

The Legal Status of Transsexual and Transgender Persons

Principal Investigator and Organiser:

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6 – 7 September, 2013

Programme – Day 1 (6 September, 2013)

Venue: Academic Conference Room, 11/F, Cheng Yu Tung Tower, Centennial Campus, The University of Hong Kong

8.30-9.00	Registration
9.00-9.35	Welcome addresses (Prof. Johannes Chan SC, Dean, Faculty of Law) (Prof. Scott Veitch, Co-Director, Centre for Medical Ethics and Law)
9.35-9.55	Introduction to the topic (Dr Jens M. Scherpe, University of Cambridge/Hong Kong)
PART I	<u>THE MEDICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL VIEW</u>
9.55-10.40	Transgender and Transsexuality -The Medical and Psychological View (Prof. Friedemann Pfäfflin, Ulm University, Germany)
10.40-11.05	Discussion (Chair: Dr. Albert Yuen)
11.05-11.40	<i>Coffee Break</i>
PART II	<u>THE LEGAL STATUS OF TRANSSEXUAL AND TRANSGENDER PERSONS IN CIVIL LAW JURISDICTIONS</u>
11.40-12.00	Germany (Dr Anatol Dutta, Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law)¹
12.00-12.20	Sweden (Mr. Jameson Garland, Uppsala University)
12.20-12.40	Belgium and The Netherlands (Prof. Dr. Walter Pintens, Secretary General of the International Commission on Civil Status)
12.40-13.00	Discussion (Chair: Michael Vidler)
13.00-14.30	<i>Lunch Break</i>
14.30-14.50	Italy (Prof. Maria Cubeddu-Wiedemann, Università degli Studi di Trieste)
14.50-15.10	Spain (Prof. Josep Ferrer and Prof. Albert Lamarca, Universitat Pompeu Fabra)
15.10-15.30	Turkey (Ass. Prof. Başak Baysal, İstanbul Üniversitesi)
15.30-16.00	Discussion (Chair: Dr. Jens M. Scherpe)
16.00-16.30	<i>Coffee Break</i>
16.30-16.50	Czech Republic (Dr. Barbara Havelková, University of Cambridge)
16.50-17.10	Japan (Prof. Yuko Nishitani, Kyushu University)
17.10-17.30	Discussion (Chair: Dr Keith Hotten)

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Programme – Day 2 (7 September, 2013)

Venue: Large Moot Court Room, 2/F, Cheng Yu Tung Tower, Centennial Campus, The University of Hong Kong

9.15-9.45	Registration
9.45-10.00	Brief Morning Welcome/Summary of Day 1 (Dr Jens M. Scherpe, University of Cambridge/Hong Kong)
10.00-10.15	Opening Address (Dr. York Chow, G.B.S., Chairperson, Equal Opportunities Commission)
PART III	<u>THE CHRISTIAN VIEW</u>
10.15-10.45	Transsexuality and the Christian Churches: An Overview (Rev Duncan Dormor, St. John's College, Cambridge)²
10.45-11.15	Metamorphosis and (trans)migration: spiritual dimensions of gender transition (Rev Dr Christina Beardsley, Chelsea & Westminster Hospital London)
11.15-11.45	Discussion (Chair: Prof. Scott Veitch)
11.45-12.00	<i>Coffee Break</i>
PART IV	<u>THE LEGAL STATUS OF TRANSEXUAL AND TRANSGENDER PERSONS IN COMMON LAW JURISDICTIONS</u>
12.00-12.20	Varieties of decision-making: reflections on deciding <i>Re Kevin</i> (Prof. Richard Chisholm, Australian National University)
12.20-12.40	Australia (Ms. Rachael Wallbank, Accredited Specialist Family Lawyer (LSNSW))
12.40-13.00	New Zealand (Associate Prof. Elisabeth McDonald, Victoria University of Wellington)
13.00-13.30	Discussion (Chair: The Honourable Anna Wu)
13.30-14.30	<i>Lunch Break</i>
14.30-14.50	USA (Mr. Jameson Garland, Uppsala University)
14.50-15.10	England & Wales (Mr. Stephen Gilmore, King's College London)
15.10-15.30	Ireland (Dr. Brian Sloan, University of Cambridge)
15.30-16.00	Discussion (Chair: Tim Amos QC)
16.00-16.30	<i>Coffee Break</i>
16.30-16.50	Singapore (Ass. Prof. Terry Kaan, National University of Singapore)
16.50-17.10	Hong Kong (Dr. Athena Liu, The University of Hong Kong)
17.10-17.45	Discussion (Chair: Dr. Margaret Ng)
PART V	<u>COMPARATIVE OVERVIEW AND CONCLUSIONS</u>
17.45-18.30	General Discussion – The way forward for Hong Kong (Chair: Dr. Jens M. Scherpe)
18.30-18.45	Comparative Overview and Conclusions (Dr Jens M. Scherpe, University of Cambridge/Hong Kong)

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