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UNITED NATIONS AND OVERSEAS HUMAN RIGHTS EXPERTS TO ADDRESS INEQUALITY AND SOCIAL EXCLUSION IN HONG KONG

HONG KONG – United Nations human rights experts, leading academics, the Equal Opportunities Commission, legislators, members and representatives of the civil society, the legal community and the corporate community will participate in a three-day academic workshop titled “*Confronting Inequality and Social Exclusion in Hong Kong*”.

The workshop is co-hosted by The Education University of Hong Kong (EduHK)’s Department of Asian and Policy Studies and Justice Centre Hong Kong. It is sponsored by The Faculty of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences, the UNESCO Chair in Regional Education Development and Lifelong Learning, The Education University of Hong Kong, and supported by Lush Asia Ltd.

Details of the workshop are as follows:

- Date: 9 November 2019 - 11 November 2019
- Time:
 - 09:30 - 16:30 on 9 November 2019
 - 10:00 - 16:30 on 10 November 2019
 - 10:00 - 17:00 on 11 November 2019
- Venue: Unit 2B-4, 3/F, Block 1, South Seas Centre, 75 Mody Road, Tsim Sha Tsui, Hong Kong

The full programme agenda can be found [here](#).

Among the panellists are the following United Nations and/or overseas human rights experts:

- **Dr Surya Deva**, Member of the United Nations Working Group on Business and Human Rights
- **Dr Fernand de Varennnes**, United Nations Special Rapporteur on minority issues
- **Ms Pia Oberoi**, Senior Advisor on Migration and Human Rights for the Asia Pacific region, Bangkok office of the Office of OHCHR
- **Dr Jason Pobjoy**, Barrister, Blackstone Chambers; Research Associate, Refugee Studies Centre, University of Oxford
- **Ms Leilani Farha**, United Nations Special Rapporteur on adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living, and on the right to non-discrimination in this context (via pre-recorded video message)

*These speakers from the United Nations are *not* visiting Hong Kong on a country mission.

Dr Isabella Ng, Associate Head (Teaching and Learning) of EdUHK’s Department of Asian and Policy Studies, said: “We are proud to co-host this academic workshop with Justice Centre Hong Kong. As a department that dedicates itself to be agents of change and to make a difference to the policy processes and outcomes for social betterment through research and teaching, we hope the academic workshop can help generate constructive discussions to push forward for positive change in Hong Kong.”

Ms Piya Muqit, Executive Director of Justice Centre Hong Kong, observed: “Participation of this group of United Nations and overseas experts in this workshop shows there is great interest in Hong Kong’s human rights situation. Hong Kong is one of the most unequal societies in the developed world. We urge the Hong Kong Government to engage meaningfully with the United Nations’ human rights mechanisms and civil society to address their concerns and implement their recommendations to protect and promote human rights and equality in Hong Kong.”

“Research and evidence lie at the heart of Justice Centre’s policy advocacy. I trust that fruitful exchange in this workshop will be translated into research, policy and practice that make Hong Kong a fair and inclusive society,” Ms Muqit concluded.

Members of the press are welcome to attend and cover the workshop. RSVP:
<https://forms.gle/Z1ijAYrKHEA41QbG8>

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About the Department of Asian and Policy Studies, The Education University of Hong Kong

Established in September 2012, the mission of the Department of Asian and Policy Studies is to bridge knowledge and practice for the betterment of people’s life and their communities. We achieve this mission through research, services, and teaching focused on critical issues in policy and governance in the Asia Pacific region.

Our research concentrates on understanding and improving the performance of governmental, non-governmental, and business organizations in the region.

In the area of services, our faculty members actively engage with professionals as well as the broader community in understanding and addressing issues of common concern.

About Justice Centre Hong Kong

Justice Centre Hong Kong is a non-profit organisation focused on the promotion of human rights through our legal, psychosocial, research, policy and advocacy work. We are committed to driving change for a just and fair society.

Founded in 2007 as Hong Kong Refugee Advice Centre, over seven years we helped over 2,000 men, women and children on the road to a new life.

Building on our expertise in refugee issues, in 2014 we identified a clear need for an increased response to tackling forced labour and human trafficking in Hong Kong, and expanded our remit to fill this gap and rebranded as Justice Centre Hong Kong. We now help around 300 people each year through our direct services and aim to benefit many more through our research, policy and advocacy work.

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聯合國及海外人權專家將訪港討論香港不公及社會排斥問題

香港 – 聯合國人權專家、學者、平等機會委員會、立法會議員，和來自公民社會、法律界及商界的代表將會出席為期三天的「正視香港不公及社會排斥」學術工作坊。

此工作坊由香港教育大學亞洲及政策研究學系與 Justice Centre Hong Kong 合辦，由香港教育大學博文及社會科學學院和香港教育大學聯合國教科文組織區域教育發展與終身學習教席贊助，並由 Lush 嵐舒（大中華區）全力支持。

工作坊的詳情如下：

- 日期：2019年11月9日 - 2019年11月11日
- 時間：
 - 11月9日：09:30 - 16:30
 - 11月10日：10:00 - 16:30
 - 11月11日：10:00 - 17:00
- 地點：香港尖沙咀麼地道 75 號南洋中心 3 樓 2B-4 室

請[按此](#)參閱工作坊日程。

下列聯合國或海外人權專家將於工作坊中發言：

- Surya Deva 博士，聯合國工商業與人權工作組成員
- Fernand de Varennes 博士，聯合國少數群體問題特別報告員
- Pia Oberoi 女士，聯合國人權高級專員辦事處曼谷辦事處亞太區高級移徙和人權顧問
- Jason Pobjoy 博士，Blackstone Chambers 大律師及牛津大學 Refugee Studies Centre 研究員
- Leilani Farha 女士，聯合國適足生活水準權所含適足住房問題特別報告員(透過預先錄影片段發言)

*以上聯合國專家並非以國家訪問形式來港。

香港教育大學亞洲及政策研究學系副系主任（教與學）伍鳳嫦博士說：「我們很高興能與 Justice Centre Hong Kong 合辦此工作坊。我的學系致力推動變革，以及透過研究與教學改善政策制定的過程及成果，從而為社會帶來正面效益。我們希望與會者能藉工作坊集思廣益，為香港推動正面改變。」

Justice Centre Hong Kong 的總監 Piya Muqit 女士說：「從各位聯合國及海外人權專家參與此工作坊可見，國際社會非常關注香港的人權狀況。香港是已發展地區中最不公平的地方之一。我們呼籲香港政府實質參與聯合國人權機制及與公民社會合作，了解他們的疑慮，並實行他們的建議，以保障及推動香港的平等及人權。」

「Justice Centre 的研究是我們政策倡議工作的基石。我相信與會者能藉工作坊集思廣益，在研究、政策和實踐等方面使香港成爲一個更公平以及包容的社會。」 Muqit 女士如是說。

歡迎傳媒朋友參與工作坊及採訪。敬請登記：<https://forms.gle/Z1ijAYrKHEA41QbG8>

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關於香港教育大學亞洲及政策研究學系

亞洲及政策研究學系於 2012 年 9 月成立。我們致力成爲知識與實踐之間的橋樑，改善人們的生活和社區。我們通過研究、服務以及著眼亞太區關鍵政策與管治議題的教育實踐此理念。

我們的研究專注於了解及改善亞太區政府、非政府組織和商業組織的表現。

就服務而言，我們的教職員積極與專業人士和廣泛社區合作，以了解和解決共同關心的議題。

關於 Justice Centre Hong Kong

Justice Centre Hong Kong 是一所透過法律和心理支援、研究、倡議及政策工作推動人權的非牟利組織。我們致力令香港成爲一個公正和公平的社會。

Justice Centre Hong Kong 的前身為成立於 2007 年的 Hong Kong Refugee Advice Centre (HKRAC)。HKRAC 幫助了超過 2000 名難民男女及兒童踏上新的路途。

憑著我們在難民議題上的專業知識，我們意識到有急切需要打擊香港的強迫勞動和人口販運問題。故此。我們於 2014 年從新命名為 Justice Centre Hong Kong。Justice Centre 每年為約 300 名人士提供直接服務，並旨在透過我們的研究、政策及倡議工作使更多人受惠。