



Oxford-HKU Chinese Law Workshop for Junior Researchers 2026

Agenda

Thursday, 4 June 2026	
8:45 – 9:00	Registration
9:00 – 9:30 (Room: The Cube, Faculty of Law)	Welcome Remarks and Photo
9:30 – 12:00 (Room: Seminar Room D, Faculty of Law) (Note: This panel overlaps with the Data Governance Panel and is held in a different room.)	<p>International Economic Law Panel – Moderator: Yue Cao, University of Oxford</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Presenter: Apoorva Vishnoi, LSE Trade Policy Hub <i>National Security Measures, Chinese Investors and the Risk of ISDS Claims: Rethinking Investment Treaty Design</i> Discussant: Xuan Shao, University of Bristol 2. Presenter: Kuangran Li, Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences <i>Subsidy Expansion through Cross-Border Attribution: The Egypt Glass Fibre Doctrine, the DS616 Pushback, and the Implications for China's Outward Sovereign Lending</i> Discussant: Anna Ventouratou, University of Sheffield 3. Presenter: Qian Zhang, Zhejiang University <i>Reconceptualizing Right to Development in ISDS: A Capability Approach and China's Contributions</i> Discussant: Yanwen Zhang, Durham University

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<p>12:00 – 13:00</p> <p>(Venue: The English Faculty Foyer)</p>	<p>Lunch</p>
<p>13:00 – 14:30</p> <p>(Room: The Cube, Faculty of Law)</p>	<p>Keynote Speech – Xin He, University of Hong Kong</p> <p>Theme: How Do Chinese Judges Make Decisions? A Study on Leniency for Battered Women Who Kill</p>
<p>15:00 – 17:30</p> <p>(Room: The Cube, Faculty of Law)</p> <p>(Note: This panel overlaps with the Law, Time, and Community Panel and is held in a different room.)</p>	<p>Courts, Technology, and Legal Change Panel – Moderator: Xiaohan Zhang, University of Oxford</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Presenter: Zhangyi Fu, Shanghai Jiaotong University (Co-authoring with Xifen Lin, Shanghai Jiaotong University) <i>The Impact of Artificial Intelligence on the Public’s Willingness to Litigate —A Study Based on Cognitive Experiments</i> <p>Discussant: Marianne von Blomberg, University of Hong Kong</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Presenter: Zhixing Liu, Duke University <i>Advance Through Retreat: The Rise and Reconfiguration of Judicial Authority in China’s Grievance Governance</i> <p>Discussant: Xin He, University of Hong Kong</p>

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<p>18:00 – 19:30</p> <p>(The Cheng Yu Tung Building, Jesus College, OX1 3DW)</p>	<p>Drinks Reception (Welcome Toast by Thornhill Legal)</p>

Friday, 5 June 2026

<p>9:30 – 12:00</p> <p>(Room: The Cube, Faculty of Law)</p> <p>(Note: This panel overlaps with the One-on-one Book Proposal Sessions, which are held in a different room.)</p>	<p>Regulation and Regulatory Instruments Panel – Moderator: Yue Wu, University of Oxford</p> <p>1. Presenter: Xiaohan Zhang, University of Oxford <i>Designs on Carbon: Regulatory Science and the Legal Classification of Greenhouse Gases in the United States and China</i></p> <p>Discussant: Marianne von Blomberg, University of Hong Kong</p> <p>2. Presenter: Xinyu Xie, University of Hong Kong (Co-authoring with Xiuyan Fei, East China University and Political Science) <i>China's Emerging Framework for Regulating Companion Robots: Adequate to Protect Children's Welfare?</i></p> <p>Discussant: Lilian Edwards, Newcastle University</p> <p>3. Presenter: Wenjun Li, China University of Political Science and Law <i>From Risk Classification to Responsive Governance: Reflections on and Reconstruction of the Regulation of Artificial Intelligence Social Risks</i></p> <p>Discussant: Shu Li, Erasmus University Rotterdam</p>
<p>9:30 – 12:00</p> <p>(Room: Seminar Room D, Faculty of Law)</p> <p>(The One-on-one Book Proposal Sessions overlap with the Regulation and Regulatory Instruments Panel, which is held in a different room.)</p>	<p>One-on-one Book Proposal Sessions – Joe Ng, Hart Publishing</p> <p>*These sessions are open to presenters and discussants for the workshop only. To participate, please sign up through the link sent to you via email.</p>
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17:30 - 17:45 (Room: The Cube, Faculty of Law)	Closing Remarks

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