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Curriculum Vitae

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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

2024-present	Professor of Law, Director, Ved Nanda Center for International and Comparative Law , Sturm College of Law, University of Denver, teaching International Human Rights Law and International & Comparative Equality Law
2015-2024	Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Hong Kong (HKU), taught International and Regional Protection of Human Rights; Equality and Non-discrimination; International Protection of Refugees and Displaced Persons; National Protection of Human Rights; Seminar in Human Rights Research; Human Rights in Hong Kong; The Legal System of the Hong Kong SAR
2009-2024	Director, LL.M. in Human Rights Programme, HKU (Co-Director 2018-20)
2017-2019	Director, Centre for Comparative and Public Law, HKU
2014 & 2015	Visitor, University of New South Wales, Sydney, taught Advanced Issues in International Human Rights
2009-2015	Assistant Professor, Faculty of Law, HKU
2008-2015	Deputy Director, Centre for Comparative and Public Law, HKU
2006-2009	Research Assistant Professor (Human Rights), Faculty of Law, HKU
2002-2003	Assistant Research Officer, Centre for Comparative and Public Law, HKU

AWARDS, EDITORSHIPS, AND OTHER AFFILIATIONS

- International Advisory Board, [Centre for Comparative and Public Law](#), Faculty of Law, HKU (2024-present)
- International Advisory Board, [Asia-Pacific Journal on Human Rights and the Law](#) (2024-present)
- Member, [Global Academic Interdisciplinary Network for the UN Global Compact on Refugees](#) (2019-present)
- Advisory Board, [Berkeley Center on Comparative Equality & Anti-discrimination Law](#) (2016-2025)
- Co-Editor-in-Chief, *Asia Pacific Journal on Human Rights and the Law* (2013-2024)
- Articles Editor, [Hong Kong Law Journal](#) (2009-2024)
- Advisory Board, [Australian Journal of Human Rights](#) (2019-2023)

- Editorial Board, [*International Journal of Disability and Social Justice*](#) (2020-2022)
- Faculty Outstanding Teaching Award, HKU (2020)
- Awarded the Universitas 21 Fellowship, aimed at enriching the educational, research and scholarly functions of member institutions (2020-2021)
- Selected by HKU for HKU-10, a leadership program for ten of the University's "most promising female associate professors" (2019-20)
- Board Member, Hong Kong Dignity Institute (2019-2023)
- New Asia College Board of Trustees Member, Chinese University of Hong Kong (2015-2019)
- Board Member, Hong Kong Refugee Advice Centre/Justice Centre Hong Kong (2012-2014)
- Chairperson, Hong Kong Refugee Advice Centre (2008-2012)
- Executive Council Member, Amnesty International Hong Kong (2005-2007)

EDUCATION

LL.M. (Human Rights), The University of Hong Kong, Distinction (A+ average), Anna Wu Prize in Human Rights (2002)

B.A. (History), Yale University, Phi Beta Kappa, Distinction in the Major (1993)

RESEARCH INTERESTS

Public international law, international human rights law, international refugee law, comparative equality law, disability rights, LGBTQI+ rights, gender constitutionalism

ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

"A Bright Spot in the Security Era? LGBTQ+ Rights in Hong Kong" (forthcoming chapter in edited volume, HKU Press) (with Carole J. Petersen).

"The Evolution of LGBTQ+ Rights in Singapore, Hong Kong and Taiwan" (2026) 21 *University of Pennsylvania Asian Law Review* 43 (with Carole J. Petersen).

"Introduction to the DJILP Special Issues on Human Rights and Reproductive Justice: International and Comparative Perspectives" (2025) 54 *Denver Journal of International Law & Policy* (with Louise Seiler).

Gender, Sexuality and Constitutionalism in Asia (Hart Publishing, 2024) (co-edited with Wen-Chen Chang, Mara Malagodi & Ruth Rubio-Marín, eds.).

"Gender, Sexuality and Constitutionalism in Hong Kong" in Wen-Chen Chang, Kelley Loper, Mara Malagodi & Ruth Rubio-Marín (eds.), *Gender, Sexuality and Constitutionalism in Asia* (Hart Publishing, 2024) 85.

"Gender Constitutionalism in Asia: A Comparative Framework" in Wen-Chen Chang, Kelley Loper, Mara Malagodi & Ruth Rubio-Marín (eds.), *Gender, Sexuality and Constitutionalism in Asia* (Hart Publishing, 2024) (with Ruth Rubio-Marín, Wen-Chen Chang & Mara Malagodi).

"Introduction to the Special Section on Contemporary Challenges in Equality Law" (2023) 24(2) *Asia-Pacific Journal on Human Rights and the Law* 223.

“Equality, Dignity, and Same-Sex Marriage: Developments in Hong Kong” (2023) 53 *Hong Kong Law Journal* 37.

“Intersecting Crises and Exponential Inequalities: The View from Hong Kong” in Shreya Atrey & Sandra Fredman (eds.), *Exponential Inequalities: Equality Law in Times of Crisis* (OUP, 2023).

“Dignity as a Constitutional Value in Hong Kong: Toward a Contextual Approach?” in Jimmy Chia-Shin Hsu (ed.), *Human Dignity in Asia: Dialogue between Law and Culture* (CUP, 2022).

“Academic Freedom in the Shadow of Hong Kong’s National Security Law” in Fu Hualing & Michael Hor (eds.), *Hong Kong’s National Security Law: Restoration and Transformation* (HKU Press, 2022) (with Carole J. Petersen).

“Legal Capacity and the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities: An Alternative Framework to Promote Law Reform in Hong Kong and Beyond” (2021) 16 *Journal of Comparative Law* 692 (with Carole J. Petersen).

“Introduction: The Rohingya and the Andaman Sea Crisis: Six Years On” (2021) 22 *Asia Pacific Journal on Human Rights and the Law* 1 (with Madeline Gleeson).

“Right to Equality and Non-discrimination” in Johannes Chan & C.L. Lim (eds.), *Law of the Hong Kong Constitution* (3rd ed., Sweet & Maxwell, 2021) 1031 (1st & 2nd eds., 2011 & 2015).

“The European Union as Promoter of Equality in Asia: Beyond Economic Tools of Influence” in Thomas Giegerich (ed.), *The European Union as a Protector and Promoter of Equality* (Springer, 2020) 487 (with Holning Lau).

“The Courts, Societal Consensus, and the Rights of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender Persons: A Hong Kong Perspective” (2019) 20 *Australian Journal of Asian Law* 39.

“Human Rights and Substantive Equality: Prospects for Same-Sex Relationship Recognition in Hong Kong” (2019) 44 *North Carolina Journal of International Law* 273.

“Book Review: Eva Pils, *Human Rights in China, A Social Practice in the Shadows of Authoritarianism*” (2018) 16 *International Journal of Constitutional Law* 730.

“Contextual Factors Associated with Consistent Condom Use and Condom Self-efficacy amongst African Asylum Seekers and Refugees in Hong Kong” (2018) 23 *Infection, Disease and Health* 23 (with William Chi Wai Wong, Sealing Cheng, Heidi Yin Hai Miu, Jason J. Ong & Julie Chen).

“Assessing the *Tongzhi* Label: Self-Identification and Public Opinion” (2017) 64(4) *Journal of Homosexuality* 509 (with Holning Lau, Geoffrey Yeung, Rebecca L. Stotzer & Charles Lau).

“Mental Health of African Asylum-seekers and Refugees in Hong Kong: Using the Social Determinants of Health Framework” (2017) 17 *BMC Public Health* 153 (with William Chi Wai Wong, Sealing Cheung, Heidi Yin Hai Miu, Julie Chen & Eleanor Holroyd).

“Affirmative Action and Hong Kong Discrimination Law” in David B. Oppenheimer, Sheila R. Foster, Sora Y. Han & Richard T. Ford, *Comparative Equality & Anti-Discrimination Law* (2nd ed, Comparative Equality Press, 2017) 271. (Also included in the 3rd edition: Edward Elgar Publishing, 2020, 375).

“A Lost Tribe in the City: Health Status and Needs of African Asylum Seekers and Refugees in Hong Kong” (2016) 15 *International Journal for Equity and Health* 158 (with William Chi Wai Wong, Sealing Cheng, Eleanor Holroyd, Julie Chen, Lynn Tran & Heidi Yin Hai Miu).

“The Protection of Asylum Seekers in East Asian State Parties to the 1951 Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees and its 1967 Protocol” in Ademola Abass & Francesca Ippolito (eds.), *Regional Approaches to the Protection of Asylum Seekers: An International Legal Perspective* (Ashgate, 2014) 347.

“Equal Opportunities Law Reform in Hong Kong: The Impact of International Norms and Civil Society Advocacy” in Michael Tilbury, Simon N.M. Young & Ludwig Ng (eds.), *Reforming Law Reform: Perspectives on Law Reform Processes in Hong Kong and Beyond* (HKU Press, 2014) 173 (with Carole J. Petersen).

“Public Opinion in Hong Kong about Gays and Lesbians: The Impact of Interpersonal and Imagined Contact” (2014) 26(3) *International Journal of Public Opinion Research* 301 (with Holning Lau & Charles C. Lau).

“Prospects for Refugee Rights in Hong Kong: Toward the Legalization and Expansion of Protection from *Refoulement*” in Angus Francis & Rowena Maguire (eds.), *Protection of Refugees and Displaced Persons in the Asia Pacific Region* (Ashgate, 2013) 75.

“Constitutional Adjudication and Substantive Gender Equality in Hong Kong” in Beverley Baines, Daphne Barak-Erez & Tsvi Kahana (eds.), *Feminist Constitutionalism: Global Perspectives* (CUP, 2012) 149.

“Minority Language Rights and Education in China: The Relevance of Human Rights Law and Substantive Equality” in Gulbahar H. Beckett & Gerard A. Postiglione (eds.), *China’s Assimilationist Language Policy: The Impact on Indigenous/Minority Literacy and Social Harmony* (Routledge, 2012) 207.

“Substantive Equality in International Human Rights Law and its Relevance for the Resolution of Tibetan Autonomy Claims” (2011) 37 *North Carolina Journal of International Law and Commercial Regulation* 1.

“*W v Registrar of Marriages* and the Right to Equality in Hong Kong” (2011) 41 *Hong Kong Law Journal* 89.

“Application of Anti-discrimination Legislation” in Duncan Abate & Hong Tran (eds.), *Discrimination Law & Practice in Hong Kong* (Sweet & Maxwell, 2011) 6.

“Reflections on a Master of Laws in Human Rights Program in Asia” in *Human Rights Education in Asia-Pacific, Volume 2* (Osaka: Asia-Pacific Human Rights Education Center, 2011) 215.

“Human Rights, *Non-refoulement* and the Protection of Refugees in Hong Kong” (2010) 22 *International Journal of Refugee Law* 404.

“Equality and Inclusion in Education for Persons with Disabilities: Article 24 of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and its Implementation in Hong Kong” (2010) 40 *Hong Kong Law Journal* 417.

“Is There Space for ‘Genuine Autonomy’ for Tibetan Areas in the PRC’s System of Nationalities Regional Autonomy?” (2010) 17 *International Journal on Minority and Group Rights* 137 (with Yash P. Ghai & Sophia Woodman).

“Discrimination Law,” in Rick Glofcheski & Farzana Aslam (eds.), *Employment Law and Practice in Hong Kong* (1st and 2nd eds., Sweet & Maxwell 2010 and 2016) 303.

“Toward Comprehensive Refugee Legislation in Hong Kong? Reflections on Reform of the ‘Torture Screening’ Procedures” (2009) 39 *Hong Kong Law Journal* 253.

“One Step Forward, Two Steps Back? The Dilemma of Hong Kong’s Draft Race Discrimination Legislation” (2008) 38 *Hong Kong Law Journal* 15.

“A Secession Offence in Hong Kong and the ‘One Country, Two Systems’ Dilemma” in Fu Hualing, Carole J. Petersen and Simon N.M. Young (eds.), *National Security and Fundamental Freedoms: Hong Kong’s Article 23 Under Scrutiny* (HKU Press, 2005) 189.

“The Right to Self-Determination: Recent Developments in International Law and their Relevance for the Tibetan People” (2003) 33 *Hong Kong Law Journal* 167.

“The Montagnard Asylum Seekers: The Importance of Protecting the Human Rights of Refugees” (2003) *ISIL Yearbook of International Humanitarian and Refugee Law* 135.

CONSULTANCY STUDIES, POLICY REPORTS AND SUBMISSIONS

“[Support in Hong Kong for Same-sex Couples’ Rights Grew Over Ten Years \(2013-2023\): 60 Percent in Hong Kong Now Support Same-Sex Marriage](#),” Centre for Comparative and Public Law (2023) (with Holning Lau & Suen Yiu-Tung).

“[Public Interpretation Services for Ethnic Minorities in Hong Kong](#),” Study for the Hong Kong Equal Opportunities Commission (2021) (with Eva Ng & Jannie Leung).

“[Public Attitudes Towards Transgender People and Anti-discrimination Legislation](#),” Centre for Comparative and Public Law (2018) (with Holning Lau, Charles Lau & Suen Yiu-Tung). (Chinese version: 公眾對跨性別人士及保障跨性別人士的反歧視立法之民意調查).

“[Support in Hong Kong for Same-sex Couples’ Rights Grew Over Four Years \(2013-2017\)](#),” Centre for Comparative and Public Law (2018) (with Holning Lau, Charles Lau & Suen Yiu-Tung). (Chinese version: 對同性伴侶權利的支持度有所提升, 目前超過半數市民支持同性婚姻).

“[Submission to the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of all Forms of Racial Discrimination](#),” Centre for Comparative and Public Law (2018).

“[Submission to the Hong Kong Government’s Inter-departmental Working Group on Gender Recognition](#),” Centre for Comparative and Public Law (2017).

[“Submission for the Public Consultation on the Equal Opportunities Commission’s Discrimination Law Review,”](#) Centre for Comparative and Public Law (2014) (with Antonio DaRoza & Farzana Aslam).

[“Public Attitudes Towards Gays and Lesbians and Towards Sexual Orientation Discrimination Legislation,”](#) Centre for Comparative and Public Law (2014) (with Holning Lau & Charles Lau).

[“Research Shows a Majority of People in Hong Kong Support Gay and Lesbian Couples’ Rights, Not Necessarily Marriage,”](#) Centre for Comparative and Public Law (2014) (with Holning Lau & Charles Lau) (Chinese version: 研究表明香港市民雖較少支持同性婚姻，但多數支持同性伴侶權利).

[“Submission to the Hong Kong Legislative Council: Ways to Improve the Situation of Refugees, Torture Claimants and Asylum Seekers in Hong Kong,”](#) Centre for Comparative and Public Law (2013) (with Simon N.M. Young & Puja Kapai).

“UNHCR and The Protection of Refugees in Hong Kong: Legal and Political Developments and Prospects for Government Acceptance of Protection Responsibility,” Consultancy Study for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (2012).

[“Equality Law and Inclusion in Education: Recommendations for Legal Reform,”](#) Centre for Comparative and Public Law (2010).

[“Submission to the Hong Kong Legislative Council Panel on Public Service on Language Proficiency Requirements,”](#) Centre for Comparative and Public Law (2010).

“The Rights of Refugees and Asylum Seekers in Hong Kong,” Consultancy Report for Amnesty International (Hong Kong) (2009).

[“Alternative Report to the UN Committee on the Elimination of all Forms of Racial Discrimination,”](#) Centre for Comparative and Public Law (2009).

[“Hong Kong’s Draft Race Discrimination Legislation,”](#) Briefing Paper for the UN Committee on the Elimination of all Forms of Racial Discrimination, Centre for Comparative and Public Law (2008).

“Submission to the Hong Kong Legislative Council on Hong Kong’s International Legal Obligations toward Refugees and Asylum Seekers,” Centre for Comparative and Public Law (2006).

“China’s Constitutional and Legal Framework for Autonomy: Limitations and Possibilities for Tibetan Negotiations,” Consultancy Study for the Tibetan Parliament and Policy Research Centre (2005) (with Yash P. Ghai & Sophia Woodman).

“An External Study of Refugee Law and Practice in the Hong Kong SAR,” Consultancy Study for the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (2005) (with Roda Mushkat).

“Race and Equality: A Study of Ethnic Minorities in Hong Kong’s Education System” (2004) Centre for Comparative and Public Law Occasional Paper Series.

“Submission to the Legislative Council, the Department of Justice, and the Security Bureau of the Hong Kong SAR on the National Security (Legislative Provisions) Bill,” Centre for Comparative and Public Law (2003) (with Fu Hualing, Carole J. Petersen & Simon N.M. Young).

“Submission on the Proposals to Implement Article 23 of the Basic Law,” Centre for Comparative and Public Law (2002) (with Carole J. Petersen).

“Submission to the Home Affairs Bureau, Hong Kong SAR Government, on Racial Discrimination in Hong Kong,” Centre for Comparative and Public Law (2002).

OP-EDS

“How the UN Compact on Refugees Can Address the Rohingya Crisis,” *Asia Global Online*, 28 Nov 2019 (with Isabella Seif).

“Students’ Protest in No Way Undermines our Rule of Law,” *South China Morning Post*, 8 Oct 2014.

“Beware Racial Segregation in Hong Kong Schools,” *South China Morning Post*, 4 Aug 2011.

“Step by Step,” *South China Morning Post*, 28 June 2011 (with Holning Lau).

“Hong Kong’s Obligations toward Refugees and Asylum Seekers,” *Amnesty International Hong Kong Newsletter*, April 2006.

“Hong Kong’s Race Discrimination Bill: Serious Omissions in Any Language,” *South China Morning Post*, 20 Dec 2006.

“Refugees are our Responsibility Too,” *South China Morning Post*, 31 March 2006.

“Why Does Hong Kong Keep Stalling on Anti-racism Legislation?” *South China Morning Post*, 14 Nov 2002.

“Make Leaders Put Fairness First in Trade,” *South China Morning Post*, 3 July 2002.

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS, AND KEYNOTE SPEECHES

Invited Commentator, “*Anti-Racism as a Legal Principle* by Shreya Atrey,” Berkeley Center for Comparative Equality and Anti-discrimination Law, Viterbo, Italy (June 2026).

Invited Panellist, “A Necessary IDEA: International Human Rights Law and U.S. Public Policy in Differential Treatment of Social Groups,” American Branch of the International Law Association, International Law Weekend—West, New Frontiers, Evolving Rules: The Future of International Law, UCLA School of Law (Feb 2026).

Presenter, “A Bright Spot in the Security Era? LGBTQ+ Rights in Hong Kong,” Book Workshop, HKU (Dec 2025).

Invited Presenter, The Challenge to Democracies and International Law, Creighton Law Symposium (Oct 2025).

Presenter, *The Existential Problem of Climate Change: The International Court of Justice's Call to Action*, Ved Nanda Center for International & Comparative Law, University of Denver Sturm College of Law (Oct 2025).

Invited Commentator, *"Equality's Guardians: How Courts Conceptualize Equal Protection and Non-Discrimination Guarantees"* by Niels Petersen, Berkeley Center for Comparative Equality and Anti-discrimination Law, Ljubljana, Slovenia (July 2025).

Invited Commentator, *"Courts and LGBTQ+ Rights in an Age of Judicial Retrenchment"* by Rehan Abeyratne, Law and Society Association, Chicago (May 2025).

Invited Speaker, "Human Rights in Hong Kong: Challenges and Resilience," Denver Council on Foreign Relations (April 2025).

Invited Presenter, "The Right to (Substantive?) Equality in Hong Kong: Reflections on Recent Jurisprudence," LGBTQI+ Rights in Hong Kong: Steps Forward and Open Questions, Centre for Comparative and Public Law, HKU (virtual) (Jan 2025).

Presenter, "The Right to Equality in International Human Rights Law: Implications for Refugee Protection in Asia," Asian Law and Society Association, Sungkyunkwan University (SKKU), School of Law, Seoul, Korea (Dec 2024).

Presenter, "A Bright Spot in the Security Era? LGBTQ Rights in Hong Kong," Asian Constitutional Law Forum, HKU (Dec 2024).

Presenter, "Gender, Sexuality and Constitutionalism in Hong Kong," Book Talk: Gender, Sexuality and Constitutionalism in Asia, Taiwan National University, Taipei, Taiwan (Dec 2024).

Presenter, "The Evolution of LGBTQ+ Rights in Singapore, Hong Kong, and Taiwan," Is there Hope for Equality Law? Berkeley Center for Comparative Equality and Anti-discrimination Law, Oxford Human Rights Hub, Bengaluru, India (July 2024).

Presenter, "Gender, Sexuality and Constitutionalism in Asia," The Future of Public Law: Resilience, Sustainability and Artificial Intelligence, International Society of Public Law, Madrid (July 2024).

Invited Commentator, *"Trust, Courts and Social Rights: A Trust-Based Framework for Social Rights Enforcement"* by David Vitale, The Future of Public Law: Resilience, Sustainability and Artificial Intelligence, International Society of Public Law, Madrid (July 2024).

Presenter, "The Evolution of LGBTQ+ Rights in Singapore, Hong Kong and Taiwan," Law and Society Association, Denver (June 2024).

Invited Panellist, "[The Erosion of Hong Kong's Autonomy since 2020: Implications for the United States](#)," Center for Strategic and International Studies (virtual) (May 2024).

Invited Panellist, "LGBTQ+ Rights in Hong Kong, the Courts, and National Security," Law and Society in NSL-Era Hong Kong: Challenges and Opportunities, Association for Asian Studies, Seattle (March 2024).

Presenter, “*Sham Tsz Kit v. Secretary for Justice* and the Right to Equality and Nondiscrimination,” *Sham Tsz Kit v. Secretary for Justice: A New Chapter for Same-Sex Couples in Hong Kong*, Centre for Comparative and Public Law, HKU (Nov 2023).

Presenter, “The Right to Equality in International Human Rights Law and Refugee Protection in Asia,” Equality Law in Context: Illuminating Intersections in Search for Global Justice, Berkeley Center on Comparative Equality & Anti-Discrimination Law Annual Conference, Utrecht University (June 2023).

Invited Commentator, “Road to Same-Sex Marriage Equality in Japan,” HKU (virtual) (Dec 2022).

Invited Panelist, “Intersecting Crises and Exponential Inequalities,” Berkeley Center on Comparative Equality & Anti-Discrimination Law Annual Conference, HKU (virtual) (June 2022).

Invited Presenter, “Judges and Gender Diversity: The View from Hong Kong,” Asian Constitutional Law Forum, Taipei (virtual) (May 2022).

Invited Commentator, “*Democracies and International Law* by Tom Ginsburg,” Centre for Comparative and Public Law, HKU (virtual) (Jan 2022).

Presenter, “Legal Capacity and the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities: An Alternative Framework to Promote Reform in Hong Kong and Beyond,” Berkeley Center on Comparative Equality and Anti-Discrimination Law, Annual Conference, University of Capetown (virtual) (July 2021) (with Carole J. Petersen).

Invited Presenter, “Protecting Human Rights in a Mixed Constitutional Context: The Case of Hong Kong,” Mixed Constitutions and Human Rights Workshop, College of Law and Business, Israel (virtual) (May 2021).

Presenter, “Exponential Inequalities and Intersecting Crises in Hong Kong,” Workshop on Exponential Inequalities in Times of Crises, University of Oxford (virtual) (March 2021).

Panelist, “International Human Rights Law and Hong Kong’s Autonomy,” Global Summit in Constitutionalism (virtual) (Jan 2021).

Invited Panellist, “Academic Freedom and the National Security Law: The Role of International Human Rights Law,” Hong Kong University of Science and Technology (virtual) (Dec 2020).

Invited Presenter, “Does International Human Rights Law Still Apply in Hong Kong?” Center for Chinese Legal Studies, Columbia Law School (virtual) (Oct 2020).

“Racism and Domestic Law: The Hong Kong Experience,” Racism in East Asia: Racism in Domestic Law, International Movement Against All Forms of Discrimination and Racism; Japan NGO Network for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination; South Korean NGO Coalition for Monitoring the Domestic Implementation of the CERD; and Justice Centre Hong Kong (virtual) (Oct 2020).

“International Standards Supporting Academic Freedom”, Academic Freedom in Hong Kong: the Potential Impact of the New National Security Law,” HKU (virtual) (Aug 2020).

“Commentary on *Intersectional Discrimination* by Shreya Atrey”, Comparative Constitutional Law Research Forum Seminar on “Intersectional Discrimination,” Centre for Comparative and Transnational Law, Chinese University of Hong Kong (virtual) (May 2020).

“Gender and Constitutionalism in Hong Kong,” Gender and Constitutionalism in Asia, Chienkuo Technology University, Taipei (Dec 2019).

“Gender Identity Discrimination as Sex Discrimination: Toward Transnational Dialogue,” Berkeley Comparative Equality and Anti-Discrimination Law Study Group Conference, Stockholm University (June 2019) (with Holning Lau).

“International Human Rights Law and Refugee Protection in Asia: A Study of the Hong Kong Unified Screening Mechanism,” Rethinking the “Regional” in Refugee Law and Policy, 4th Annual Conference, Refugee Law Initiative, University of London (June 2019).

“Asian Perspectives on the EU as Promoter of Equality: Flexing Soft Power,” Jean Monnet Symposium: The European Union as Protector and Promoter of Equality, Germany (March 2019) (with Holning Lau).

“Gender and Constitutionalism in Hong Kong,” Gender and Constitutionalism in Asia, Centre for Comparative and Public Law, HKU (Jan 2019).

Keynote Speech, “The Impact of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in Mainland China, Hong Kong, and Taiwan,” Wuhan, China (Dec 2018) (with Carole J. Petersen).

“The Courts, Public Opinion, and the Constitutional Protection of Same-Sex Couple Rights in Hong Kong,” International Conference on Gender, Sexuality, and Justice: Resilience in Uncertain Times, Chinese University of Hong Kong (Dec 2018).

Keynote Speech “The Rohingya, the Search for Solutions, and the Potential of International Human Rights Law,” International Conference on the Rohingya: Politics, Ethnic Cleansing and Uncertainty, University of Dhaka, Bangladesh (Sept 2018).

“The Concept of Dignity as a Constitutional Value in Hong Kong,” Human Dignity in Asia: Dialogue Between Law and Culture, Taipei, Taiwan (July 2018) (earlier versions presented at ICON-S Copenhagen, July 2017 and 7th Asian Constitutional Law Forum, Bangkok, Dec 2017).

“International Human Rights Law and the Protection of Refugee Women in Asia,” ICON-S, Hong Kong (June 2018).

“Disability is Political: A Comparison of the Impact of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in Mainland China, Hong Kong, and Taiwan,” International Symposium on Chinese Justice in a Global Context, University of Hawaii (March 2018) (with Carole J. Petersen).

“Disability Rights in China,” Henderson Center for Social Justice and the Berkeley Journal of International Law, Berkeley Law School, University of California (April 2017).

“Publication and Dissemination of Disability Rights Research,” The More the Merrier: Multidisciplinary Research on Disability Rights Workshop, Wuhan University Public Interest and Development Law Institute, HKU (Dec 2016).

“Prospects for the Development of International Human Rights Norms,” International Conference on the 50th Anniversary of the Adoption of the ICCPR: Progress and Challenges Ahead, Center for International Law of the Institute of Foreign Affairs and National Security, Korea National Diplomatic Academy, Seoul (Nov 2016).

“Article 24 of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and Inclusive Education,” International Forum on Implementing the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities: Issues and Challenges, China University of Political Science and Law, Beijing (May 2015).

“Implementation of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in China,” Centre for Comparative and Public Law, HKU (May 2015).

“Implementation of International Human Rights Law” and “Minority Rights,” Myanmar Rule of Law Workshop, HKU (Dec 2014).

“Human Rights and the Protection of Refugees in Asia: Moving beyond the Refugee Convention,” Between Principle and Pragmatism: Australia and Refugee Law, 60 Years On, Andrew & Renata Kaldor Centre for International Refugee Law, University of New South Wales, Sydney (Nov 2014).

“*Non-refoulement* and States not Party to the Refugee Convention,” Roundtable on the Principle of *Non-refoulement*, Andrew and Renata Kaldor Centre for International Refugee Law, University of New South Wales, Sydney (Aug 2014).

“CEDAW and the Protection of Women Refugees in Asia,” Gender, Violence and the State in Asia, Centre for Rights and Justice, Chinese University of Hong Kong (May 2014).

“The Relevance of the Equality Provisions in the ICCPR and Specialized Human Rights Treaties to the Design of Nomination Procedures,” Academic Roundtable: Universal Suffrage and Nomination Procedures: Imperatives from Article 25 ICCPR, Centre for Comparative and Public Law, Hong Kong (March 2014).

“Clinical Legal Education and Domestic Implementation of International Human Rights Law: The Development of a Refugee Legal Clinic in Hong Kong,” International Conference on Human Rights Education, Soochow University, Taipei (Nov 2013) (with Lindsay Ernst).

“How UN Instruments Can Protect the Rights and Interests of Minorities”; “UN Treaty Mechanisms and How Civil Society Can Engage,” Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Monitoring Workshop, Handicap International, China Vision, Beijing (July 2013).

“Legal Representation for Asylum Seekers and Torture Claimants: A Comparative Study,” Access to Justice and Socio-legal Integration of Immigrants, Law and Society Annual Meeting, Boston (June 2013).

“Legal Representation for Asylum Seekers: Ensuring ‘High Standards of Fairness’ and Respect for the Rule of Law in Hong Kong,” Centre for Comparative and Public Law, Hong Kong (May 2013).

“The Right to Equality and Non-discrimination in Global Human Rights Instruments and Implications for Hong Kong Law Reform,” Sexual Orientation Anti-discrimination Law Forum, Centre for Comparative and Public Law, Hong Kong (April 2013).

“Human Rights Education and Building Capacity for Refugee Protection in Hong Kong,” East Asia Symposium on Forced Migration and Trafficking in Persons, Asia Pacific Refugee Rights Network, Taipei (Oct 2012).

“Refugee Protection in SE Asia: The Potential of Human Rights Law and Treaty Enforcement Mechanisms,” International Conference on Human Rights and Peace & Conflict in Southeast Asia, Southeast Asian Human Rights Studies Network, Jakarta (Oct 2012).

“Engaging UN Human Rights Treaty Bodies,” China/Hong Kong Workshop on Disability Rights and the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, HKU (Feb 2012).

“The Development of Alternative Approaches to Refugee Protection in Asia: A Study of the Hong Kong Convention Against Torture Screening System,” Human Rights and Governance Colloquium, Shifting Global Powers: Challenges and Opportunities for International Law, Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane (Nov 2011).

“Migrant Workers Rights in Hong Kong,” Experts’ Review of Findings on Gendered and Rights-Based Review of Laws, Policies and Regulations on Labour Migration in Asia and Arab States, UN Women, Bangkok (Oct 2011).

“The Process of Developing and Reforming Equal Opportunities Legislation in Hong Kong,” Does Law Reform Need Reforming in Hong Kong?, Centre for Comparative and Public Law and ONC Lawyers, HKU (Sept 2011).

“The Development of a Principle of Substantive Equality in International Human Rights Law and its Relevance for the Resolution of Tibetan Claims to Greater Autonomy within the PRC,” Law and Pluralism in Asia: Exploring Dynamics of Reflection, Reinforcement, and Resistance, University of North Carolina (Jan 2011).

“Legal Representation of Asylum Seekers and CAT Claimants in Hong Kong,” UNSW-HKU Research Symposium, University of New South Wales, Sydney (Dec 2010).

“Reflections on a Postgraduate Human Rights Programme in Asia,” International Conference on Human Rights Education, University of Western Sydney (Nov 2010).

“Diversity, Equality and the Role of Law,” Workshop on Understanding and Addressing Diversity, HKU (June 2010).

“The Right to Equality and Inclusion in Education for Persons with Disabilities,” Law and Society Association Annual Meeting, Chicago (May 2010).

“The Right to Inclusive Education in the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and its Implementation in Hong Kong,” Inclusion in Education: The Implementation of Article 24 of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, Centre for Comparative and Public Law, HKU (Nov 2009).

“Tibetan Language Rights,” Roundtable on Tibetan Autonomy, HKU (July 2009).

“Constitutional Adjudication of Equality in Hong Kong,” International Conference on Feminist Constitutionalism, Queens University, Canada (March 2009).

“Hong Kong’s Race Discrimination Ordinance,” Centre for Comparative and Public Law, HKU (Nov 2008).

“Equal Opportunities Legislation in Hong Kong,” Diversity & Inclusion in Asia Network, Community Business, Hong Kong (Nov 2008).

“Controversial Provisions in Hong Kong’s Race Discrimination Bill,” Workshop for a Consortium of Non-governmental Organizations in Hong Kong (Jan 2008).

“Diversity and the Law: Hong Kong’s Approach to Equality,” Conference on Addressing Diversity/ Difference: Implications for Practice & Policy, Centre for Social Policy Studies, Hong Kong Polytechnic University (May 2008).

“Minority Language Rights in Education: Toward an International Human Rights Framework?” Minority Language Education in China: Issues and Perspectives, HKU (April 2008).

“The Education, Training and Language Provisions in Hong Kong’s Race Discrimination Bill,” Hong Kong’s Race Discrimination Bill in International and Comparative Perspective, Centre for Comparative and Public Law, HKU (March 2007).

“Refugees and Racial Discrimination in Hong Kong,” Canadian Consulate in Hong Kong, Roundtable on Human Rights (March 2007).

“Representations of Refugees in Hong Kong Law, Policy and Public Discourse,” Representation and Displacement: Refugees, IDPs and Stateless Persons in State and Nation, Refugee Studies Centre, Oxford University (Feb 2007).

“Interpreting the Definition of Discrimination in Hong Kong,” University of Hong Kong-NUS Law Symposium: The Common Law in the Asian Century, HKU (Dec 2006).

“Non-discrimination in Education,” Roundtable on Ethnic Minorities and Language Education in Hong Kong for Teachers and NGOs, HKU (Nov 2006).

“Public Perceptions of Refugees in Hong Kong,” Roundtable on Refugees in Hong Kong, HKU (July 2006).

“Autonomy in Southern Sudan,” Autonomy Roundtable, HKU (May 2006).

RESEARCH AND TEACHING GRANTS

As Principal Investigator

Hong Kong Research Grants Council, “International Human Rights Law and Refugee Protection in Asian States not Party to the 1951 Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees” (2018-20).

HKU Seed Fund for Basic Research, “The UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities: Implementation in the Chinese Context” (2016-2018).

HKU Small Project Fund, “Survey of Public Opinion Toward Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender People in Hong Kong,” Co-I: Holning Lau (2015-2017).

Gallant Ho Experiential Learning Fund, “Disability Rights Experiential Learning” (2015).

Gallant Ho Experiential Learning Fund, “Human Rights Experiential Learning,” Co-I: Simon N.M. Young (2014-15).

HKU Seed Fund for Basic Research, “The Implementation of International Refugee Law in East Asia,” Co-I: Martin Jones (2013-2015).

Open Society Foundation, “Research, Training, and Knowledge Exchange Projects on the Application of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in China and Hong Kong” (2012-2015).

Mike and Maureen Mansfield Foundation, “Workshop on the Rule of Law in Myanmar,” Hong Kong, Co-PI: Farzana Aslam (2014).

HKU Teaching Development Grant, “Enhancing Experiential Learning Opportunities within the Human Rights Curriculum,” Co-I: Simon N.M. Young (2013-14).

HKU Small Project Fund, “The Protection of the Right to Equality Based on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity,” Co-I: Holning Lau (2011-13).

Hong Kong Research Grants Council, “Legal Representation of Asylum Seekers and Torture Claimants in Hong Kong,” Co-I: Simon N.M. Young (2009-12).

HKU, “Emerging Strategic Research Theme in Diversity Studies,” Co-convener: Puja Kapai (2009-12).

Department of Justice, Hong Kong SAR Government, “Convention against Torture Research Project and Training Workshop for CAT *Non-refoulement* Decision Makers,” Co-PI: Simon N.M. Young (2009).

Seed Funding for Basic Research, “The UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination and the Concept of Substantive Equality” (2008-09).

Henry Chan Inclusive Education Fund, “Equality Law and Inclusive Education for Students with Disabilities” (2007-09).

As Co-investigator

UK Economic and Social Research Council, Global Challenges Research Fund, “The Law of Asylum in the Middle East and Asia: Developing Legal Engagement at the Frontiers of the International Refugee Regime,” PI: Martin Jones; Co-I: Alice Nah (2016-2019).

Aids Trust Fund, “Identifying Health Behaviour Risks and Health Needs amongst African Asylum Seekers and Torture Claimants in Hong Kong,” PI: William Chi Wai Wong (2012-14).

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ORGANIZATION (SELECTED)

- Organizer, Sutton Colloquium, Global Perspectives on Equal Participation as a Democratic Value, Ved Nanda Center for International & Comparative Law (April 2026).
- Organizer, Sutton Colloquium, Human Rights and Reproductive Justice: International and Comparative Perspectives, Ved Nanda Center for International & Comparative Law (Feb 2025)
- Chair, Organizing Committee, Berkeley Center on Comparative Equality & Anti-Discrimination Law Annual Conference, HKU (June 2022)
- Organizer, Gender and Constitutionalism in Asia, Centre for Comparative and Public Law, HKU (Jan 2019)
- Member, Organizing Committee, ICON-S Annual Conference, HKU (June 2018)
- Organizer, Gender Recognition Legislation in Hong Kong, Centre for Comparative and Public Law (Sept 2017)
- Organizer, Three Annual Workshops on the Application of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in China and Hong Kong, HKU (2012-2014)
- Co-organizer, Workshop on the Rule of Law in Myanmar, HKU (Dec 2014)
- Organizer, Inclusion in Education: The Implementation of Article 24 of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, HKU (Nov 2009)
- Organizer, Hong Kong’s Race Discrimination Bill in International and Comparative Perspective, HKU (March 2007)

FACULTY AND UNIVERSITY SERVICE

- Faculty Executive Committee (elected member), Sturm College of Law (2025-present)
- Internationalization Council (appointed member), University of Denver (2025-present)
- Promotion and Tenure Committee (elected member), Appointments Committee (appointed member), Sturm College of Law (2024-2025)
- HKU Law, Curriculum Coordinator, Human Rights & International Law (2017-2024)
- HKU University Discrimination Complaints Committee Member, HKU (2014-2020)