

FACULTY OF LAW

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN LAWS

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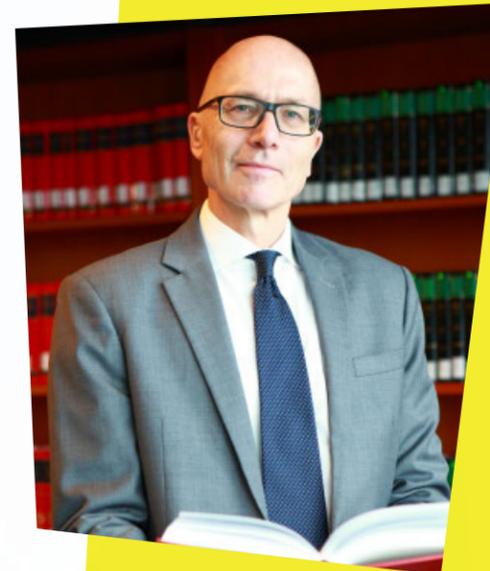
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MESSAGE from the Dean



The Faculty of Law of The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK LAW) was established in 2004. With an emphasis on very practice-oriented programmes delivered by first-class professors from over 20 different jurisdictions, the adoption of innovative teaching methods and last but not least the recruitment of a highly qualified student body, CUHK LAW has moved from strength to strength since then. The outstanding quality of our taught programmes is globally acknowledged and evidenced by collaborations with many leading law schools in the world. The research conducted by our professors and by our research students meets the highest standards and generates significant impact. We are proud that CUHK LAW is on a regular basis ranked amongst the top 50 law schools in the world. We are providing a truly global learning environment. In 2018 CUHK LAW was ranked by the Times Higher Education (THE) ranking exercise the most international law school worldwide.

The CUHK LAW research postgraduate (RPg) programmes are designed for top students who wish to pursue a MPhil or a PhD degree. Our RPg students are admitted after a rigorous and highly competitive selection process. Supervised by top experts in their respective fields they are trained to conduct legal research at the highest level. Their postgraduate stipend comes with a travel grant to present research output at international conferences. Our RPg students produce cutting-edge and often award-winning research which allows them to set their mark in the very early years of their careers. Many of our past RPg students have assumed prestigious positions in academia or legal practice around the world.

We are CUHK LAW! Join us if you are committed to excellence in legal research and if you are ready to undertake an elite RPg programme!

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Professor Lutz-Christian Wolff
Wei Lun Professor of Law
Dean, Faculty of Law

MESSAGE

from the Programme Director

The CUHK Faculty of Law PhD and MPhil in Laws Programmes offer two of the great opportunities in legal education. You will, if accepted, spend two to four years researching and writing about a topic you are passionate about while getting all the support you will need for such a major intellectual endeavor.

With our funding scheme, you will be supported generously enough that you can live comfortably without having to work for additional remuneration while you earn your PhD or MPhil in Laws. At the same time, you will have committed, research-active professors as supervisors; many of whom have some of the most distinguished research records in their respective fields of interest.

You will have fellow students from around the world to inspire you in what is a close-knit community with their own dedicated space in the Faculty. Our student-friendly support framework provides you with the formal guidance and encouragement which you will need. This will include multiple opportunities each year to present your work to other professors and peers, classroom support (with seminars on research and thesis writing) and also a team of two supervisors who will check in with you regularly in order to sustain your research momentum.

Your experience with our programmes will unfold in different stages. Following admission, our students have opportunities to apply for scholarships for research and study outside of Hong Kong, as well as access to some of the best library resources in Asia. After graduation our degree will empower you and give you the confidence to seek out careers in academia, legal practice, in the commercial world as well as in public service and the non-profit sector.

At CUHK Law, the administrative staff members take excellent individual care of each student. Our programmes provide each of our students with opportunities throughout the year to get together and offer support to one another. You will join a group of researchers who work closely together and with their professors. So let me say how pleased we are that you are considering CUHK Law. We hope you will be able to join us on a journey where you can think deeply about your chosen subject and make exciting discoveries at one of the great international law faculties.



Professor Chin Leng Lim
Choh-Ming Li Professor of Law
Director, Research Postgraduate Programmes



Why Earn a Law PhD or MPhil Degree?

The Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) in Laws is the most advanced research degree in law. The PhD is a research degree that can prepare a student for a career in fields as varied as teaching, research, consulting and law practice. Students are required to conduct thorough research on a novel topic and write a thesis of publishable quality that makes an original contribution to legal scholarship.

The Master of Philosophy (MPhil) in Laws is a degree for students who want to pursue advanced research, so as to become expert in an area of law or on a complex topic that can help open doors to similar career opportunities. Study in the MPhil Programme can also lead to admission to the PhD Programme, subject to the Faculty's evaluation of the student's academic performance during his or her MPhil study period.

Dissertations for both PhD and MPhil in Laws are written under the guidance of a member of the Faculty as supervisor, and in most cases another faculty member as co-supervisor, and assessed by an independent examination committee.

The CUHK Law Faculty has a limited number of places available for each of these Programmes each year. Placement is very competitive.

Why Hong Kong and The Chinese University of Hong Kong are Your Choice

Hong Kong is not only a leading international financial and trade centre, but also hosts some of Asia's leading universities, including CUHK. Beyond Asia, international university ranking exercises have appraised universities in Hong Kong as among the best in the world. Hong Kong stands as a gateway between the best traditions of Western learning and a region which presents many of the most interesting and exciting objects of contemporary legal, economic, and cultural research.

You can write your PhD or MPhil in Laws with the CUHK Law Faculty in English, while enjoying unparalleled access to resources in Chinese and about Asia. You will receive one-on-one guidance from the CUHK Law Faculty, whose members represent all of the world's major jurisdictions and are actively engaged in a broad array of research. Your own research will be financed either by the University in the form of a studentship or by the Hong Kong Government in the form of a fellowship.



Conduct Your Research with Our Leading Scholars

Financial Support

Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme (HKPFS)

The HKPFS was created by Hong Kong Research Grants Council in 2009 to give Hong Kong universities world class financing for our most promising full-time PhD students. It awards a monthly stipend of HK\$26,600 and an annual conference travel allowance of HK\$13,300 for up to three years. If a Fellowship winner has a normative study period of four years, CUHK will provide financing at the same level during the fourth year. If you would like to know more about the HKPFS, please visit the following URL for further details:

<http://www.rgc.edu.hk/hkphd>

CUHK Vice-Chancellor's HKPFS Scholarship

Fellowship winners are offered a tuition fee waiver for their whole normative study period and an award of HK\$40,000 for lodging in the first year of study and HK\$20,000 in the subsequent years within the normative study period. CUHK guarantees on-campus accommodation during the normative study period to Fellowship winners who submit timely applications. The on-campus hostel fee will be waived in the first year of study.

CUHK Postgraduate Studentships

Even if not awarded a Hong Kong PhD Fellowship, all candidates admitted to the Law Faculty's full-time PhD or MPhil Programme still receive a generous stipend during the normative research and writing period that, for the current academic year, amounts to HK\$18,025 monthly. Funding for conferences and research-related travel is also available.

CUHK Vice-Chancellor's PhD Scholarship Scheme

Besides CUHK Postgraduate Studentship, PhD candidates who are nominated to the HKPFS by CUHK but not being selected for HKPFS will be offered an award of HK\$80,000 in three instalments (i.e. HK\$40,000 in the first year and HK\$20,000 in each of the second and third year of study, subject to satisfactory study progress).

Tuition Waiver Scheme for Local Research Postgraduate Students

The Hong Kong Government grants a tuition waiver to all current and newly admitted local full-time PhD and MPhil students enrolled in UGC-funded RPg programmes for their entire normative period of study.

The CUHK Law Faculty, consisting of over 50 academic staff members, actively pursues research on a broad range of topics. Our faculty members have studied in leading universities around the world, including in the UK, China, the US, Australia and Continental Europe. They bring their global visions to focus on legal problems affecting Hong Kong, China, various domestic jurisdictions and the international community of nations. You can learn more about the interests and activities of individual faculty members from the faculty website. Below we list the areas in which our Faculty can offer you experienced guidance in your research:



- Administrative Law
- Aviation Law
- Banking Law
- Business Law
- Chinese Law
- Common Law
- Company Law
- Comparative Law
- Competition Law
- Conflict of Laws
- Constitutional Law
- Construction Law
- Contract Law
- Criminal Law
- Cyberlaw
- Dispute Resolution
- Employment Law
- Environmental Law
- Ethics and the Law
- European Union Law
- Evidence
- Family Law
- Financial Law
- Gender and the Law
- Human Rights Law
- Immigration Law
- Information & Privacy Law
- Insurance Law
- Intellectual Property Law
- International Arbitration
- International Criminal Law
- International Investment Law
- International Trade Law
- Jurisprudence
- Land Law
- Law and Film
- Law and Literature
- Law of Equity
- Legal History
- Legal Philosophy
- Private International Law
- Public International Law
- Remedies
- Shipping Law
- Tax Law
- Tort Law
- Wills and Trusts
- WTO Law

Professor Anatole Boute

Professor Boute specializes in energy, environment and investment law, with a focus on the legal aspects governing the clean energy transition. He is the author of *Energy Security along the New Silk Road* (Cambridge University Press, 2019) and *Russian Electricity and Energy Investment Law* (Brill Nijhoff, 2015). Based on his research, he advised the major multilateral development banks on renewable energy and energy market reform.



Education & Qualifications

- PhD, University of Groningen
- LLM, University of Leuven
- M. Pol. Sc., University of Leuven
- LLB, University of Saint Louis (Brussels)
- B. Pol. Sc., University of Saint Louis (Brussels)
- Admitted to Practice in Brussels

Professor Noam Noked

Professor Noked's research focuses on tax law and policy, exploring ways to improve international tax standards and domestic tax laws. He is also the Honorary Secretary of the Joint Liaison Committee on Taxation. He has worked as a tax lawyer in the Hong Kong office of Baker McKenzie, advising on U.S. and international tax matters.



Education & Qualifications

- SJD, Harvard University
- LLM, Harvard University (waived)
- LLB and BA (Accounting), Tel Aviv University
- Admitted to practice law in the State of New York
- Admitted to practice law in Israel

A Sampling of Our International Faculty

Professor Samuli Seppänen

Professor Seppänen's research focuses on legal and political thought in China and developmental aspects of international law. His publications include *Ideological Conflict and the Rule of Law in Contemporary China: Useful Paradoxes* (Cambridge University Press, 2016) and articles in international law journals.

Education & Qualifications

- SJD, Harvard University
- LLM, Harvard University (degree waived for SJD degree)
- LLM, University of Helsinki



Professor James Zeng

Professor Zeng graduated from Yale Law School with an LLM and a JSD degree. Prior to that, Professor Zeng graduated from Peking University (LLB, BA in Economics, MPhil in Law). He passed the National Judicial Examination of China and is admitted to the New York State Bar. His research interests include corporate law and finance, comparative law, and law and economics.

Education & Qualifications

- JSD, Yale University
- LLM, Yale University
- LLM, Peking University
- LLB, Peking University
- BA in Economics, Peking University



Conduct Your Research with Our Great Resources

The University and the Law Faculty provide plenty of scholarship and exchange opportunities for students admitted to the PhD and MPhil Programmes. Here are some examples from previous years for reference:

- CUHK Research Postgraduate Student Grants for Overseas Academic Activities
- Endeavour Research Fellowship
- Global Scholarship Programme for Research Excellence
- PhD Student Exchange Programme

In addition, the CUHK Law Library supports the Faculty's objective to remain a prominent centre for legal scholarship and training in the 21st century. Its collection of electronic resources, which can be accessed remotely, is particularly strong. A collection of over 131,400 volumes of books, bound periodicals and other materials on law and law-related subjects, 104 leading databases, a constantly expanding number of electronically available texts, monographs and reference works, as well as over 6,000 e-journal titles, accompanied of course by the interdisciplinary collections housed in the rest of the CUHK libraries. A separate Legal Resources Centre also includes our Faculty's Mediation Institute Collection, which was assembled in 2009.



Support Framework for Research Postgraduate Students

In-House Roundtable Presentations

On an annual basis, students must present their works-in-progress in an in-house roundtable setting before faculty and other students. This gives them an opportunity to get comfortable presenting their research and honing it as well as providing them a forum for feedback.

Classroom Supervision

In the first part of their studies, students take a four-course sequence to help them with orienting to research postgraduate studies, conducting research, obtaining law teaching skills, and drafting a thesis. "Orientation to Research Postgraduate Studies" in the first term provides an overview of salient issues students will deal with during the period of their research, such as topic refinement, the student-supervisor relationship, and time management. "Research Methodologies" in the second term introduces students to different modes of conducting and organizing research and understanding research methodologies. "Legal Education Practicum" equips research postgraduate students with the skills and the necessary confidence to engage in law school classroom teaching as well as to reflect critically and constructively upon that teaching. The course consists of a seminar in the first term. In the second term students shadow a course teacher. "Legal Academic Composition for Research Postgraduate Students" in the third term helps students prepare to write their thesis, including drafting an effective abstract, mastering paragraph structure and adopting the academic writing style. Each course provides students with feedback, via classroom exercises, external class assignments and an end-of-semester evaluation regarding the course materials.

Review Panels

Each year students meet with a review panel and their supervisors to assess their progress in the research and thesis writing processes.

Hong Kong Law Research Postgraduate Symposium

The Hong Kong Law Research Postgraduate Symposium annually brings together law or law-focused PhD, SJD and MPhil students from all universities in Hong Kong, providing them with the opportunity to present and engage in dialogues regarding their research. It provides a forum for such students to make and renew acquaintances as well as contribute toward a more collegial and intellectually vibrant law research environment in Hong Kong. The Symposium is bookended by Keynote Presentations delivered by distinguished Hong Kong law professors.

The Hong Kong Law Research Postgraduate Symposium is organized and sponsored by CUHK Law Faculty and takes place on an annual basis. Each CUHK Law research postgraduate student presents at the Symposium.

Student Careers

The Faculty runs a careers advice programme that can support its research postgraduate students in many ways.

Law Student Careers Office

The Faculty's Law Student Careers Office provides students with guidance on career choices, career preparation, job applications and professional development. The Faculty's Director of Career Planning and Professionalism, Mr. Paul Mitchard QC, has designed and runs a programme which includes seminars on career and professionalism topics and presentations by representatives of law firms, barristers' chambers and other prospective employers. The Office additionally maintains an alumni e-mentoring programme for the benefit of all the students of the Faculty.

Virtual Careers Resource Centre

The Law Student Careers Office also maintains a Virtual Careers Resource Centre (VCRC). This is a powerful online resource that serves as a contact point for employers, teaching faculty members and students. The VCRC has a Legal Careers Directory that contains up-to-date information on law firms and chambers and on internships and other employment opportunities in Hong Kong. The VCRC website also notifies careers seminars and other events as well as providing students with information on matters such as job applications and CV preparation and with a wide range of other career-related resources, with a focus on the need for job applicants to be able to demonstrate professional skills as well as academic achievement.



“ **Mr. Paul Mitchard QC**
Director of Career Planning and Professionalism

The demands of legal recruiters are becoming increasingly sophisticated: it is therefore important for students, right from the start of their university career, to keep abreast of what is going to be required of them in addition to academic achievement and to take steps to enable them to meet those demands. ”



WHAT Our Students Say

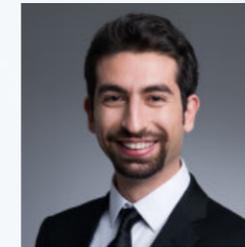
PhD thesis on the continuity of treaties in cases of state unification: a Korean case study

CUHK Faculty of Law provides its Ph.D. candidates with vast opportunities. Not only are candidates provided with opportunities within the campus with its diverse and engaging seminars held by the Faculty along with its numerous conferences, but they are also provided with opportunities globally. During my third year, I was thankfully given the great opportunity to visit the United States as a visiting scholar. Without the CUHK Law's support, I will not have been able to gain the insights I have gained during my stay in Washington D.C. Last but not least, the campus itself is a beautiful and quiet place to study as well as to enjoy the lovely greenery. Truly a wonderful place to enjoy the campus life. Studying at CUHK Law is definitely a place of opportunities and a place to grow as an academic scholar.

As a Ph.D. candidate at CUHK Law, I have gradually developed the necessary skills to help me become a better researcher and scholar in my field of expertise. All of this would not have been possible without the support from my supervisors, the faculty and my colleagues.



Angela Kim



Can Eken

PhD thesis on third-party funding in investment arbitration

Before joining the PhD program at CUHK, I completed my LLM at the London School of Economics and Political Science. I am a licensed attorney in Turkey and the state of California. I have enjoyed my time in Hong Kong working with the distinguished faculty members from CUHK and extraordinary scholars from all around the world. I have had great support from my former supervisor, Professor Julien Chaisse, and current supervisors Professor Bryan Druzin and Professor Fernando Dias Simões. With their encouragement and support, I attended various conferences as a speaker during my first year in Australia, the United Kingdom, and Singapore. I was also a finalist of the CIBEL Global Network PhD Scholar Prize in Sydney. I spent the 2019/20 academic year at Stanford University as a visiting student researcher, during which I completed the framework for my empirical research. These enriching experiences stand as a testament to the ample opportunities CUHK provides, and they are endless. In the summer of 2021, I will spend two months at the prestigious Max Planck Institute in Luxembourg as an in-resident scholar. For those who are considering CUHK, I promise you a challenging, enlightening, and rewarding journey at the Faculty of Law.



Jamieson
Kirkwood

PhD thesis on investment dispute resolution along China's belt and road towards a new paradigm

I completed the LLM in International Economic Law in 2012-2013 and had the opportunity to observe first-hand the outstanding faculty and resources available at CUHK. Furthermore, I was particularly attracted to work with my supervisor during my PhD. CUHK has a fantastic campus in Shatin and I am able to pursue many extra-curricular activities including taking Mandarin classes. I even had the opportunity to attend an intensive two-work Mandarin course in Mainland China with the full support of CUHK. Amongst the other research postgraduate students in the law faculty you will find a vibrant mix of intelligent and friendly people from different parts of the globe. I remain fluid and open-minded as regards my career aspirations. Nevertheless, I wish to increase my expertise in Asian Investment Law & Dispute Resolution and my PhD at CUHK and becoming fluent in Mandarin will greatly assist in this.

PhD thesis on trends, dynamics and reform of international investment law in Africa: an ECOWAS case study

My doctoral dissertation focuses on identifying key trends and dynamics of foreign investment protection law in Africa. Studying at CUHK Law has been very rewarding as I have received excellent supervision and support from my advisors, Professors Chin Leng Lim and Bryan Mercurio. Overall, CUHK has provided great opportunities for legal research, global exchange and scholarship. CUHK is a great place for studying international economic law. It is at the heart of a vibrant arbitration community, maintains close links with Hong Kong's legal community and is home to edge cutting legal research. In the summer of 2019, I interned for three months as an international arbitration trainee at the Hong Kong office of a Top 10 Global Law Firm. Also, in my final semester, I was a visiting doctoral researcher at the Max Planck Institute Luxembourg for International, European and Regulatory Procedural Law. CUHK law staff provided administrative support during my internship and academic exchange.



Kehinde
Olaoye

PhD thesis on the whole is greater than the sum of its parts: cumulative disadvantage of defendants with mental health disorder in Magistrates' Courts in Hong Kong

Researching about the criminal justice system in Hong Kong has been my aspiration, for which I am deeply grateful to CUHK Law for the academic training all along since my undergraduate study. What brought me here was the vibrant research culture and diverse research profile CUHK Law has cultivated over the years. I have received excellent guidance and support from my supervisors. They are approachable and often provide constructive feedback to my study with full enthusiasms. The well-established links with the international academic community enable me to fully explore my research interest. I was lucky enough to receive the Fulbright-RGC Hong Kong Research Scholar Award and visited Arizona State University (ASU) School of Criminology and Criminal Justice for six months. During my research sojourn at ASU, I was able to interact and collaborate with prestigious scholars in the field. CUHK Law has prepared me for these incredible research opportunities, which are essential to my professional development. The vibrant research environment in CUHK Law has also encouraged me to share my research to a wider local and international audience. Upon graduation, I am excited to translate my own research into constructive and meaningful changes that progress towards a better criminal justice system in Hong Kong.



Becky Leung

How to Apply

The following schematically presents our PhD and MPhil Programmes:

Study Mode and Period

PhD Programme

	Normative Study Period		Maximum Study Period
	With Research Master's Degree	Without Research Master's Degree	
Full-time	36 months	48 months	84 months
Part-time	48 months	64 months	96 months

MPhil Programme

	Normative Study Period	Maximum Study Period
Full-time	2 years	4 years
Part-time	3 years	5 years

Admission Requirements

All applicants must fulfill the CUHK General Admissions Requirements and English Language Proficiency Requirements. Details can be found at <https://www.gs.cuhk.edu.hk/>.

In addition, MPhil applicants must possess:

- (a) a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) degree with first class honours or upper second class honours awarded by a recognized university; or
- (b) a Juris Doctor (JD) degree or a Master of Laws (LLM) degree awarded by a recognized university with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above; or
- (c) an equivalent degree (including non-law related) awarded by a recognized tertiary educational institution.

PhD applicants must possess either (b) or (c) as mentioned above. Of course, these are only minimum requirements, and actual admission on a competitive basis could demand much more.

Applicants must satisfy the English Language Proficiency Requirement by:

- (a) possessing a Bachelor's degree awarded by a recognized university in Hong Kong or an English-speaking country, or taught primarily in the English Language; or
- (b) achieving a result of Band 7.0 or better in the International English Language Testing System (IELTS). IELTS test results must be obtained not more than two years prior to the date of applying for admission to the PhD/MPhil Programme; or
- (c) achieving at least a score of 587 (Paper Based Test) or 95 (Internet Based Test) in the Test of English as Foreign Language (TOEFL). TOEFL test results must be obtained not more than two years prior to the date of applying for admission to the PhD/MPhil Programme; or
- (d) providing alternative evidence of English Proficiency equivalent to one of the preceding measures.

Applicants for the Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme, please visit the website of the Scheme for additional admission requirements.

Tuition Fee (subject to annual review)

HK\$42,100 per year for both full-time and part-time PhD and MPhil students.

Application Period and Procedures

- (a) For applicants to the Hong Kong PhD Fellowship Scheme

Application deadline (Hong Kong Time)

- 1 December 2020 at 12 noon

Submit an initial application to RGC at <http://www.rgc.edu.hk/hkphd>

- 1 December 2020 at 5 pm

Submit full application to CUHK at <https://www.gs.cuhk.edu.hk/admissions/>

- (b) For non-Fellowship applicants

Application deadline

- 29 January 2021

Submit application to CUHK at <https://www.gs.cuhk.edu.hk/admissions/>

The Faculty considers applications on a rolling basis. We encourage you to send us your application and supporting materials as early as possible. A decision on your application will be made by the Faculty and CUHK and, if admitted, an appropriate supervisor and/or co-supervisor will be assigned. Please do not contact faculty members directly with requests for admission and supervision.

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