



Commit to Act, Commit to Change: Walk the Mile with Survivors of Sexual Abuse

9:30am - 1:30pm, Saturday, 8 June 2013

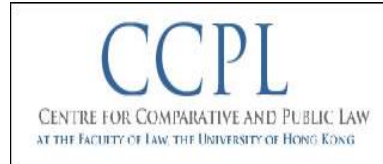
New Venue: Room 724-5, 7/F Cheng Yu Tung Tower

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Recent reports reveal that incidents of sexual harassment and violence are on the rise. Moreover, increasingly vulnerable populations are being targeted for such abuse. Despite these occurrences, such abuses are seldom reported. Where complaints are lodged, most victims are likely to withdraw the complaint, from the process of giving evidence and sometimes, even from support groups they join to seek solace. For the few that remain on course to seek justice, the system fails them with the outcomes being less than satisfactory in terms of offering closure, protection, and justice. This trend is suggestive of the critical gaps in Hong Kong's efforts to tackle such abuse.

This year's Spring Workshop brings together experts from multiple stakeholder groups to examine the realities and challenges of prevention, protection and punishment of these offences in a range of contexts, including schools, the workplace, and homes.

Please email Flora Leung at fkleung@hku.hk if you would like to attend.



Programme

- 9:15 – 9:30** Registration & Welcoming
- 9:30 – 10:00** Opening Address, *Dr. York Chow, Chairman, Equal Opportunities Commission, Hong Kong*
- 10:00 – 10:50** Panel 1: Sexually Violated, Our Cries Fall on Deaf Ears
- 10:00 – 10:20** Sexual Harassment in HK Schools, *Dr. Pattie Luk, Adjunct Associate Professor, Department of Special Needs and Counselling, the Hong Kong Institute of Education*
- 10:20 – 10:40** Migrant Workers and Sexual Abuse, *Cynthia Abdon Telez, Mission for Migrant Workers*
- 10:40 – 10:50** Digital Narratives of Survivors of Sexual Abuse (1)
- 10:50 – 11:00** **Break**
- 11:00 – 1:30** Panel 2: Even When Heard, It's the Blame-Game All Over Again – Systemic Injustice
- 11:00 – 11:20** Sexual Abuse - the Survivor's Dilemma, *Linda Wong, Association Concerning Sexual Violence Against Women, Rainlily*
- 11:20 – 11:40** Legalese and Sexual Harassment - How the Law Fails Us, *Puja Kapai, Associate Professor of Law, Deputy Director Centre for Comparative and Public Law, HKU*
- 11:40 – 11:50** Digital Narratives of Survivors of Sexual Abuse (2)
- 11:50 – 12:50** Discussion – Break out Groups
- 12:50 – 1:20** Plenary Session: *Reporting Back by Group Facilitators on Proposed Recommendations*
- 1:20 – 1:30** Pledges Online