The Centre was delighted to host Professor Vicki Jackson, Thurgood Marshall Professor of Constitutional Law at Harvard Law School for a seminar on Transnational Constitutionalism on Friday 28th October. Focusing on the need to cultivate a jurisprudence of transnational constitutionalism in a globalized world, Professor Jackson’s talk recaptured some of the themes of her book *Constitutional Engagement in a Transnational Era* (Oxford University Press, 2010). The book concerns the varying roles that comparative constitutional law and international law are playing, or not playing, in the processes of domestic constitution-making and constitutional interpretation in a number of countries around the world. In her talk Professor Jackson dispelled the misunderstanding that the US courts had not taken international and foreign laws and cases seriously and called for further transnational interaction of constitution-making and constitutional adjudication. Her talk has provided inspiration for Hong Kong constitutional scholars in exploring ways to develop a native constitutional jurisprudence that embraces international and comparative perspectives. Conducted in an aptly concise and effective manner, the talk was warmly received by the faculty and students.

**About the speaker:** Vicki C. Jackson, a leading expert on U.S. constitutional law, comparative constitutional law and federal courts, is the Thurgood Marshall Professor of Constitutional Law at Harvard Law School. Before joining Harvard Law School, Jackson was Carmack Waterhouse Professor of Constitutional Law at the Georgetown University Law Center, where she taught courses on constitutional law, comparative constitutional law, gender equality, federal courts, and the Supreme Court. She has participated in myriad professional activities and organizations. She served as a Deputy Assistant Attorney General in the Office of Legal Counsel at the U.S. Department of Justice. She has been a board member of the International Association of Constitutional Law since 1999, and served several years on the Advisory Board to the State and Local Legal