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## First Tax Law Colloquium:

### FEDERAL QUESTIONS RELATED TO NATIONAL TAXATION

14 September 2012, 12:30 – 2:00 p.m.

#### *Speakers:*

- ☞ **Prof. Cui Wei**, *China University of Political Science and Law School of American and Comparative Law*
- ☞ **Prof. Flavio Rubinstein**, *Fundação Getúlio Vargas–FGV School of Law; São Judas University School of Law*
- ☞ **Mr. Patrick Yip**, *International Tax Partner, Deloitte China*

**Chair and Moderator: Prof. Xu Yan**, *The Chinese University of Hong Kong Faculty of Law*

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Taxation and intergovernmental relations have been a persistent issue in both the industrialized and developing worlds. In China, a comprehensive tax reform in 1994 thrust the nation's fiscal system towards centralization, but at the same time it put in place a structure necessary for the development of fiscal decentralization. Further reform of the fiscal and taxation relations across levels of government is on the agenda of China's 12th Five Year Plan (2011-2015). This tax law colloquium will focus on the issue from a comparative tax policy perspective, addressing related problems in tax legislation and tax administration.

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**Time:** 12:30-2:00p.m.

**Venue:** The Chinese University of Hong Kong Graduate Law Centre, 2/F Bank of America Tower, 12 Harcourt Road, Central, Hong Kong

All are welcome! Admission is free of charge!

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## About the Speakers



**Prof. Cui Wei** is an Associate Professor at the China University of Political Science and Law in Beijing. His current research interests include consumption tax theory and practice, international taxation, the rule of law in tax administration, and fiscal federalism. He has advised the Budgetary Affairs Commission of China's National People's Congress, the Ministry of Finance and other Chinese government agencies on a variety of tax policy matters.



**Prof. Flavio Rubinstein** is a Professor at *Fundação Getúlio Vargas–FGV School of Law* and at *São Judas University School of Law*, besides guest lecturing on a regular basis at numerous postgraduate courses and conferences. He has authored or co-authored several papers and books, both in Brazil and abroad, and is a member of the Writing Committee of the European international tax law journal *Rivista Diritto e Pratica Tributaria Internazionale*, as well as the Brazilian correspondent of IBFD's Derivatives and Financial Instruments journal. His research focuses on international taxation and public finance, with a particular emphasis on Brazilian tax policy, the taxation of inbound investments in Brazil, fiscal federalism, tax incentives and oil, gas and mining royalties. Mr. Rubinstein is a partner at *Vettori, Rubinstein and Foz Advogados*, a law firm based in Sao Paulo, Brazil.



**Mr. Patrick Yip** is an International Tax Partner at Deloitte China. He specializes in US international taxation, China/Hong Kong cross-border taxation and M&A transactions. His clients include some of the world's largest private equity funds, sovereign funds and multinational companies. He also advises high-net worth individuals on multi-jurisdictional trust and estate planning, in particular in the IPO context. He regularly speaks at seminars and conferences and is widely published and frequently interviewed by the press. He has been involved in tax policy discussions with both the Hong Kong and Chinese tax authorities. He is a member of the AICPA and HKICPA. He won an award in the State of Texas for his CPA exam results. He was named by *International Tax Review* as a Leading Individual in Tax.



**Prof. Xu Yan** joined the Faculty from the University of Hong Kong. She has held visiting fellowships at the New York University Law School and Fordham Law School in the United States and the University of Linz in Austria. She was recently awarded a Visiting Fellowship at the University of New South Wales in Australia. She has published in a range of international journals, presented papers at conferences in four continents, and been invited as article reviewer for journals and books. Prof. Xu's research interests include Constitutional Development and Taxation Reforms, PRC Tax Law and Policy, Comparative Tax Law, Tax History, and Constitutional and Administrative Law.



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