

Centre for Comparative and Public Law
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A CCPL Law and Religion Seminar

Freedom, Civil Society and the State

Monday 31st October 2016, 2:30 pm – 5:30 pm

**Academic Conference Room 11/F Cheng Yu Tung Tower,
Centennial Campus, The University of Hong Kong**

This seminar will explore the relationships between the various components of a healthy, dynamic and just society: an independent civil society, a free and responsible media, civic virtues, pluralism, robust political debate, the rule of law and the state. What do these comprise, and how do they interact with each other to promote or undermine the health, dynamism and justice of a society? Can we pursue all components together or must we choose between them?

2:30 pm - 2: 45 pm Introduction

Moderator: Mr. Benny Tai, *Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, The University of Hong Kong*

2:45 pm - 3:15 pm

Speaker: Dr. Jonathan Chaplin, *Director, Kirby Laing Institute for Christian Ethics, Cambridge, United Kingdom*

Topic: *Why an independent civil society (including religious liberty) and the rule of law are also good for the state*

3:15 pm - 3:45 pm

Speaker: Mr. David Campanale, *Convenor, National Union of Journalists, BBC World News*

Topic: *National broadcaster or state broadcaster? The Christian dimension of the BBC since Lord Reith*

3:45 pm - 4:00 pm Coffee Break

4:00 pm - 4:30 pm

Speaker: Dr. Bob Fu, *Founder and President, China Aid*

Topic: *Religious freedom and national security: Do we have to choose one?*

4:30 pm – 5:30 pm Q&A

Please click [here](#) for online registration to reserve a place.
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