

A Lunchtime Seminar

The Implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in the Chinese Context

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The UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) is arguably the most comprehensive of the core global human rights treaties. It requires state parties “to ensure and promote the full realization of all human rights and fundamental freedoms for all persons with disabilities” and details how specific rights apply in the disability context. By targeting external, environmental obstacles to participation (rather than focusing on individual impairment), the CRPD challenges traditional concepts of disability and helps elucidate the meaning of basic human rights principles such as equality, dignity, and inclusion.

This talk will reflect on China’s implementation of the CRPD to date and the roles of the Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (the treaty’s expert monitoring body), other relevant UN human rights mechanisms, and civil society. The speaker will also share recent initiatives undertaken by the Centre for Comparative and Public Law (CCPL) aimed at increasing and exchanging knowledge about the CRPD and supporting implementation efforts. In particular, it will introduce the new Disability Rights Resource Network, an online platform that provides information and research resources on disability rights in English and Chinese to scholars, NGOs, policy-makers, and others involved in the field.



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