



Asian Law Schools Association (ALSA) – HK Centre for Commercial & Maritime Law (HKCML)
Joint Conference: Fri 13 January 2023

Venue: City University of Hong Kong (travel restrictions permitting) and by Zoom.

Transplantation of Foreign Law and the Creation of Unique Legal Solutions in Asian Legal Systems

Legal systems develop, sometimes through the borrowing of foreign laws and institutions, sometimes through developing unique solutions. Even when foreign laws and institutions are borrowed and transplanted, there is invariably adaptation and transformation. Such transplantation and creation of unique legal initiatives may involve the macro norms such as those found in Civil Codes, or more particular norms and institutions, such as the regulatory requirement to assume prescribed information duties to certain class of consumers. This conference examines the theme of legal borrowings and the creation of legal solutions tailored to account for local circumstances and values preferences. The need for legal change may arise in a variety of ways. They may be prompted by technological developments which challenge the robustness of existing law and regulation, changing social expectations, or new policy imperatives revealed by the problems associated with working out existing norms.

We invite papers with insights on:

- The transplantation of laws and institutions generally;
- Tensions between transplanted norms and local norms;
- Interesting adaptations of transplantations and associated transformations;
- Problems common to the global community, the legal solutions adopted and the value choices they reflect;
- Unique legal solutions to new problems generated by current developments, whether in technology, public health, economic development or international relations;
- Global legal norms and the stresses on the local legal system.

To the end of nurturing young scholars, a special panel will be constituted for current doctoral students who work in areas broadly related to the conference theme.

The Chief Editor of the Asia Pacific Law Review invites submissions from conference participants. Submissions will be subject to the double-blind review process. The plan is for publication in August/September 2023. To this end, the deadline for submissions is 8 January 2023. Click [here](#) to access the submission portal of the journal. (For the avoidance of doubt, the selection of a paper for the conference does not mean that the paper is submitted to the journal for publication; authors will need to submit to the journal through portal if they wish to have the paper considered for publication.)

Please indicate your interest to present your paper at the conference by submitting your personal information and an abstract of your intended paper to Ms Candice Wong at candice.wong@cityu.edu.hk no later than 1 October 2022 (Saturday).