CONSTITUTIONAL DIALOGUE CONFERENCE

Friday 9th December 2016, 10:00 – 17:30
Room 825, 8/F Cheng Yu Tung Tower
Centennial Campus
The University of Hong Kong

This Conference will explore the concept of constitutional dialogue, or weak-form judicial review, as developed in US and Canadian constitutional scholarship, and its relevance to the new Commonwealth and emerging democracies around the world. At the same time, it will consider the degree to which the newness, fragility, or indeed absence, of democratic political institutions or traditions may make the idea of constitutional dialogue or weak-form judicial review normatively unattractive in various settings.

10:00 Welcome Address by Professor Simon Young, Associate Dean (Research), Faculty of Law, HKU

10:05 Keynote Address – “Constitutional Dialogue and the Rule of Law” by Justice Matthew Palmer (High Court of New Zealand)

Panel 1
Chair: Professor David Law (HKU)/Commentator: Professor Mark Tushnet (Harvard)

11:00 Speakers:
- Professor Rosalind Dixon (UNSW)  
  Responsive Judicial Review
- Dr. Aileen Kavanagh (University of Oxford)  
  Judges as Partners
- Professor Kent Roach (University of Toronto)  
  Dialogic Remedies

Panel 2
Chair: Professor Adrienne Stone (University of Melbourne)/Commentator: Professor Stephen Gardbaum (UCLA)

15:00 Speakers:
- Dr. Scott Stephenson (University of Melbourne)  
  Is the Commonwealth’s Approach to Rights-Constitutionalism Exportable?
- Dr. Po Jen Yap (HKU)  
  Statutory Rights and De facto Constitutional Supremacy in Hong Kong?
- Ms. Swati Jhaveri (NUS)  
  Optimising Constitutional Dialogue in India and Singapore: The Role of the Executive and the Legislature

Please click here for online registration to reserve a place.
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