

The Legacy of Liu Xiaobo

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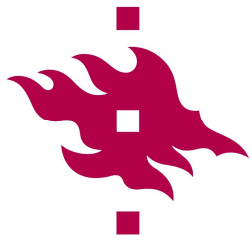
The Erik Castrén Institute of International Law and Human Rights
Venue: Helsinki University, Faculty of Law (Yliopistonkatu 4)
Room P674

The life and choices of Liu Xiaobo, Nobel Peace Prize laureate and recently deceased, stand as an example of political and ethical activism in a world yearning for such examples. This seminar evokes Liu Xiaobo's experience, investigates its legacy and reflects on broader themes of China's constitutional, rights, ethics and international relations thinking and practice.

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Programme

- 9:30 – 10:10 **Key note Speech: Jean-Philippe Béja** (CNRS)
“Liu Xiaobo's Legacy: Life in Truth, the Magic Weapon Against Post-Totalitarian Lie”
- 10:10 – 10:30 **Hermann Aubié** (Aston) “Unlearning Enmity and Hatred: Listening to Liu Xiaobo's Voice of Conscience by Revisiting his Struggle for Human Dignity and a Future Free China”
- 10:30 – 11:00 Coffee Break
- 11:00-13:00 **1. Rights, Constitutionalism, Democracy (Chair: Maria Varaki)**
11:00 – 11:20 **Fu Hualing** (HKU) “Public Interest Lawyering in China: Escalation and Backlash?”
11:20 – 11:40 **Panu Minkkinen** (HY) “Why Are Human Rights Important (Even For A Crit)?”
11:40 – 12:00 **Eva Pils** (KCL) “China's Dual State And Its ‘Enemies’ Under Xi Jinping”
12:00 – 12:20 **Michael W. Dowdle** (NUS): “China and Dual Constitutionalism What I got wrong; why I got it wrong; and what it might suggest about our efforts to understand of constitutionalism as a human endeavor”
12:20 – 13:00 Discussion
- 13:00 – 14:30 Lunch (at own expense)
- 14:30 – 16:30 **2. Ethical Leadership and Chinese Ethics (Chair: Pamela Slotte)**
14:30 – 14:50 **Jan Klabbers** (HY): “On Ethical Leadership”
14:50 – 15:10 **Justin Tiwald** (SFSU): “Character-centered Theories of Governance in Confucian Political Thought”
15:10 – 15:30 **Ralph Weber** (Basel): “Stray Dogs or Guard Dogs? – On the Normative Appeal of Political Realism in the PRC”
15:30 – 15:50 **Guilherme Vasconcelos Vilaça** (HY): “Values and the Belt & Road Initiative”
15:40 – 16:30 Discussion



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