

Young Scholars Lunchtime Talks Series
A Judicial Studies Programme lunchtime seminar

**ACCESS TO JUSTICE IN SMALL STATES:
REFLECTIONS ON JAPAN'S OFFICIAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE (ODA)
FOR LEGAL EMPOWERMENT**

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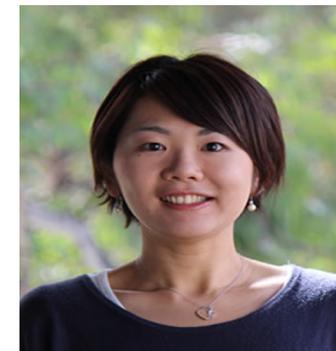
The Japanese Government began implementing international legal technical assistance projects in the early 1990s. Initially, it concentrated on transitional states. But recently the ODA Charter mandate has been broadened to enable assistance to be provided to regions emerging from civil conflict.

This seminar will draw on the data available from Japan's ODA experience. It will consider the need for donor countries (such as Japan), when engaging in international peace-building projects, to take account of the possibly complex social patterns that exist domestically in a state or region. By way of case study, the seminar will focus on Japan's ODA experience in relation to enhancing dispute resolution systems in Aceh (Indonesia) and access to justice in the Ivory Coast.

Young Scholars Lunchtime Talks Series organizes occasional informal lunchtime talks by young legal scholars on their areas of interest and research. Anyone interested in giving a future talk should get in touch with Professor Anselmo Reyes (reyes.anselmo@gmail.com).

The Judicial Studies Programme (JSP) organises capacity-building workshops, seminars and other forums where judges can discuss problems facing Judiciaries today (especially in the Asia Pacific) and exchange views on how those problems might best be resolved in a cost-effective and timely manner and in the interests of justice. The JSP also organises public lectures (such as the Young Scholars Series) on topics of current interest relating to the work of judges and lawyers.

*The **seminar** is open to all without charge. To ensure adequate refreshment, those interested in attending are requested to **register** with Joyce Fung at joycef@hku.hk before noon on 7 March 2016.*



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