In Hong Kong, insurance services do not come within the consumer protection provisions under the Trade Description Ordinance (Cap. 362). Instead, the marketing of insurance services is regulated directly by the Insurance Ordinance (Cap. 41). Are there any justifications for Hong Kong’s sector-specific approach to consumer protection for insurance services? In this seminar, Dr Victor Hung argues, with reference to overseas experience, that Hong Kong’s sector-specific approach can be justified by its effectiveness in dealing with future disruptive changes in the insurance market.

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