



IAS NEWSLETTER

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In February 2024, the IAS hosted two remarkable events that fostered intellectual exchange and advanced scholarly perspectives. The new event series, the interdisciplinary academic salon provided a relaxed platform for faculty and students to share insights. The international workshop explored the intersection of artificial intelligence and law, featuring distinguished academics from China, the US, and the EU. These events promoted intellectual growth and meaningful exchanges among scholars.

Event Summary

1 The IAS x Interdisciplinary Academic Salon - 1

"Philosophy, History, and Law in Dialogue: Exploring the Intersection of Knowledge and Society"

Date: 20 February, 2024

Speakers:

Qingjie WANG, Associate Dean of FAH, Distinguished Professor of Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, FAH

Shaoyang LIN, Head of Academic Programme and Publication of IAS, Distinguished Professor of the Department of History, FAH

Xingzhong YU, Director of IAS, Chair Professor of FLL



A photo taken during the salon

The first IAS x Interdisciplinary Academic Salon-1 was successfully held by IAS on 20 February 2024 in the Common Room at the Cultural Building. The kick-off event focused on "Philosophy, History, and Law in Dialogue: Exploring the Intersection of Knowledge and Society."

Professor Wang started to discuss the concept of Kin Concealment from a philosophical perspective, highlighting how evolving thoughts create gaps that necessitate rethinking fundamental concepts and

potentially leading to diverse research outcomes. Following that, Professor Lin delved into the ancient tribute system by beginning with the concept of "ritual." He pointed out that even though countries are not obligated to follow Confucianism, they still adhere to the system due to the existence of contracts, gradually transitioning to a more legal approach. Finally, Professor Yu referred to Xunzi's idea of the combination of "propriety and law" and summarized that philosophy is the foundation of various disciplines, history is an integral part that cannot be ignored, and law is a practical discipline aimed at resolving issues fairly.

The Interdisciplinary Academic Salon, as a new event series organized by IAS. Its aim is to foster interdisciplinary research and facilitate connections among faculty and students. The salon provides a platform for participants to present their research findings and engage in discussions with professionals from diverse fields.

Through engaging discussions on concealment, ritual, and the practical aspects of law, 60 faculty members and students delved into the interconnections and influences among these topics. They shared valuable insights, collectively pushing the boundaries of academic research.

2 International Workshop

“The Global Regulation of Artificial Intelligence: China-EU Dialogues”

Date: 21-22 February, 2024

Organizers: IAS and FLL of UM; the Department of Innovation and Digitalisation in Law, University of Vienna (Austria) and the Österreichische Forschungsgemeinschaft (ÖFG, Austria)

The Institute of Advanced Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences (IAS) and the Faculty of Law (FLL) of the University of Macau, in collaboration with the Department of Innovation and Digitalisation in Law at the University of Vienna (Austria) and the Österreichische Forschungsgemeinschaft (ÖFG, Austria), successfully held the international workshop: “Regulation of Artificial Intelligence: EU-China Dialogues” at UM E1 on 21-22 February, 2024.

The workshop invited more than 20 experts and scholars in the field of law and AI technology from UM and abroad. Through an interdisciplinary approach, the discussions revolved around the benefits and drawbacks of AI technology, as well as the current and future regulations in the EU, China, and other regions. The two-day event attracted a diverse audience, including academics and students from renowned domestic and international institutions, fostering insightful exchanges of ideas and perspectives that stimulated meaningful academic discourse and fruitful interdisciplinary collaboration.

During the opening ceremony, Professor Xingzhong Yu, Director of IAS, discussed current international trends and issues regarding AI laws and policies. He strengthened his points of the essentiality of forming consensus and proper regulations, and he also gave his view on the future development of AI application.



Professor Franz MERLI



Professor Ge ZHENG



Professor Xingzhong YU



Panel discussion



Speakers and faculty members



The Q&A session

The workshop featured two keynote speeches and five panel discussions, inviting professors and experts from prominent higher education institutions and international organizations around the world, including the University of Vienna, Harvard University, University of Bremen, Zhejiang University, University of International Business and Economics (UIBE), Sigmund Freud Private University, East China University of Political Science and Law, University of Klagenfurt, and the United Nations University Institute in Macau.

Through aggregating perspectives from both internal and external scholars, the workshop not only introduced views from various academic fields and regions to a broad audience of students and academia but also provide a platform for UM faculty members and IAS research fellows to engage in profound exchanges with leading scholars to widen their international horizons.

Adopting “The Regulation of Artificial Intelligence: EU – China Dialogues” as its main point, the workshop discussed topics spanning AI governance, AI regulations, AI and intellectual property, and AI applications in various fields. This workshop aims to explore how AI applications have integrated into the field of academic and even our daily life, the opportunities and challenges brought by AI, and what international consensus and regulations should we apply to build a better future for humanity and science/technology to thrive together.

The international workshop was a significant event organized by IAS in collaboration with FLL and other international organizations, providing a platform for scholarly exchanges and dialogues, as well as probing emerging research frontiers and broadening international perspectives. In the future, IAS will keep up with the latest research trends and organize more quality academic activities.

Upcoming Event



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BOYA BOOK LAUNCH

Affective Spaces as Method
作為方法的情感空間

Although emotions play an essential role in shaping our identities and formulating public culture, their implications are poorly understood. This presentation discusses why and how emotions open up new avenues for understanding contemporary social life. It will contextualize affective space and endeavour why this concept holds promise for innovative social research beyond China.

儘管情感在形塑我們的身份認同和制定公共文化方面扮演著至關重要的角色，它們的意義卻鮮有被探討。本文將探討情感如何為理解當代社會生活開闢新的途徑，並嘗試說明為何這個概念對中國以外的社會研究具有了廣泛的潛力。

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Date : 2024 - 3 - 27 (Wed)
Time : 14:30 - 16:00
Venue : 大學展藝演講廳 (E1)
Auditorium, University Gallery (E1)
LANGUAGE : 英語及普通話 English & Mandarin

MODERATOR : Prof. Shaoyang LIN
Associate Professor and Publication of IAS,
Interim Professor of the Department of History, HKU

DISCUSSANT : Prof. Di WANG
Associate Director of IAS, Chair Professor of the Department of History, HKU

主辦單位 Organized by

Boya Book Launch: “Affective Spaces: The Cultural Politics of Emotion in China”

Speaker:	Professor Shih-Ding LIU
Moderator:	Professor Shaoyang LIN
Discussant:	Professor DI WANG
Date:	27 March, 2024 (Wednesday)
Time:	2:30 - 4:00 pm
Venue:	E1 UM Gallery Auditorium
Language:	English and Mandarin
Registration:	Click HERE

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