

# UMIAS, FLL - HKU Faculty of Law International Forum

## Tradition and Modernization: Continuities and Changes in Chinese Legal Thought

**Date:**

17-18 January, 2025

**Venue:**

UM Gallery Auditorium (E1), University of Macau

**Organisers:**

Institute of Advanced Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences and Faculty of Law, University of Macau;  
Faculty of Law, University of Hong Kong

**Language:**

English

**Details:**

There is scarcity of scholarly literature in English on Chinese legal thought, and the publisher *Edward Elgar* expected a book *Research Handbook on Chinese Legal Thought* to fill that important gap in the literature. This conference aims to discuss the draft chapters of this book for publication. The discussion will take place in panel presentations, where the speakers are expected to share, question, and provide feedback, with the aim of enhancing consistency and scholarly impact.

The structure of the discussion is as follows:

**1. Author Presentations (10 minutes per author)**

Each author provides a brief summary of the chapter's key concepts, structure, key arguments, and methodologies and then highlights specific areas where feedback is most needed.

**2. Discussion (10 minutes for each paper)**

- Feedback on aspects such as how the argument could be strengthened, whether there are additional concepts that should be included, and whether there are elements that ought to be removed.
- Suggestions for improving consistency across chapters, ensuring that chapters flow logically and are consistent in tone, avoiding contradictions, and enhancing scholarly impact.
- Summary of key feedback and revisions.

### 3. Tentative Schedule

<b>January 17, 2025 (Friday)</b>	
9:30-10:00	<b>Welcome and Introduction</b> Group Photo
10:00-10:50	<b>Keynote Speech (Wejen CHANG)</b>
10:50-11:05	Coffee Break
<b>Part One Traditional Chinese legal thought</b>	
<b>Panel 1</b>	
11:05-12:00	<b>1. Author Presentations (10 minutes per author)</b> Confucian Legal Thought (Xingzhong YU) Legalist Legal Thought (Albert CHEN) Moism and law (Norman HO) Buddhist Legal Thought (Andy CHIU) Virtue and law (Joseph CHAN)
12:00-12:40	<b>2. Discussion (10 minutes for each paper)</b>
12:40-14:00	Lunch break
<b>Panel 2</b>	
14:00-14:50	<b>1. Author Presentations (10 minutes per author)</b> Culture and law (Xiangyang QIAN) Benevolence and law (Weiwei ZHANG) Ritual Propriety and law (Wei DING) Qing (情) and law (Kam-por YU) Trust, Righteousness and Wisdom (Daxiao SHI)
14:50-15:30	<b>2. Discussion (10 minutes for each paper)</b>
15:30-15:45	Coffee Break
<b>Panel 3</b>	
15:45-16:35	<b>1. Author Presentations (10 minutes per author)</b> Pre-Qin Era and International Legal Thought (Walter LEE) Neo-Confucian Jurisprudence (Eric IP) Legal Feminism (Miaomiao REN) Law and Literature (Marco WAN and Weiwei ZHANG) Law and economics (Guanghua YU)
16:35-17:15	<b>2. Discussion (10 minutes for each paper)</b>
18:00	Welcome Dinner

January 18, 2025 (Saturday)

## Part Two Contemporary Legal Thought

### Panel 4

9:30-10:10 **1. Author Presentations (10 minutes per author)**

Legal Doctrinarism (Lei LEI)

Law and Social Science (Sida LIU)

Law and Courts (Xin HE)

Natural Law (Tianjiang YANG)

10:10-10:40 **2. Discussion (10 minutes for each paper)**

10:40-11:00 Coffee break

### Panel 5

11:00-11:40 **1. Author Presentations (10 minutes per author)**

Republican constitutional thought (Zhaoxin JIANG)

PRC constitutional theory (Xiaobo ZHAI)

Administration in accordance with Law (Xiaobo ZHAI and Honglei LI)

Socialist rule of law with Chinese characteristics (Samuli SEPPANEN)

11:40-12:20 **2. Discussion (10 minutes for each paper)**

12:20-14:00 Lunch break

### Panel 6

14:00-14:40 **1. Author Presentations (10 minutes per author)**

Marxist legal thought (Ryan MITCHELL)

Legal reasoning (Minghui XIONG)

Technology and law (Clement Yongxi CHEN)

Alternative dispute resolution (Kun FAN)

14:40-15:20 **2. Discussion (10 minutes for each paper)**

15:20-15:35 Coffee Break

15:35-16:40 **Closing Discussion**

18:00-20:00 Farewel Dinner