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# Shaping the Common Law

Friday, 4 Sept 2026, 11/F, Cheng Yu Tung Tower, HKU campus

## Opening Remarks and Tributes

09:45 Dean Hualing Fu

09:50 The Hon Mr Justice Andrew Cheung CJ

09:55 The Hon Andrew Li

## Session 1: Public Law and Criminal Law

*Chair:* The Hon Mr Justice Patrick Keane NPJ

10:00 The Hon Geoffrey Ma and the Hon Mr Justice Joseph Fok PJ  
*Confronting the Impossible: The Balancing Act of Constitutional Law*

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

10:50 The Hon Mr Justice Frank Stock NPJ  
*Criminal Law: An Exercise in Clarity*

11:15 Professor Simon Young  
*Unravelling Complexity and Delineating the Limits of the Law in Criminal Cases*

11:40 *Refreshments*

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

*Chair:* The Hon Maria Yuen

12:10 Mr David Goldberg KC and Mr Stewart Wong SC  
*Ribeiro PJ: Clarifying the Opaque*

12:35 Professor Adrian Briggs KC  
*A Rock of Stability in the Conflict of Laws*

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

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

### **Session 3: The Law of Obligations**

*Chair: Professor Steven Elliott KC*

14:30 Dr Jonas Atmaz Al-Sibaie and Dr Jordan English  
*Contracts, Unjust Enrichment, and Third Parties*

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

15:20 The Hon Mr Justice William Gummow NPJ (via video conference)  
*Equity and Trusts*

15:45 *Refreshments*

### **Session 4: Company, Family, and Property**

*Chair: Professor William Swadling*

16:15 The Hon Mr Justice Godfrey Lam JA  
*Title to be confirmed (Topic: Company Law)*

16:40 The Hon Mr Justice Johnson Lam PJ and the Hon Bebe Chu  
*Title to be confirmed (Topic: Family Law)*

17:05 The Rt Hon Lord Neuberger NPJ  
*Reconciling Principle and Practicality: Deciding Property Law Cases*

17:30 End of Conference