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The International Law Commission and General Principles of Law

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On October 21, 2024, the School of Law at City University of Hong Kong hosted a seminar titled "The International Law Commission and General Principles of Law" in the Seminar Room. The event was chaired by **Prof. Fozia Lone**, Associate Professor at CityU's School of Law, and featured **Dr. Craig Eggett**, Assistant Professor from Maastricht University, as the main speaker.



In his presentation, **Dr. Eggett** delved into the origins and application of general principles of law within the framework of international law. He emphasized that these general principles stem from two main sources: domestic legal systems and the international legal framework. He also highlighted the challenges faced by international courts and legal bodies in defining these principles, particularly when translating them into concrete legal rules. By analyzing real-world cases, **Dr. Eggett** demonstrated the importance of general principles in filling gaps within the international legal system.

Prof. Lone, in her concluding remarks, discussed the historical and colonial context of international law, particularly the evolution of the term "civilized nations" and its role in shaping the legal landscape. She also offered a critical perspective on international law as a tool of engagement in colonial and post-colonial contexts.





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The seminar attracted a large audience of faculty and students from the School of Law, who participated in a lively discussion. The guest speakers' insights into general principles of law provided valuable understanding of how these principles are applied within the contemporary international legal framework.