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## **DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE**

First, I would like to welcome Professor John Lowry, Chair of Commercial Law, who joined AIIFL as Deputy Director on 1 July 2013. As it is well-known, John's expertise straddles across Corporate Law and Insurance Law, two very significant areas within AIIFL. So he will be a great addition to AIIFL's strengths. We are very much looking forward to his academic leadership in these areas.

This past year continued to be a very busy but exciting year for AIIFL with many different events, as you can see from this Annual Report. We held a total of 29 public lectures/seminars and one conference this past year. We also organized the Certificate in Compliance, Ethics and Regulation for Private Banking and Wealth Management Professionals with CLLC Training Centre. We established an occasional series of discussions on topics concerning land in Hong Kong namely the Land Conversations series and had so far held three Conversations in this academic year with participation from invited experts. We have also formed a Real Estate and Finance group within AIIFL, of which the Land Conversations is part.

Two AIIFL Deputy Directors, Professor John Lowry and Professor Berry Hsu, and myself participated in the "International Symposium on Corporate Governance and Financial Supervision" in Taiwan organized by Fu Jen Catholic University School of Law in May 2014.

This year, AIIFL was invited by Murdoch University to host the 15<sup>th</sup> International Maritime Law Arbitration Moot Competition 2014 at the University of Hong Kong from 4 July to 8 July 2014. 22 teams from various Universities over the world including a team from HKU took part in the competition. The event was a great success and we raised some funding in the process as well. I would like to thank the sponsors for their donations to support the event. The sponsors are Hong Kong Maritime Industry Council, Hong Kong Maritime Law Association, Laracy & Co in association with Hill Dickinson Hong Kong LLP and Lipman Karas, and colleagues in the Organizing Committee: Anselmo Reyes, John Lowry, Antonio da Roza, Ernest Lim, Gary Meggitt, Shahla Ali, and Tristan Wong for their assistance.

Finally, I would like to thank my team and everyone involved for their effort, contribution, support, guidance and friendship. I look forward to another fruitful year ahead.

Professor Say Goo

Director 2014

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## **EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES**

## Conference

#### "Reconceptualising Global Finance and its Regulation", 13-14 December 2013

In the wake of the global and Eurozone financial crises, discussion has centred on the need to reform regulation of global finance. The Conference addressed these issues, looking to new approaches and the plethora of conflicts and issues which have arisen as a result of unprecedented regulatory change. The Conference brought together leading financial regulatory policy experts from universities in the United States, Europe, Asia, Africa and Australia, including Wharton, Edinburgh, Pennsylvania, HKU, Peking University, UNSW, Melbourne, Warwick, Virginia, Georgetown and Zurich, among others, as well as senior policy makers and industry experts.

The Conference was co-organized by AIIFL, the Hong Kong Financial Services Development Council, the School of Law of the University of Edinburgh and the School of Law of the University of New South Wales and was supported by the Hong Kong Research Grants Council Theme-based Research Scheme Project: Enhancing Hong Kong's Future as a Leading International Financial Centre and the Centre for International Finance and Regulation (Australia).

## **Public Lectures and Seminars**

TLRP/AIIFL Seminar "**Transparency and Exchange of Information for Tax Purposes in China's Context**" by **Suhua Huang**, Director, Global Cooperation and Compliance Division of International Taxation Department, State Administration of Taxation (SAT), People's Republic of China, 18 June 2014. The Seminar was supported by the Hong Kong Research Grants Council Theme-based Research Scheme Project: Enhancing Hong Kong's Future as a Leading International Financial Centre.

APSA and AIIFL Luncheon Seminar "Gold & Precious Metals Trading" by Padraig Seif, CEO, Finemetal Asia Ltd, 13 June 2014

TLRP/AIIFL Seminar "Taxation and Residency Requirements in Hong Kong, Australia, the United Kingdom and the United States – An International Update in 2014 for Individuals, and Corporate Entities" by Sarah Hinchliffe, Visiting Professor of Law, William and Mary Law School, 12 June 2014

Public Lecture "**Terms of Insurance Contracts**" by **Professor Robert Merkin**, Lloyd's Professor of Commercial Law, University of Exeter and Academic Advisory Board Member, Asian Institute of International Financial Law, 3 June 2014

Seminar "Stress Management - Introductory Comments with Observations on Investments and Financial Industry" by Dr Walter Hannak, 15 May 2014

Seminar "The Foundations of Hong Kong's Banking Regulation and Supervision: Challenges of Internationalisation in the 1970s and 1980s" by Professor Catherine Schenk, University of Glasgow and Visiting Research Fellow, Hong Kong Institute for Monetary Research, 29 April 2014

Public Lecture "**Building the New Model of Great Powers Relations and US-China Competition in the Asia-Pacific**" by **Professor Suisheng Zhao**, Director, Center for China-US Cooperation and Josef Korbel School of International Studies, University of Denver, 24 April 2014. The Public Lecture was jointly organized by the Department of Geography of the University of Hong Kong, International Centre for China Development Studies, AIIFL and the Hong Kong Research Grants

Council Theme-based Research Scheme Project: Enhancing Hong Kong's Future as a Leading International Financial Centre.

Seminar "**Freedom to Exercise Contractual Rights of Termination**" by **Professor Michael Bridge**, Cassel Professor of Commercial Law, London School of Economics and Professor of Law, National University of Singapore, 4 April 2014

CCPL and AIIFL Seminar "Legal Regulations for Countering Corruption in the Russian Federation" by Professor Dr Eduard Ivanov, National Research University Higher School of Economics, Moscow, 25 March 2014

TLRP/AIIFL Seminar "Business Tax: Public Debate and Future Trends" by Professor Judith Freedman, CBE, Pinsent Masons Professor of Taxation Law University of Oxford and Director of Legal Research, Oxford University Centre for Business Taxation, 24 March 2014

Seminar "International Business: Challenges Experienced in a Global and National Interconnected World" by Christer Thordson, Former General Counsel IKEA Group, 21 March 2014

Seminar "Volcker Rule Final Regulations" by Jeffrey H. Chen, Partner, Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP in association with Joseph P.C. Lee & Associates and Professional Advisory Board Member, Asian Institute of International Financial Law, 18 March 2014

CFRED/CUHK and AIIFL Seminar "**Images of the Shareholder – The Regulatory Implications of Shareholder Power and Powerlessness**" by **Professor Jennifer Hill**, Professor of Corporate Law, Sydney Law School and Director, Ross Parsons Centre of Commercial, Corporate and Taxation Law, 12 March 2014

CCPL, AIIFL and HKUSPACE Seminar "**Proving Money Laundering in Hong Kong**" by **Russ Harding**, Detective Inspector, Hong Kong Police, 11 March 2014

Seminar "**Conflict of Law Issues in Loan Transactions**" by **Professor Yoshiaki Nomura**, Osaka University, Japan and **Professor Huang Renting**, Tezukayama University, Japan, 26 February 2014

Seminar "The Rise of the International Commercial Court: What Is It and Will It Work?" by Denise H. Wong, School of Law, Singapore Management University, 24 February 2014

Seminar "Mandate of Financial Stability Board and Implementation of its Systemic Risk Standards" by Professor Rolf H. Weber, Chair, International Business Law, University of Zurich and Academic Advisory Board Member, Asian Institute of International Financial Law, 14 February 2014

Seminar "**The Use of Economics in Antitrust Litigation**: *Qihoo 360 v. Tencent QQ*" by **Dr Sharon Pang**, Principal in the Competition Practice of Charles River Associates, 7 January 2014

EAIEL/AIIFL Seminar "Hong Kong in a World of Acronyms: East Asia and the WTO, TPP, TISA, IMF, FSB, G20 and QEIII" by Jonathan T. Fried, Chairman, WTO Dispute Settlement Body and Canada's Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the WTO, 18 December 2013

Seminar "Access to Finance and Microfinance Regulation in Cambodia" by Serey Chea, Director General, National Bank of Cambodia, 6 December 2013

Seminar "Last of the Tai-Pans: Improving Corporate Governance in Hong Kong" by Dr Bryane Michael, 29 November 2013

Seminar "**Resolving Disputes with International Financial Institutions**" by **Gerard Sanders**, Deputy General Counsel, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD), 26 November 2013

AIIFL and CCPL Seminar "**Preserving the 'Analytic Framework' of Law: The Challenge of Industry Rulemaking**" by **Karen Lee**, University of New England, Armidale, Australia, 8 November 2013

AIIFL and CCPL Seminar "The Tangled Web We Weave: Complexity in the Australian Consumer Law" by Professor Mark Lunney, University of New England, Armidale, Australia, 6 November 2013

Seminar "**The Governance of Corporate Acquisitions**" by **Professor Marco Becht**, Professor of Finance and Goldschmidt Professor of Corporate Governance, Solvay Brussels School (ULB), CEPR and ECGI, 23 October 2013

Seminar "The Euro Area Debt Crisis and Its Implications for the Future of the European Union" by Professor Fabian Amtenbrink, Vice Dean and Professor, Erasmus University of Rotterdam, 21 October 2013

Seminar "The Role of Asset Management Law / AIFMD in Developing a Financial Centre" by **Professor Dr Dirk Zetzsche**, Propter Homines Chair for Banking and Securities Law, University of Liechtenstein, 8 October 2013

Seminar "The American Experience with Self-Regulation of Finance" by Professor M. Todd Henderson, University of Chicago Law School, 27 September 2013

Public Lecture "**The Establishment of the Independent Insurance Authority**" by **Annie Choi**, Commissioner of Insurance, HKSAR, 25 September 2013

Seminar "What Makes the Bonding Stick? A Natural Experiment Involving the U.S. Supreme Court and Cross-Listed Firms" by Professor Amir N. Licht, Radzyner School of Law, 10 July 2013

## Land Conversations

An Occasional Series of Discussions on Topics Concerning Land in Hong Kong

"The Trouble with Land Law - Teaching Real Property in the 21st Century" presented by Malcolm Merry, HKU, 28 May 2014

"Does Hong Kong Need a Law of Adverse Possession?" presented by Charles Harpum, Downing College Cambridge, Professor Michael Wilkinson, HKU and Professor Say Goo, HKU, 23 January 2014

"Small House Policy, Custom and Article 40 of the Basic Law" presented by Professor Johannes Chan, SC (Hon), HKU, Professor Say Goo, HKU, Junius Ho and Malcolm Merry, HKU, 15 January 2014

## **Training Course**

AIIFL and CLLC Training Centre Limited co-organized "**Certificate in Compliance, Ethics and Regulation for Private Banking and Wealth Management Professionals**" offered the following six Modules in May and June 2014:

- Financial Laws and Regulations for Private Banking and Wealth Management
- Risks and Legal and Regulatory Requirements for Private Bankers and Wealth Management Relationship Managers
- Essentials for Private Banking and Wealth Management Compliance Managers
- Compliance for Private Banking and Wealth Management Senior Management, Directors and Responsible Officers ("RO")
- Conduct and Ethics for Private Bankers and Wealth Management Relationship Managers
- Risk Management for Private Banking and Wealth Management

# **GLOBAL NETWORK**

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- Center for Banking Law, Netanya Academic College (Israel)
- Mandela Institute, School of Law, University of the Witwatersrand (South Africa)
- Radziner School of Law, Interdisciplinary Centre, Herzliya (Israel)

#### Australia

- Centre for Corporate Law and Securities Regulation, University of Melbourne
- Faculty of Law, University of New South Wales

#### China

- China University of Politics and Law
- Centre for Financial Law and Policy Research, Shanghai Jiao Tong Ko Guan School of Law
- Fudan University
- Institute of European Studies (Macau)
- Peking University
- Shanghai University of Finance and Economics
- National Chengchi University (Taipei)

#### Europe

- Banking Law Institute, University of Cologne (Germany)
- British Institute of International and Comparative Law (United Kingdom)
- Centre for Commercial Law, University College London (United Kingdom)
- Centre for Commercial Law Studies, Queen Mary, University of London (United Kingdom)
- Global Forum for International Economic Law and Development (United Kingdom)
- Institute of Law, Ethics and Patrimony, University of Paris XI (France)
- Postgraduate Programme in International Business Law, University of Zurich (Switzerland)
- Research Center of Financial Market Law, University of Zurich (Switzerland)

#### Hong Kong

- Asia-Pacific Structured Finance Association
- Centre for Accounting Disclosure & Corporate Governance, School of Accountancy, Chinese University of Hong Kong
- Centre for Comparative and Public Law (CCPL), Faculty of Law, University of Hong Kong
- Centre for China Financial Research, Faculty of Business and Economics, University of Hong Kong
- CLLC Training Centre Limited
- Hong Kong Securities Institute
- Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants
- Hong Kong Institute of Economics and Business Strategy (HIEBS), Faculty of Business and Economics, University of Hong Kong
- Institute for China and Global Development (ICGD), University of Hong Kong

#### North America

- Duke University Global Capital Markets Center
- International Law Institute (ILI)
- Milken Institute
- Pepperdine University School of Law
- SMU Institute of International Banking and Finance
- William S. Richardson School of Law, University of Hawaii at Manoa

## **International Associations**

- Asian Competition Forum
- Inter-Pacific Bar Association
- International Law Association (London and Hong Kong)

## RESEARCH

## **Financial Law, Regulation and Development**

RGC-Theme-based Research Scheme "Enhancing Hong Kong's Future as a Leading International Financial Centre" was awarded HK\$15,000,000 (US\$1,923,077) and funded by the Hong Kong Research Grants Council Theme-based Research Scheme. The project is housed in AIIFL. The period of the project is from 2012 to 2017 for five years. Project Co-ordinator is **Douglas Arner**: Co-Principal Investigators include David Donald (CUHK); Say Goo (HKU); Richard Hu (HKU); Chen Lin (HKU); Frank Song (HKU); Wilson Tong (PolyU); Dariusz Wojcik (Oxford University, UK); Chenggang Xu (HKU) and Simon Zhao (HKU). The project also involves several Co-Investigators The first Report "Assessing Hong Kong as an and Collaborators from various countries. International Financial Centre" was published in April 2014. Throughout this report (and in the two others which will follow in 2015 and 2017) our analysis seeks to answer one specific question: What policies and legislative/regulatory changes will maximise the long-run, risk-adjusted value of financial activities to Hong Kong, given that other international financial centre policymakers react strategically to such policies? The Report can be downloaded at www.AIIFL.com or http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/papers.cfm?abstract\_id=2427609.

URC-Matching Fund for Strategic Research Theme (SRT) on Law, Policy and Development was awarded HK\$1,000,000 (US\$128,700). Four sub-themes of the project and its co-convenors were (1) Democracy, Human Rights and Civil Society (Joseph Chan (SocSci), Head, Department of Public and Policy Administration and Simon Young (Law), Director, Centre for Comparative and Public Law, Faculty of Law); (2) Commercial, Corporate and Financial Law and Policy (Douglas Arner (Law), Head, Department of Law and Frank Song (BusEcon), Director, Centre for China Financial Research, Faculty of Business and Economics); (3) Managing World Cities (Ian Holliday (SocSci), Faculty of Social Sciences and Richard Walker (Kadoorie), Kadoorie Centre); (4) Asian Integration: Law and Political Economy (Chin Leng Lim (Law), Faculty of Law and Richard Hu (SocSci), Faculty of Social Sciences. The period of the grant was from 1 November 2008 to 31 October 2011.

*RGC-funded project* "Hong Kong as Asian's International Financial Centre: a Law and Finance Perspective". Douglas Arner as principal investigator and Berry Hsu, Lou Jianbo, Maurice Tse and Zhou Zhongfei as co-investigators were awarded a HK\$640,064 (US\$82,059) CERG Grant plus a Merit Award of HK\$50,000 (US\$6,410) by the HKU URC. This project began with an analysis of what constitutes an "international financial centre", examined a sample of major global centres and conduct a comparison with the financial service industry in Hong Kong to evaluate the territory's performance and status. The grant was from 1 Aug 2005 to 31 Jul 2008.

*URC-funded project* "**Public Law and Public Policy Strategic Research Area: Corporate and Financial Law and Policy Research Sub-Theme**". A seed grant totalling **HK\$666,000** (US\$85,385) from the HKU University Research Committee (URC) is housed in AIIFL. **Douglas Arner** and **Xiao Geng** of the HKU School of Economics and Finance were Co-Convenors. This was a Strategic Research Sub-Theme of Corporate and Financial Law under the Strategic Research Theme of Constitutional, Corporate and Financial Law, to emphasize the actual structure of corporate and financial research at HKU, including: (1) an overview and joint initiatives; (2) corporate and financial law (focusing on Hong Kong as an international financial centre); and (3) corporate and financial policy (focusing on markets, institutions and economic performance). The period of the grant was from 1 May 2005 to 31 Oct 2006.

*URC-funded project* "China Studies Business and Law Theme". A seed grant totalling HK\$200,000 (US\$25,641) from the HKU URC was housed in AIIFL. The objective of this project was to support research into China's on-going corporate and financial reforms, focusing on the institutional changes and their implications. The period of the grant was from 1 May 2005 to 31 Oct 2006.

AIIFL-HIEBS Asian Financial Markets Project. AIIFL and the Hong Kong Institute of Economics and Business Strategy (HIEBS) at the HKU Faculty of Business and Economics jointly organized this project. The project analyzed and supported financial market development in Asia, focusing especially on the role of Hong Kong as Asia's international financial centre and upon the financial development and integration of China. The project enhanced understanding of financial markets in Asia and especially the role of Hong Kong in the context of China.

## **Insolvency and Restructuring Research Project**

In support of development of this area, in 2006-2007, HKU awarded AIIFL and the Faculty of Law a Research Assistant Professorship in Insolvency and Restructuring.

*Insolvency Training and Manuals Project* – Philip Smart and Charles D Booth designed the Diploma Course in Insolvency for the Hong Kong Society of Accountants (now the Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants). They also served as Co-directors for the course. Roughly 230 students attended the course.

Stephen Briscoe of Briscoe Wong Ferrier has served as a Co-director for the course since 2002-2003 and Bruno Arboit of Zolfo Cooper has also served as a Co-director since 2003-2004.

#### Publications

**Hong Kong Personal Insolvency Manual (2nd ed.)**, was published in 2010, by Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Charles D Booth and Edward Tyler

**Hong Kong Corporate Insolvency Manual (2nd ed.)**, was published in 2009, by Hong Kong Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Stephen Briscoe and Charles D Booth

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## **Corporate Law Studies Interest Group (CoSIG)**

The **Corporate Law Studies Interest Group** (**CoSIG**) is an inclusive and collaborative forum designed to bring together individuals of like mind to debate issues of mutual interest within the rubric of corporate law in Hong Kong and Asia more generally. The definition of the term 'corporate law' is deliberately expansive so as to include company law, securities regulation, legal aspects of corporate finance and corporate governance, as well as insolvency law. While its initial focus is on

Hong Kong, it is envisaged that the scope of CoSIG expands to include similar common law jurisdictions especially those that are in the process of reforming their corporate law regimes, especially in Asia. The founding convenor of CoSIG is CK Low, Associate Professor in Corporate Law, Chinese University of Hong Kong and hosted by AIIFL.

CoSIG has three broad objectives namely to (i) foster greater research collaboration within the rubric of corporate law between academics in Hong Kong and elsewhere; (ii) actively engage regulators and professionals in policy-oriented research within the rubric of corporate law to enhance the competitiveness of Hong Kong as an international financial centre; and (iii) participate in the design and provision of continuing professional development programmes that effectively blend theory and practice.

To attain these objectives CoSIG participates in and/or facilitates (i) collaboration of research activities between academics, regulators and practitioners; (ii) organization of seminars and/or conferences; and (iii) dissemination of research results and findings.

## **Competition Law and Policy**

2005-06 marked the initiation of a new research area in AIIFL, focusing on competition law and policy. In support of development of this area, HKU awarded AIIFL and the Faculty of Law an Assistant Professorship in Competition Law and Policy.

## East Asian International Economic Law and Policy (EAIEL) Programme

Donald Lewis and Mattheo Bushehri contributed to the development of the programme, which is based in the Asian Institute of International Financial Law (AIIFL). It has an interdisciplinary mandate and encourages collaboration with other HKU faculties, centres and institutes. The EAIEL Programme has focused on three principal areas of activity: (i) academic research on WTO and international economic law and policy concerning China and East Asia; (ii) training programmes on WTO and trade law and policy, principally for governments of the Asia Pacific region; and (iii) consulting services on WTO and regional trade law and policy issues to international organizations, governments and local as well as multinational corporations and firms.

#### **Board of Management**

**Professor Chin Leng Lim**, EAIEL Chairperson **Professor Douglas W. Arner**, Member and Vice-Chair **Professor Zhang Xianchu**, Member and Vice-Chair

#### **EAIEL Senior Fellows**

- Seung Chong, Consultant, Simmons & Simmons (Hong Kong)
- Stuart Harbinson, GBS, Senior Adviser, Fipra, Geneva (Switzerland)
- **Patrick Low**, Vice-President (Research), Fung Global Institute (Hong Kong)
- Edmund W. Sim, Partner, Appleton Luff Pte Ltd (Singapore)

#### EAIEL Fellows

- **Davide Rovetta**, Counsel, Grayston & Company (Belgium)
- Juan Ignacio Stampalija, Latin American Lawyer (Argentina)

#### EAIEL Visiting Fellows

- **Dr. Alessandro Spano**, Research Associate, UCL and Research Fellow, King's College London (United Kingdom) (May 2014)
- Colin Picker, Associate Professor, UNSW Law School (Australia) (July August 2013)

#### WTO Representatives' Visits

• Ambassador Jonathan Fried, Permanent Representative of Canada to the WTO and Chairperson of the Dispute Settlement Body, WTO (18 December 2013)

## **Real Estate Law and Finance**

The Real Estate Law and Finance is a new research area developed at AIIFL in this academic year. The following three Land Conversations were held in 2014:

- "The Trouble with Land Law Teaching Real Property in the 21st Century" presented by Malcolm Merry, HKU, 28 May 2014
- "Does Hong Kong Need a Law of Adverse Possession?" presented by Charles Harpum, Downing College Cambridge, Professor Michael Wilkinson, HKU and Professor Say Goo, HKU, 23 January 2014
- "Small House Policy, Custom and Article 40 of the Basic Law" presented by Professor Johannes Chan, SC (Hon), HKU, Professor Say Goo, HKU, Junius Ho and Malcolm Merry, HKU, 15 January 2014

## **Taxation Law Research Programme (TLRP)**

The Taxation Law Research Programme (TLRP) was established within the HKU Faculty of Law's Asian Institute of International Financial Law (AIIFL) in late 2007.

The Foundation Members of the TLRP are **Professor Andrew Halkyard**, **Associate Professor Wilson Chow** and **Professor Richard Cullen**.

It is particularly appropriate that the TLRP has been established within the Faculty of Law and based within AIIFL. It was the late Professor Peter Willoughby who established serious academic tax research in Hong Kong, after he commenced work with the Faculty in 1973. Peter is also remembered as a pioneer of legal education in Hong Kong, and is thought of fondly by both colleagues and students.

The tradition of academic research with respect to Tax Law has remained especially strong within the Faculty for around three decades. Professor Andrew Halkyard has been working in this field in Hong Kong, initially with Peter Willoughby, since 1985 and is the author of the *Hong Kong Encyclopaedia of Taxation* (a looseleaf 4 volume practitioners' work, with Wilson Chow and Susan Leung). Andrew and Wilson have been active with AIIFL since its establishment in 1999.

Professor Richard Cullen who is also a Public Law expert, has written on and taught Tax Law in both Hong Kong and Australia. His recent work has looked at the relationship between the development of the Hong Kong tax regime and the development of its political structure and the historical development of the Hong Kong tax regime. Richard has also been an active AIIFL Fellow since joining HKU.

**Dr Doreen Qiu** commenced her appointment at the Faculty of Law as a Post Doctoral Fellow in mid-July 2013. Doreen is now also a Research member of the TLRP and also an AIIFL Fellow. Her broad duties include: (1) undertaking research and writing related to PRC & International Tax Law & Policy; (2) participating in TLRP Research Team, Funding Applications; (3) assisting with TLRP Seminars & Conferences (organizing and running); and (4) TLRP key liaison person for engaging with Tax Law and Policy Scholars in Mainland China.

The objectives of TLRP are as follows:

- To foster research, including comparative research, on Hong Kong, Mainland and Asian Taxation Law and related policy areas.
- To explore the Public Law as well as the Private Law dimensions of tax policy and operating taxation systems.
- To establish research collaboration links with other taxation research institutes internationally (Faculty of Law, The University of Western Australia, School of Taxation and Business Law, UNSW, International Tax Research Network [sponsored by the OECD], Monash University Taxation Law and Policy Research Institute (TLPRI, being examples) and with Universities with which HKU has strong existing collaborative links in the taxation field (NUS and Kyushu University, being examples).
- To engage in collaborative research projects with staff in other institutions in Hong Kong (and abroad) and with research-minded persons in the private sector.
- To seek funding, as appropriate, through research grants and other sources, to undertake relevant Tax Law research projects.
- To provide public sector, capacity building consultancy services on tax policy development and tax system operation.
- To conduct lectures / workshops / seminars / conferences focusing on Tax Law research.
- To run one major Tax Law Conference in Hong Kong approximately every two years.

The following three Guest Lecturers were invited to teach at the Taxation Classes:

- **Professor Sarah Hinchliffe**, Visiting Professor of Law, William and Mary Law School
- **Mr Suhua Huang**, Director, Global Cooperation and Compliance Division of International Taxation Department, State Administration of Taxation (SAT), People's Republic of China
- **Professor Dr Kees van Raad**, Professor of Law, Leiden University and Director Advance LLM Program in International Tax Law

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