The Hong Kong government is currently considering options for relevant legislation in response to a 2013 Hong Kong Court of Final Appeal judgment on transgender marriage (W v The Registrar of Marriages). After the court’s decision, the government established an Inter-departmental Working Group on Gender Recognition (IWG) which has recently produced a Consultation Paper examining different types of gender recognition schemes and possible arguments for and against the adoption of particular models for Hong Kong.

In order to contribute to this exercise, The Centre for Comparative and Public Law and its Human Rights Programme, in collaboration with the Hong Kong Equal Opportunities Commission, are hosting a forum with professional and academic experts and advocates, including members of Hong Kong’s transgender community, to discuss the Consultation Paper. The outcome of the event will be submitted to the IWG and thus inform and hopefully positively contribute to a possible future Gender Recognition scheme.

SCHEDULE

9.00-9.10 WELCOME REMARKS
Michael Hor, Dean, Faculty of Law, HKU
Kelley Loper, Director, Centre for Comparative and Public Law, HKU

9.10-10.00 KEYNOTE SPEECH
Stephen Whittle, Manchester Metropolitan University

10.00-11.30 KEY ISSUES, INTERNATIONAL AND LOCAL LEGAL PERSPECTIVES
Moderator: Kelley Loper, HKU
Commentator: Stephen Whittle, MMU
Peter Reading, Legal Counsel, EOC Hong Kong
Michael Vidler, Solicitor, Vidler & Co. Solicitors
Patricia Ho, Partner, Daly & Associates

11.45-13.00 TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY VOICES
Moderator: Azan Marwah, Barrister and Mediator, Gilt Chambers
Robin Bradbeer, Secretary and Member of the Board of Directors at The Professional Commons, former Professor at CityU
Joanne Leung, Chairperson, Transgender Resource Centre HK
Kaspar Wan, Filmmaker and Founder of Gender Empowerment
Brenda Alegre, Lecturer of the Sexuality & Gender : Diversity & Society Course (SGDS), HKU
Hun Law, Bodybuilder and Lecturer, HKU

14.15-15.45 GENDER RECOGNITION: PERSPECTIVES OF KEY STAKEHOLDERS
Moderator: Marco Wan, Faculty of Law, HKU
Suen Yiu Tung, Assistant Professor of Gender Studies and Associate Director, Gender Research Centre, CUHK
Fern Ngai, Chief Executive Officer, Community Business
Sam Winter, Psychologist and Associate Professor, Faculty of Health Sciences, Curtin University

15.45-16.00 CLOSING REMARKS
Alfred Chan, Chairperson, Equal Opportunities Commission

Please click HERE for online registration to reserve a place, or scan the QR code.

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