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**Reform of Insurance Law:
Recent Developments in the United Kingdom**

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**Monday, 14 June 2010, 6:30 – 7:30 pm
Room LG109, LG1 Floor, KK Leung Building, University of Hong Kong**

This seminar will discuss the most recent changes in, and proposals to amend, insurance law in the United Kingdom. New legislation includes the Third Parties (Rights against Insurers) Act 2010 and the Rome I Regulation 2009. Changes proposed by the Law Commissions include: abolition of the duty of disclosure in consumer cases; modification of the law of warranties; liability of insurers for late payment of claims; the continuing duty of utmost good faith; insurable interest; and premium-funding by brokers.

Professor Merkin specialises in insurance, reinsurance and arbitration, and has written some 40 books on these and related topics. His writings are regularly cited in English and other common law courts as works of authority, citations to date including the House of Lords, the High Court of Australia and the US Supreme Court. Recent texts include *Arbitration Law*; *Singapore Arbitration Legislation*; *Colinvaux's Law of Insurance in Hong Kong*; *Law of Motor Insurance*; and *Annotated Marine Insurance Legislation*; and the seventeenth edition of *Arnould on Marine Insurance*. He is consultant editor of four volumes of *Halsbury's Laws of England*, and is presently working on the insurance volume of *Halsbury's Laws of Hong Kong*. Professor Merkin co-edits the *Lloyd's Law Reports* (main series), *Lloyd's Law Reports* (Insurance and Reinsurance), co-edits (with Professors Jill Poole and Jenny Steele) *Legal Studies* (the journal of the Society of Legal Scholars), and also edits the *Journal of Business Law*, *Insurance Law Monthly* and *Arbitration Law Monthly*.

Rob regularly gives expert evidence in judicial proceedings and arbitrations in a variety of jurisdictions. He has appeared as advocate in arbitrations and sits as arbitrator. Rob frequently lectures to many leading law firms, on insurance and reinsurance matters, and also is a regular speaker at events organised at Lloyd's of London. He lectures internationally, and was recently a Distinguished Visitor for the Singapore Academy of Law. He delivered the Geoff Masel Memorial Lectures in each of the Australian State Capitals in October 2009. He is a Vice-President of the International Association of Insurance Law (AIDA) and becomes President of the British Insurance Law Association in October 2010. Rob is a member of the advisory panel to the English and Scottish Law Commissions for their inquiry into the reform of insurance law.

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