMIT University, Melbourne, Australia*)  

4. Malcolm MacLaren (*Law Faculty, University of Zurich*)  
   “Better City, Better Life? Urban Transformation and Conflict Management in Hong

**(B) Urban Contestation and Exclusion: Global Law and Policy Perspectives**

**Location:** Room 725  
**Moderator:** Neta Ziv

1. Sherif A. Elgebeily (*Centre for Comparative and Public Law, Faculty of Law, The University of Hong Kong*)  
   “‘Out of Sight, Out of Mind’: Hong Kong’s Asylum Seeker Policies and the Rejection of its Refugees”

2. Pablo Aguilar Gonzalez (*President of Colegio Nacional de Jurisprudencia Urbanística (CNJUR) International*)  
   “Legal Challenges to Guarantee Human Rights in Urban Planning and Urban Legislation in Latin America”

3. Ernesto Hernández-López (*Professor of Law, Fowler School of Law, Chapman University*)  
   “Fix the City v. Los Angeles: Protecting Automobility, Fighting Bikes & Others”

4. Michèle Finck (*Fellow, LSE Law Department & Lecturer in EU Law, Keble College, University of Oxford*)  
   “Sharing and the City”

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**TEA BREAK (15 min.)**
PLENARY III | Locating Urban Law in Modern Asia: Topics in Land, Ownership and Regulation

Moderator: Nestor Davidson
Location: Academic Conference Room, 11th Floor

1. Say Goo (Former Director of the Asian Institute of International Financial Law, The University of Hong Kong)
   “Impact of the Belt & Road Initiative on the Hong Kong Property Market: What Can be Done About It”

2. Debarati Pal (Doctoral Fellow, Fajiv Gandhi School of Intellectual Property Law, Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur) & Indrajit Dube (Associate Professor, Rajiv Gandhi School of Intellectual Property Law, Indian Institute of Technology, Kharagpur)
   “Understanding the Scope of the West Bengal Thika Tenancy Act, 2001 in the Light of Urban Governance in Kolkata”

3. Eugene TAN Kheng Boon (School of Law, Singapore Management University)
   “From Third World to First World: Law and Policy in Singapore’s Urban Transformation and Social Integration”

4. Padmapriya Govindarajan (Masters Student, Department of Humanities and Social Sciences, IIT Madras)
   “Regulation and Hierarchies - Who Owns the Sidewalk?”

5:30 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. Closing Remarks
Gianluca Crispi (UN-HABITAT)
About the Urban Law Center at Fordham Law School

Located in New York City, U.S.A., the Urban Law Center at Fordham Law School is committed to understanding and shaping the role of law and legal systems in contemporary urbanism, advancing the scholarship, pedagogy, and practice of urban law, and affecting the most pressing issues facing the world's metropolitan areas. Law is central to almost every aspect of the life of 21st-century cities, influencing critical issues as diverse as the structure of local governance, the regulation of the built environment, and social justice in the urban context. In turn, the complexity, density and diversity of urban life shape the law.

A majority of the world’s population is living in urban environments for the first time in history. Through its innovative programs and initiatives, and in collaboration with interdisciplinary partners, the Urban Law Center aims to be a premier resource for exploring and elevating the role of law amidst the myriad conditions that face the global urban commons.

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About the Centre for Chinese Law at the University of Hong Kong (CCL)

Founded in 1911, the University of Hong Kong is the oldest university in Hong Kong. The Faculty of Law is the first law school to be established in the city. The Centre for Chinese Law has a strong international presence. The Centre’s research covers a broad scope of legal issues including questions in constitutional law, administrative law, criminal law, civil law, commercial law, financial law, intellectual property law, procedural law, dispute resolution, and international economic and trade law.

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