

A CCPL Public Lecture

**THE RECENT REFORM OF THE APPLICATION FOR  
JUDICIAL REVIEW IN ENGLAND:  
LESSONS FOR HONG KONG?**

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In this seminar, Professor Christopher Forsyth will examine Part IV of the Criminal Justice and Courts Act 2015 and how it has introduced important changes into the English law governing the application for judicial review.

The changes relate primarily to the leave and permission requirement and to costs in judicial review proceedings. These changes are driven by a government perception that in England the application for judicial review is often abused by unmeritorious applicants. So the changes make leave more difficult to obtain against the background of a costs regime more hostile to applicants. The impact of these changes on the functioning of the application for judicial review will be considered. Comparisons will be drawn with the law in Hong Kong (generally favourable to Hong Kong).

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