CRJ Public Seminar

“Gender, Sexuality and the Law in China”

By

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Abstract of the Seminar: More than 50 years after the 1954 Constitution enshrined equality under the law for all citizens in the new People’s Republic of China, issues related to gender equality and the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) individuals remain highly contested in contemporary China. Although both women’s rights and LGBT rights can be viewed as challenging Confucian social norms prioritizing the family unit, the social and legal context in which gender equality and LGBT rights activists work differ in many ways. This event will discuss the current context of state regulation of gender and sexuality in contemporary China, and its effects on social movements seeking to promote gender equality and LGBT rights.

Speaker Biography: Joy Chia is currently a Visiting Scholar (honorary) with the Centre for Rights and Justice at CUHK’s Faculty of Law. She was most recently the 2010-2012 Asia Law and Justice Fellow at the Leitner Center for International Law and Justice at Fordham Law School in New York City, where she managed the Center's Asia Law and Justice Program. Joy has worked on many human rights issues, including gender and sexuality, the rights of refugees and immigrants, public health, and the protection of Chinese human rights defenders and lawyers. She has also been an Adjunct Professor at Fordham Law School teaching seminars on topics including international law; legal advocacy and human rights in Asia; and gender/sexuality and the law.

All are welcome! If you would like to attend, please register by 28 November, 2012 via http://nems.law.cuhk.edu.hk/online-registration/?event_id=313

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