



Shaping the Common Law

Friday, 4 Sept 2026

Philip K. H. Wong Theatre, 2/F, Cheng Yu Tung Tower, HKU campus

Opening Remarks and Tributes

09:15 Registration

09:45 Professor Hualing Fu
Dean, Faculty of law, The University of Hong Kong

09:50 The Hon Chief Justice Andrew Cheung
Chief Justice, Court of Final Appeal

09:55 The Hon Andrew Li
Former Chief Justice, Court of Final Appeal

Session 1: Public Law and Criminal Law

Chair: The Hon Mr Justice Patrick Keane
Non-Permanent Judge, Court of Final Appeal

10:00 *Confronting the Impossible: The Balancing Act of Constitutional Law*
The Hon Geoffrey Ma, GBM
Former Chief Justice, Court of Final Appeal
&
The Hon Mr Justice Joseph Fok
Permanent Judge, Court of Final Appeal

10:25 *The Public Law Legacy of Mr Justice Ribeiro in Hong Kong*
Professor Albert Chen and Professor Cora Chan
Faculty of Law, The University of Hong Kong

10:50 *Criminal Law: An Exercise in Clarity*
The Hon Mr Justice Frank Stock
Non-Permanent Judge, Court of Final Appeal

11:15 *Unravelling Complexity and Delineating the Limits of the Law in Criminal Cases*
Professor Simon Young
Faculty of Law, The University of Hong Kong

11:40 Refreshments

Session 2: Tax, Conflict of Laws, and Civil Procedure

Chair: The Hon Maria Yuen, GBS
Former Justice of Appeal, Court of Appeal

12:10 *Ribeiro PJ: Clarifying the Opaque*
Mr David Goldberg KC
Gray's Inn Tax Chambers
&
Mr Stewart Wong SC
Temple Chambers

12:35 *A Rock of Stability in the Conflict of Laws*
Professor Adrian Briggs KC (Hon)
Faculty of Law, University of Oxford

13:00 *Title to be confirmed (Topic: Civil Procedure)*
Mr Paul Shieh SC
Temple Chambers

13:25 *Lunch for speakers, moderators, and invited guests*

Session 3: The Law of Obligations

Chair: Professor Steven Elliott KC
Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore

14:30 *Contracts, Unjust Enrichment, and Third Parties*
Dr Jonas Atmaz Al-Sibaie
University College London
&
Dr Jordan English
Faculty of Law, University of Oxford

14:55 *Mr Justice Ribeiro and the Law of Defamation in Hong Kong*
Professor Craig Purshouse
Faculty of Law, The University of Hong Kong

15:20 *Equity and Trusts (via video conference)*
The Hon Mr Justice William Gummow
Non-Permanent Judge, Court of Final Appeal

15:45 *Refreshments*

Session 4: Company, Family, and Property

Chair: Professor William Swadling
Faculty of law, The University of Oxford

16:15 *Substance and Reality in Company and Insolvency Law*
The Hon Mr Justice Godfrey Lam
Justice of Appeal, Court of Appeal

16:40 *Sea Changes in Family Law in Hong Kong: The Long Road to Equality and Fairness*
The Hon Mr Justice Johnson Lam
Permanent Judge, Court of Final Appeal
&
The Hon Bebe Chu, SBS
Former Judge, Court of First Instance

17:05 *Reconciling Principle and Practicality: Deciding Property Law Cases*
The Rt Hon Lord Neuberger
Non-Permanent Judge, Court of Final Appeal

17:30 End of Conference