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Inauguration of Social Governance and Sustainable Development (SGSD) Lab

Forum on Crime, Disputes, and Social Governance in the Digital Age



5 June 2025 (Thursday)
9:00 am - 6:30 pm
The Chinese University of Hong Kong

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Forum Venue: Room 422, 4/F, Sino Building, The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK)

Time (HK Time)	Session	Speakers
08:30- 09:00	Registration	
09:00– 09:30	Opening Ceremony & SGSD Lab Inauguration	• Welcome remarks • Introduction to SGSD Lab Overview of the forum's theme and objectives Prof. Nicole W.T. CHEUNG, Director, SGSD Lab • Group photo
09:30– 10:15	Keynote Speech 1* (Online) <i>Live broadcast at forum venue</i>	Prof. Ethan MICHELSON (Indiana University Bloomington, USA) Topic: <i>Reflections on my Naivete: Wishfully Thinking Public Pressure Might Change How Chinese Courts Handle Domestic Violence</i> Moderator: Prof. Nicole W.T. CHEUNG, Director, SGSD Lab
10:15– 11:00	Keynote Speech 2* (Online) <i>Live broadcast at forum venue</i>	Prof. Valarie BRAITHWAITE (Australian National University, Australia) Topic: <i>Motivational Postures of Tax Authorities Concerning Tax Avoidance of Global Digital Companies</i> Moderator: Prof. Jin SUN, Executive Director, SGSD Lab
11:00– 11:15	Coffee Break	

Time (HK Time)	Session	Speakers
11:15– 12:50	Panel Presentation 1 [^]	1. Prof. Jieren HU (Hangzhou City University) Topic: <i>Mechanical Responsiveness: China's Online Petition System</i> 2. Prof. Michelle MIAO (The Chinese University of Hong Kong) Topic: <i>The Shifting Boundary of Dispute Resolution: Shared Courts and Changing Governance in China</i> (co-authored with Jieren HU) 3. Prof. Sishi WU (California State University, San Bernardino, USA) Topic: <i>AI-Piloted Sociolegal Survey Experiments</i> 4. Prof. Xiaojin CHEN (Tulane University, USA) Topic: <i>The Perception of Risks Among Potential Chinese Line Walkers: Evidence From Digital Data and Its Governance Challenges</i> 5. Prof. Bo JIANG (University of Macau) Topic: <i>Telegram and Social Unrest in Hong Kong—Quantifying the Connections Between Online Harm, Sentiment and Real-world Consequences</i> Moderator: Prof. Jin SUN, Executive Director, SGSD Lab
13:00– 14:00	Lunch at Chung Chi College Staff Club, CUHK (<i>by invitation only</i>)	
14:30– 15:15	Keynote Speech 3 [*]	Prof. Ivan Y. SUN (University of Delaware, USA) Topic: <i>Technology-driven to Media-driven Policing? Opportunities, Challenges, and Implications for Global Policing</i> Moderator: Prof. Sara H. ZHONG, Associate Director, SGSD Lab

Time (HK Time)	Session	Speakers
15:15– 16:00	Keynote Speech 4*	Prof. Yucheng LIANG (Sun Yat-sen University, China) Topic: <i>The Evolution of Crime Patterns and Their Governance Under the Transformation to a Digital Intelligence Society</i> Moderator: Prof. Sara H. ZHONG, Associate Director, SGSD Lab
16:00– 16:15	Coffee Break	
16:15– 17:50	Panel Presentation 2^	1. Prof. Hong LU (University of Nevada, Las Vegas, USA) Topic: <i>Regional Variations in Guardianship and Fatality Rates: An Analysis of Terrorist Activities Using the Global Terrorism Database (GTD)</i> 2. Prof. Bin JIANG (The University of Hong Kong) Topic: <i>Greenness, Deprivation, and Fatal Police Shootings: A Five-Year Nationwide Study in the United States</i> 3. Prof. Mengyan DAI (Old Dominion University, USA) Topic: <i>Enhancing Crime Analysis and Policing Strategies with CARESim: An Agent-based Approach</i> 4. Dr. Kai LIN (University of Technology Sydney, Australia) Topic: <i>Semi/Autonomous Robots in Policing—Assessing Australian Public’s Perceptions and Concerns</i> 5. Prof. Xinting WANG (Ball State University, USA) Topic: <i>Applying Machine Learning in Crime Forecasting: A Pilot Study of UCR Data from IMPD</i> Moderator: Prof. Nicole W.T. CHEUNG, Director, SGSD Lab

Time (HK Time)	Session	Speakers
17:50– 18:20	Future Collaboration Roundtable	Guided discussion on: • Emerging research priorities in digital-age social governance • Potential partnerships with SGSD Lab projects • Collaborative grant opportunities and academic exchanges Moderator: Prof. Nicole W.T. CHEUNG, Director, SGSD Lab and Prof. Sara H. ZHONG, Associate Director, SGSD Lab
18:20– 18:30	Forum Closing Remarks	• Thank-you addresses to keynote speakers, presenters and participants • Announcement of SGSD Lab follow-up initiatives Prof. Nicole W.T. CHEUNG, Director, SGSD Lab
19:00	Dinner at Shatin 18, Hyatt Regency Hong Kong, Shatin (<i>by invitation only</i>)	

* **Keynote Speech:** 30-minute presentation followed by a 15-minute Q&A.

^ **Panel Presentation:** 15-minute presentation for each presenter, with a 20-minute Q&A after all presentations in each panel.

Information of Keynote Speakers and Presenters

Keynote Speakers

Valarie BRAITHWAITE

Professor, School of Regulation and Global Governance, Australian National University, Australia

Yucheng LIANG

Professor, School of Sociology and Anthropology, Sun Yat-sen University, China

Ethan MICHELSON

Professor, Department of Sociology, Department of East Asian Languages and Cultures, and Maurer School of Law, Indiana University Bloomington, USA

Ivan Y. SUN

Professor, Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice, University of Delaware, USA

Presenters

Xiaojin CHEN

Professor, Department of Sociology, Tulane University, USA

Mengyan DAI

Professor, Sociology and Criminal Justice, Old Dominion University, USA

Jieren HU

Professor, Law School, Hangzhou City University, China

Bin JIANG

Associate Professor in Landscape Architecture, Department of Architecture, The University of Hong Kong

Bo JIANG

Assistant Professor of Criminology, Department of Sociology, University of Macau

Kai LIN

Lecturer in Criminology, School of International Studies and Education, University of Technology Sydney, Australia

Hong LU

Professor, Criminal Justice Department, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, USA

Michelle MIAO

Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, The Chinese University of Hong Kong

Xinting WANG

Assistant Professor, Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology, Ball State University, USA

Sishi WU

Assistant Professor, School of Criminology and Criminal Justice, California State University, San Bernardino, USA

Venue information

Forum Venue: Room 422, 4/F, Sino Building, CUHK (see the map below)

5-minute walk from Exit A/D, University MTR Station ([Route](#))

Lunch Venue: Chung Chi College Staff Club, CUHK (see the map below)

1-minute walk from Sino Building / 7-minute walk from Exit A, University MTR Station ([Route](#))

Dinner Venue: Shatin 18, Hyatt Regency Hong Kong, Shatin

7-minute walk from Sino Building / 5-minute walk from Exit B, University MTR Station ([Route](#))



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