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**A NEW TAX ADVENTURE FOR
HONG KONG – AND THE EU**
**THE HKSAR-BELGIUM
DOUBLE TAX TREATY**

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Council Chamber, 8/F Meng Wah Complex, The University of Hong Kong

Hong Kong, historically, has avoided signing general, Double Tax Treaties (DTTs). DTTs were seen as instruments which allowed other jurisdictions to poke and probe into local tax matters. And Hong Kong seemed to get along just fine without them. Since about the time of the handover, however, Hong Kong has been looking seriously at its old attitude to DTTs. Soon after July 1997, the HKSAR signed the first Double Tax Agreement with the Mainland. Since then, a general DTT has been signed with Thailand – and also with Belgium. The HKSAR-Belgium DTT is notable because this is the first DTT signed with an OECD member. How did Hong Kong come to sign this DTT – and what are its implications for Hong Kong based companies doing business in Belgium and the EU? What are the implications of this DTT for the EU more generally? These are some of the questions which will be addressed in this seminar. Professor Andrew Halkyard (Faculty of Law, University of Hong Kong) will introduce the topic - and the main presenter - Professor Daniel Deak, from Corvinus University, Budapest, Hungary.

Professor Daniel Deak is the Head of the Department of Management in the Faculty of Business Administration at Corvinus University in Budapest, Hungary. His research is focused on comparative international taxation and business law. He is a frequent (multi-lingual) invited speaker at EU and international conferences. He has had extensive consulting experience working for Hungarian and EU public agencies.

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