Informal lunchtime talks by
Human Rights academics, practitioners, and students

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**Room 303, 3/F KK Leung Building, HKU**

**Hong Kong’s Race Discrimination Ordinance**

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**Kelley Loper** is a Research Assistant Professor in the Faculty of Law and specializes in human rights and equality law. In 2001 she conducted a study on racial discrimination in Hong Kong for the Civic Exchange and became active in the campaign to secure race discrimination legislation. After the Race Discrimination Bill was introduced in December 2006, she organized an international conference on the Bill and gave frequent talks to a variety of organizations highlighting problems with the draft legislation. In March 2008, she presented a briefing paper on the Bill to the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination in Geneva.

**Vandana Rajwani** is a founding members and spokesperson for HARD (Hong Kong Against Racial Discrimination) an NGO which was instrumental in successfully lobbying for the enactment of the Race Discrimination Ordinance. Ms. Rajwani is a practising barrister in Hong Kong having been called to the Bars of both England and Wales and Hong Kong. Her practice encompasses criminal law, appellate work, judicial review and matrimonial work. Her areas of interest include human rights, women and the law, equal opportunities and anti-discrimination law. Ms Rajwani obtained her LLM in Human Rights in 2002. She is currently a Senior Teaching Consultant with Department of Professional Legal Education. Since 2001 Vandana has regularly made representations on behalf of Hong Kong NGO’s to the UN Committee on the Elimination of All forms of Racial Discrimination in Geneva, to the Chairperson of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights and the Chairperson of the United Nations Committee on Economic Social and Cultural Rights. Since 1998 she has conducted workshops and talks for schools, universities and NGOs as well as providing advice on policy and strategy. Ms. Rajwani is a member of the Committee on the Promotion of Racial Harmony of the Constitutional and Mainland Affairs Bureau, and is a member of the University of Hong Kong's Equal Opportunities Committee. She is Chairperson of the Working Group on the Promotion of Equal Opportunity and Diversity at the University of Hong Kong. In 2005 Vandana was awarded a commendation by the Secretary for Home Affairs for her dedicated service and outstanding contribution to ethnic minorities and race relations in Hong Kong.

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