

Magna Carta and the Rule of Law in Hong Kong
Saturday 31 October 2015
Programme

The three Hong Kong law schools present a joint conference to commemorate the 800th anniversary of Magna Carta. The conference will explore both the historical legacies of the Magna Carta in the common law tradition as well as its continued relevance in rule of law debates in Hong Kong. Participants will explore this topic from both a historical, conceptual, and practical point of view.

9.30- 10.00 Registration and Coffee

10.00-10.30 Opening by the three law Deans

10.30-12.00 Panel 1: The Magna Carta and its Historical Development

Chair: Professor Steven Gallagher (CUHK)

Mr Philip Dykes (Senior Counsel): "1215 and All That: A Modern Villein's Guide to Magna Carta, Incorporating All That You Need to Know about Wapentakes, Halberjet, Scutage, Socage, Burgage, the Troublesome Relations of Girard d'Athée, Kiddles and Much, Much More."

Professor David Seipp (Boston University): "Magna Carta in Lawless Times: Its First Three Centuries and the Rule of Law."

12.00-1.15 Lunch

1.15-2.45 Panel 2: The Magna Carta and the Common Law

Chair: Dr Surya Deva (City U)

Professor Christopher F Forsyth (University of Cambridge): "Common law constitutional rights and their significance for Hong Kong"

Professor Catharine MacMillan (University of Reading): "Empire, Magna Carta and the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council."

2.45-3.00 Coffee break

3.00- 5.00 Panel 3: The Magna Carta and Hong Kong

Chair: Dr Yap Po Jen (HKU)

Surya Deva & Jojo Mo (City U): "Hong Kong's Autonomy under the "One Country, Two Systems": Could Magna Carta be Relevant?"

Dr Sherif Elgebeily, (CCPL University of Hong Kong): "The Magna Carta as a legal scripture: the significance of reformist concepts for Hong Kong."

Professor Stuart Hargreaves (CUHK): “Considering rule of law rhetoric in Hong Kong’s constitutional development.”

Professor Eric Ip (CUHK): “Rediscovering Magna Carta in Hong Kong Constitutional Law.”

5.00 Closing remarks- Justice Kemal Bokhary

6.00 Conference Dinner for Speakers and Invited Guests: Shanghai Garden, G/F & 1/F Hutchison House, 10 Harcourt Road, Admiralty.