

Finnish Center of Chinese Law  
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## CHINA LAW RESEARCH WORKSHOP

21 & 22 March 2016

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*The workshop is free of charge, but we kindly ask you to sign up before **Tuesday, 15 March 2016**, by fill-in the online form available at <https://elomake.helsinki.fi/lomakkeet/66562/lomake.html>.*

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## OUTLINE PROGRAMME

MONDAY, 21 MARCH 2015

### 09.00 - 10.30 SESSION 1

- A. Introductory discussion
- B. Discovering “China”: An Overview

Setting the Framework: Demography; Key centres of commerce; Education; Institutions; Scholarship and travel opportunities; Making contacts.

- C. The History: Legal Development in China and Evolution of the Modern Legal-Political Regime
  - 1. The pre-1949 situation and the first three decades (1949 -1979)
  - 2. 1980 onwards: From the “Four Modernizations” to the present
  - 3. Legal Institutions: The NPC; The State Council; The SPC; and the SPP
  - 4. The Role of the CCP
  - 5. Sources of Laws (with “Chinese characteristics”)

10.30 - 11.00 *Coffee/Tea Break*

### 11.00 - 12.15 SESSION 2

- D. Key Actors in Modern Chinese Law:

Regulatory Bodies and Stakeholders in Major PRC Areas of Economy and Law (including Competition, Environmental Law, Labour Law, and the respective administrative and Court systems dealing with those fields)

12.15 - 13.30 *Lunch*

### 13.30 – 14.30 SESSION 3

- E. Broader Regulatory Coverage – An “A to Z” of emerging regulatory areas: From “Commercial Architecture” to “Zoos”

14.30 - 15.00 *Tea/Coffee Break*

**15.00 - 16.30 SESSION 4**

F. Underlying Principles and Values in Modern Chinese Law and Regulation

Approaches to “Rule of Law”; The significance of International Human Rights instruments; Impacts of International Trade Agreements and related instruments; The influence of the ILO and “Core” Labour Standards; and Broader International Regulatory Influences: Reception into the Domestic Laws and Practices of the PRC

**16.30 - 17.00 SESSION 5**

G. Discussion/Debrief of Day 1

**TUESDAY, 22 MARCH 2015**

**09.00 - 10.30 SESSION 6**

***Exploring Current “Key” Research Areas***

- H. Commercial fields and evolution of associated regulatory frameworks
- I. Environmental and Social fields and evolution of associated regulatory frameworks
- J. Emerging areas of Chinese “Public Law” and associated procedural and remedial avenues
- K. Labour Law, Labour Dispute Resolution and the emergence of frameworks for addressing “Collective” Labour Relations

10.30 - 11.00 *Tea/Coffee Break*

**11.00 - 12.00 SESSION 7**

***Developing Research Projects and Fieldwork***

- L. Finding and Using Reliable Sources
- M. Developing and “Hot” Research Areas

**12.00 - 12.30 SESSION 8**

- N. Discussion/Debrief on Days 1 and 2