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Land Law Conversations

An occasional series of discussions on topics concerning land in Hong Kong

**Reforming Customary Law
applicable to Land**

Friday, 15 January 2016, 1:00 pm

Room 901, 9th Floor, Cheng Yu Tung Tower, University of Hong Kong

Custom is preserved in Hong Kong as a source of law, and traditional indigenous rights are protected, by the Basic Law. Customary law applies to rural land matters, including *t'so* and *t'ong*, the small house right, adoption and succession. Yet custom as law seems an anachronism in the 21st century SAR. Is reform therefore needed? Is it possible? What aspects need it most? How might it be achieved?

Discussion of these and associated questions will be led by **Professor Michael Palmer** of the School of Oriental and African Studies, London, who was until recently dean of the Shantou University Law School. Professor Palmer has spent quite some time contemplating issues of traditional Chinese law and custom during the course of his teaching and practice career.

Light refreshments will be available.

If you would like to take part or attend, please notify Flora Leung at fkleung@hku.hk on or before Monday, 11 January 2016