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# Inauguration of Social Governance and Sustainable Development (SGSD) Lab

## Forum on Crime, Disputes, and Social Governance in the Digital Age



5 June 2025 (Thursday)  
9:00 am - 6:30 pm  
The Chinese University of Hong Kong

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**Forum Venue:** Room 422, 4/F, Sino Building, The Chinese University of Hong Kong (CUHK)

Time (HK Time)	Session	Speakers
08:30– 09:00	Registration	
09:00– 09:30	Opening Ceremony & SGSD Lab Inauguration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Welcome remarks</b></li> <li>• <b>Introduction to SGSD Lab</b> <b>Overview of the forum's theme and objectives</b> Prof. Nicole W.T. CHEUNG, Director, SGSD Lab</li> <li>• <b>Group photo</b></li> </ul>
09:30– 10:15	Keynote Speech 1* (Online)  <i>Live broadcast at forum venue</i>	<p><b>Prof. Ethan MICHELSON</b> (Indiana University Bloomington, USA) <b>Topic:</b> <i>Reflections on my Naivete: Wishfully Thinking Public Pressure Might Change How Chinese Courts Handle Domestic Violence</i></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Prof. Nicole W.T. CHEUNG, Director, SGSD Lab</p>
10:15– 11:00	Keynote Speech 2* (Online)  <i>Live broadcast at forum venue</i>	<p><b>Prof. Valarie BRAITHWAITE</b> (Australian National University, Australia) <b>Topic:</b> <i>Motivational Postures of Tax Authorities Concerning Tax Avoidance of Global Digital Companies</i></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Prof. Jin SUN, Executive Director, SGSD Lab</p>
11:00– 11:15	Coffee Break	

Time (HK Time)	Session	Speakers
11:15– 12:50	Panel Presentation 1 <sup>^</sup>	<p>1. <b>Prof. Jieren HU</b> (Hangzhou City University) <b>Topic:</b> <i>Mechanical Responsiveness: China's Online Petition System</i></p> <p>2. <b>Prof. Michelle MIAO</b> (The Chinese University of Hong Kong) <b>Topic:</b> <i>The Shifting Boundary of Dispute Resolution: Shared Courts and Changing Governance in China</i> (co-authored with Jieren HU)</p> <p>3. <b>Prof. Sishi WU</b> (California State University, San Bernardino, USA) <b>Topic:</b> <i>AI-Piloted Sociolegal Survey Experiments</i></p> <p>4. <b>Prof. Xiaojin CHEN</b> (Tulane University, USA) <b>Topic:</b> <i>The Perception of Risks Among Potential Chinese Line Walkers: Evidence From Digital Data and Its Governance Challenges</i></p> <p>5. <b>Prof. Bo JIANG</b> (University of Macau) <b>Topic:</b> <i>Telegram and Social Unrest in Hong Kong—Quantifying the Connections Between Online Harm, Sentiment and Real-world Consequences</i></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Prof. Jin SUN, Executive Director, SGSD Lab</p>
13:00– 14:00	Lunch at Chung Chi College Staff Club, CUHK ( <i>by invitation only</i> )	
14:30– 15:15	Keynote Speech 3 <sup>*</sup>	<p><b>Prof. Ivan Y. SUN</b> (University of Delaware, USA) <b>Topic:</b> <i>Technology-driven to Media-driven Policing? Opportunities, Challenges, and Implications for Global Policing</i></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Prof. Sara H. ZHONG, Associate Director, SGSD Lab</p>

Time (HK Time)	Session	Speakers
15:15– 16:00	Keynote Speech 4*	<p><b>Prof. Yucheng LIANG</b> (Sun Yat-sen University, China)  <b>Topic:</b> <i>The Evolution of Crime Patterns and Their Governance Under the Transformation to a Digital Intelligence Society</i></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Prof. Sara H. ZHONG, Associate Director, SGSD Lab</p>
16:00– 16:15	Coffee Break	
16:15– 17:50	Panel Presentation 2^	<p>1. <b>Prof. Hong LU</b> (University of Nevada, Las Vegas, USA)  <b>Topic:</b> <i>Regional Variations in Guardianship and Fatality Rates: An Analysis of Terrorist Activities Using the Global Terrorism Database (GTD)</i></p> <p>2. <b>Prof. Bin JIANG</b> (The University of Hong Kong)  <b>Topic:</b> <i>Greenness, Deprivation, and Fatal Police Shootings: A Five-Year Nationwide Study in the United States</i></p> <p>3. <b>Prof. Mengyan DAI</b> (Old Dominion University, USA)  <b>Topic:</b> <i>Enhancing Crime Analysis and Policing Strategies with CARESim: An Agent-based Approach</i></p> <p>4. <b>Dr. Kai LIN</b> (University of Technology Sydney, Australia)  <b>Topic:</b> <i>Semi/Autonomous Robots in Policing—Assessing Australian Public’s Perceptions and Concerns</i></p> <p>5. <b>Prof. Xinting WANG</b> (Ball State University, USA)  <b>Topic:</b> <i>Applying Machine Learning in Crime Forecasting: A Pilot Study of UCR Data from IMPD</i></p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Prof. Nicole W.T. CHEUNG, Director, SGSD Lab</p>



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17:50– 18:20	Future Collaboration Roundtable	<p>Guided discussion on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emerging research priorities in digital-age social governance</li> <li>• Potential partnerships with SGSD Lab projects</li> <li>• Collaborative grant opportunities and academic exchanges</li> </ul> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Prof. Nicole W.T. CHEUNG, Director, SGSD Lab and Prof. Sara H. ZHONG, Associate Director, SGSD Lab</p>
18:20– 18:30	Forum Closing Remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thank-you addresses to keynote speakers, presenters and participants</li> <li>• Announcement of SGSD Lab follow-up initiatives</li> </ul> <p><b>Prof. Nicole W.T. CHEUNG, Director, SGSD Lab</b></p>
19:00	Dinner at Shatin 18, Hyatt Regency Hong Kong, Shatin ( <i>by invitation only</i> )	

\* **Keynote Speech:** 30-minute presentation followed by a 15-minute Q&A.

^ **Panel Presentation:** 15-minute presentation for each presenter, with a 20-minute Q&A after all presentations in each panel.

## Venue information

**Forum Venue: Room 422, 4/F, Sino Building, CUHK** (*see the map below*)

5-minute walk from Exit A/D, University MTR Station ([Route](#))

**Lunch Venue: Chung Chi College Staff Club, CUHK** (*see the map below*)

1-minute walk from Sino Building / 7-minute walk from Exit A, University MTR Station ([Route](#))

**Dinner Venue: Shatin 18, Hyatt Regency Hong Kong, Shatin**

7-minute walk from Sino Building / 5-minute walk from Exit B, University MTR Station ([Route](#))



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