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Part A: The Project and Investigator(s)

1. Project Title

A Symposium on Cybersecurity Law in P.R. China: Communication and Governance Perspectives

中國《網絡安全法》研討會：傳播與治理

2. Investigator(s) and Academic Department(s) / Unit(s) Involved

Research Team	Name / Post	Unit / Department / Institution
Principal Investigator	Dr. HU Hsin Li, Assistant Professor	School of Communication, The Hang Seng University of Hong Kong
Co-Principal Investigator	Prof. SIU Yuk Tai, Professor	School of Communication, The Hang Seng University of Hong Kong
Co-Investigator	Dr. JIANG Su, Associate Professor	Law School, Peking University
Co-Investigator	Dr. FU Hong, Associate Professor	Department of Computer Science, Chu Hai College of Higher Education With effect from 2020: Assistant Professor, Department of Mathematics and Information Technology, The Education University of Hong Kong

3. Project Duration

	Original	Revised	Date of RGC/ Institution Approval (must be quoted)
Project Start Date	01/01/2020	N/A	
Project Completion Date	31/12/2020	31/12/2021	18/01/2021
Duration (in month)	12	24	18/01/2021
Deadline for Submission of Completion Report	31/12/2021	31/12/2022	18/01/2021

4.4 Please attach photo(s) of acknowledgement of RGC-funded activities.


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SCHOOL OF COMMUNICATION

The Symposium on Cybersecurity Law in PR China
COMMUNICATION AND GOVERNANCE PERSPECTIVES
中國《網絡安全法》研討會 傳播與治理

日期 2021年9月24日(星期五)
時間 上午9:30 - 下午18:30
地點 香港恒生大學李秉源會議廳(D801)及騰訊會議(Voov Meeting)
議題 網絡安全與信息化法規、數據合規與網絡安全審查、
 人工智能與個人資料保護、網絡內容與傳播產業發展

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在 2021-08-11 17:22:24, "School of Communication" <scom@hsu.edu.hk> 寫道：

張守文院長鑒：

香港恒生大學傳播學院將於2021年9月24日（星期五）舉辦「中國《網絡安全法》研討會：傳播與治理」。素仰 閣下學識淵博，望重士林，特函邀請出席研討會發表主題演講，礙於疫情持續，請您以網絡會議的方式參與支持。

是次研討會得到香港研究資助局的支持，以2017年開始實施的《網絡安全法》為主題，探討的議題包括：網絡安全和信息化法規與政策、網絡安全審查與數據合規、人工智能與個人信息保護等。相信是次研討會的成果，將為華文世界的網絡傳播帶來新的啟示。

香港恒生大學（恒大）的前身恒生商學書院創立於1980年，於2010年改組成立香港恒生管理學院，2018年10月獲香港特區政府批准更改其名稱為「香港恒生大學」。恒大矢志成為區內具領導地位並以「博雅+專業」教育模式為主導的私立大學；並透過卓越的教學、研究及服務，推動社會與世界發展。恒大由五個學院組成——商學院、傳播學院、決策科學學院、人文社會科學學院和翻譯及外語學院，現有逾6,000名全日制學生及逾200名全職教學人員。

傳播學院成立於2011年，現有師生六百餘人，設有新聞及傳播（榮譽）學士學位課程、融合媒體及傳播科技（榮譽）文學士學位課程及策略傳播文學碩士學位課程。其中新聞及傳播（榮譽）學士學位課程強調商業與新聞傳播元素的結合，為香港金融市場培育商業傳播人才。融合媒體及傳播科技（榮譽）文學士學位課程旨在結合媒體理論及傳播科技，提供優質的跨學科研究平台，同時增強學生專業知識以應付資訊澎湃的數碼年代。

感謝張院長的鼎力支持，大增會議光彩，疫後還恭請蒞港指教。會議計劃請見附件，具體安排與網會連結將於稍後奉上。如有垂詢，請與傳播學院教務經理高美儀女士（電話：(852) 3963 5626 / 電郵：scom@hsu.edu.hk）或胡欣立博士（微信：sammyhhu / 電郵：sammyhu@hsu.edu.hk）聯繫。

尚此 敬候賜覆，謹頌
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香港恒生大學協理副校長暨傳播學院院長
曹虹 教授敬邀

2021年8月11日

Please see the words (“是次研討會得到香港研究資助局的支持”) in the second paragraph of the invitation letter offered to the keynote speaker.

Part B: The Final Report**5. Collaboration with Other Self-Financing Degree-Awarding Institutions**

	Name of Institution(s)	% of Participation	Distinctive <u>Element(s)</u> of the Institution in Responsible Project
Applying Institution	N/A		
Collaborating Institution(s) (If any) #	N/A		
Total:			

If no other eligible local self-financing degree-awarding institutions are involved, please input "N/A" in this table.

6. Project Objectives**6.1 Objectives as per original application**

Objective 1: To enhance the understanding of current development of Cybersecurity Law in P.R. China;

Objective 2: To promote the research collaboration between Mainland, Hong Kong, Taiwan scholars, especially on topics pertinent to the law of cybersecurity;

Objective 3: To disseminate the latest research findings and insights on cyberspace governance to scholars, students, and practitioners; and

Objective 4: To provide a platform for scholars and practitioners to exchange ideas and initiatives on the effective management of Internet communication in P.R. China.

6.2 Revised objectives : N/A

Date of approval from the RGC: _____

Reasons for the change: _____

6.3 Realisation of the objectives

(Maximum 1 page; please state how and to what extent the project objectives have been achieved; give reasons for under-achievements and outline attempts to overcome problems, if any)

This symposium has made significant progress in advancing theory and practices pertinent to Cybersecurity Law in China by bringing together experts from several emerging streams of relevant research.

This symposium has facilitated knowledge exchange between scholars and practitioners in the field through keynote speech and following sessions. Over 100 participants attended the symposium and engaged in discussions to share insightful ideas and views, including participants from the online Voov(Tencent) Meeting. Some scholars established research collaboration on topics pertinent to Cybersecurity Law, Data Security Law and Personal Information Protection Law in PR China. In addition, we observed that several speakers showed interest in integrating new research ideas in their future research during their discussions with other participants, if the fact-to-face mode could be proceeded, it would further facilitate potential collaborations among participants. Overall, the symposium has enhanced the collaboration between experts in Greater China but limited by the nature of mixed mode conferencing.

Besides the website of the symposium (<https://cybersecurity-law.hsu.edu.hk/>), the PI (Dr. Sammy Hu) and one of the speaker (Dr. Tonghui Zhu), collaborating with 司法蘭亭會(a well-known legal research Wechat Media Platform), had successfully organised a special issue titled “國慶特稿:精彩瞬間:香港恒生大學傳播與治理:《網絡安全法研討會》” (https://mp.weixin.qq.com/s/P9nibT_yRFq5fBZJh6ZtKQ). They served as guest editors of this special issue aiming to deliver the insights of the symposium, introduce the cyberspace governance in Mainland China to scholars, students, and even netizens.

6.4 Summary of objectives addressed to date

Objectives	Addressed <i>(please tick)</i>	Percentage Achieved <i>(please estimate)</i>
1. To enhance the understanding of current development of Cybersecurity Law in P.R. China;	✓	100%
2. To promote the research collaboration between Mainland, Hong Kong, Taiwan scholars, especially on topics pertinent to the law of cybersecurity	✓	80%
3. To disseminate the latest research findings and insights on cyberspace governance to scholars, students, and practitioners	✓	100%
4. To provide a platform for scholars and practitioners to exchange ideas and initiatives on the effective management of internet communication in P.R. China.	✓	100%

6.5 Project progress

Original Implementation Schedule	Revised Implementation Schedule (Date of RGC's Approval)#	Updated Progress
Promotion of the symposium recruiting participants: April-June 2020	February-April 2021	Coordinate with invited speakers and reboot the possible format and schedule under the COVID-19 pandemic.
Final confirmation of symposium arrangement Editing and printing of symposium Materials: June-September 2020	June-July 2021	Received RGC approval for extending the project to 31 December, 2021. Confirmation with the keynote speaker and other speakers schedule for the mixed mode symposium with face-to-face event in Hong Kong on 24 September 2021.
Symposium held: September-October 2020	24 September 2021 (RGC approval: 18 January 2021)	Need extra IT/AV/Webinar support for the mixed mode.
Editing and printing of symposium publications and productions: October-November 2020	October-November 2021	Except the relevant publications and productions, an Evaluation Form and Thank-you Note from the organizer will be sent to the participants.

#RGC approved our request for rescheduling the event from September 2020 to March 2021 on 14 April 2020 and our request for rescheduling the event from March 2021 to September 2021 on 18 January 2021. The progress also has been presented on the RGC Panel Visit on 29 April 2021. The implementation schedule has been revised accordingly.

6.6 Speaker(s)

Title / Name (Surname in Capital Letters)	Post / Institution	Title / Topic of Presentation / Course	Previous Research Links with Hong Kong Institutions (Nature and Date (Month / Year))
Prof. ZHANG Shou Wen	Professor of Law School and Dean, Law and Policy Academy/ Peking University	Keynote: Economic Development, Cybersecurity and Economic Law Regulations in P.R. China 主題演講：經濟發展、網絡安全與經濟法規制	Nil
Prof. CHEN Xiao Yan	Professor of School of Journalism and Communication/ Xiamen University	網絡運營者維護網絡安全的把關人責任	Nil
Dr. FU Kin Hua	Associate Professor of Journalism and Media Studies Centre/ The University of Hong Kong	A Systematic Analysis of Social Media Censorship in China	Currently employed at The University of Hong Kong
Mr. CHEN Ji Hong	Equity Partner/ Zhong Lun Law Firm, Beijing	中國網絡安全審查制度的演進與影響	Nil
Mr. FANG YU	Director of Research Center for Internet Law / China Academy of Information and Communications Technology	《網絡安全法》實施四周年的體會和啟示	Nil
Ms. CUI Yan, Linda, J.D.	Associate Professor of Law School/ Gansu University of Political Science and Law	新冠肺炎疫情期間針對全球醫療衛生系統的網絡攻擊	Research Assistant in Faculty of Law, The University of Hong Kong, March 2011-May 2012
Prof. HONG Yanqing	Professor of School of Law/ Beijing Institute of Technology	《數據安全法》與《個人信息保護法》對電商平台的治理與影響	Nil

Title / Name (Surname in Capital Letters)	Post / Institution	Title / Topic of Presentation / Course	Previous Research Links with Hong Kong Institutions (Nature and Date (Month / Year))
Dr. XU Jia Li	Executive Partner/ Longan Law Firm, Beijing	從《數據安全法》發展歷程及粵港澳大灣區金融數據規制解讀數據安全保護體系建設	Nil
Dr. SUN Ming Jun	Executive President/ Zhongguancun Science Park Academy of Artificial Intelligence	人工智能應用的社會風險評估與《網絡安全法》	Nil
Dr. ZHU Tonghui	Associate Professor of School of Law/ Nankai University	汽車行業數據的分級管理	Nil
Dr. ZHANG Hongming	Director of Internet Law Division/ Jingzhilin Law Firm, Beijing	智能汽車收集個人信息的邊界與規制	Nil
Dr. TSAI Bu Chin, Roger	Senior Counsel/ Titan Attorneys-At-Law	《網絡安全法》、《數據安全法》及《個人信息保護法》對於外商投資的影響及因應策略	Nil
Dr. JIANG Su	Associate Professor of Law School/ Peking University	數據跨境流動的中國模式	Nil
Mr. CHEN Hai Tao, Jack	Registered Foreign Lawyer/ Cheung & Choy Solicitors and Notaries, HK	淺議中國網路安全立法對私權的保護	Nil
Mr. PONG Ronald	CEO/ Nexusguard Consulting, HK	The Problems When Corporate Deploying the Network Security Law in Integrated Multi-Information Security Compliance Environment (Case Study)	Nil
Mr. MA Wai, Rex	President/ Asia Pacific Creativity Industries Association	從創意產業談網絡傳播安全	Nil

6.7 Please provide details of the activities organized, including the theme / objectives of the activities, targeted participants, attendance, analysis of participants, e.g. country of origin, research background, etc., evaluation forms of the activities and a summary of the participants' evaluation. Photos of the activities are preferred.)

A one-day symposium titled “A Symposium on Cybersecurity Law in P.R. China: Communication and Governance Perspectives 中國《網絡安全法》研討會：傳播與治理” was held on 24 September 2021. This symposium allowed interested researchers, practitioners, and other stakeholders to share experiences, generate new insights, and conceive plans for collaboration.

Prof. ZHANG Shouwen from Peking University delivered the keynote speech, which addressed the relationship between cybersecurity and economic law. Other 15 well-established scholars and seasoned professionals from the Mainland, Hong Kong and Taiwan also gathered via the online platform to present their latest research findings and exchanged experience regarding cybersecurity and information laws, data compliance and cybersecurity review, artificial intelligence and personal data protection, web content and industry development, with many insightful ideas put forward.

A total of 51 online evaluation forms were collected from around 110 participants. Of these replies, 90% rated the symposium good or excellent, and the majority found the presentations both up to date (94%) and informative (90%). In terms of the logistics, the respondents were generally satisfied with the interactions and duration. The overall feedback was positive and encouraging for future relevant events.

The Hang Seng University of Hong Kong

Feedback Form for the RGC-Funded Symposium on Cybersecurity Law in China: Communication and Governance Perspectives

(24 Sep 2021)

Thank you for your participation in the Symposium. Grateful if you could spare some time to share us your feedback.

1. I am	<input type="checkbox"/> an academic <input type="checkbox"/> a practitioner <input type="checkbox"/> other						
		Excellent	Good	Average	Poor	Very Poor	
2. Overall, how would you rate the symposium?							
		Strongly Agree	Agree	Neutral	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Not Applicable
3. I have gained useful knowledge about the relevant topics							
4. The presentations were informative and up-to-dated.							
5. I had good interactions with other participants.							
6. The symposium was well-organized.							
7. The symposium duration was appropriate.							
8. The symposium schedule was convenient.							
10. I am interested in attending future events concerning:							

Photos and a Video(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nJaU8op15uA>) and of the various activities in the symposium:



Welcome Message by Prof. Simon HO, the President of HSUHK.



The VooV(Tencent) Meeting as the online platform



Group Photo



The face-to-face Session: Participants listening intently to the speakers



Keynote Speech by Prof. ZHANG Shouwen, Professor of Law School and Dean, Law and Policy Academy, Peking University



One of the participants, Ms. Sally WANG, an inhouse counsel of Shenzhen Energy(HK) in the Q&A session.

7. Research Related Outcome

7.1 Potential for development into research proposal and the proposed course of action (Maximum half a page)

As mentioned in section 6.3, the PI and one of the speakers (Dr. ZHU Tonghui) edited a special issue related to Symposium on the Wechat Media Platform. Meanwhile, the PI and Dr ZHU are proposing another project related to the Online Privacy in China, it would be seeable to yield in near future.

7.2 Research collaboration achieved

(Please give details on the achievement and its relevant impact)

The PI has established several research collaborations with the speakers and participants of the symposium. For example, the PI has been invited to attend several conferences/seminars in this field, such as the Conference on China's Position: Cyberspace rule by the International Law on 18 December 2021, held by China University of Political Science and Law. (Annex A) The PI also introduced the new Data Protection Law in Mainland and Amended Privacy Law in HK in a Research Seminar on 24 November 2021 which organised by the School of Communication of HSUHK. (Annex B)

7.3 Any new development and/or challenging research topic(s) has / have been identified and any new initiative(s) for future research has / have been inspired.

Cybersecurity Law is a timely topic and it's a "basic law" to the communication and governance in cyberspace, with the recent established the Data Security Law and Personal Information Protection Law and enacted numerous regulatory documents by Cyberspace Administration of China, continues observation and in-depth research should be carried on.

8 The Layman's Summary

(Describe in layman's language the nature, significance and value of the research activities, in no more than 200 words)

The Symposium on Cybersecurity Law in PR China: Communication and Governance Perspectives, organised by the School of Communication, was successfully held on 24 September 2021 at The Hang Seng University of Hong Kong and synchronously online with non-local participants.

Prof. ZHANG Shouwen from Peking University delivered the keynote speech, which addressed the relationship between cybersecurity and economic law. Other 15 well-established scholars and seasoned professionals from the Mainland, Hong Kong and Taiwan also gathered to present their latest research findings and exchanged experience regarding cybersecurity and information laws, data compliance and cybersecurity review, artificial intelligence and personal data protection, web content and industry development, with many insightful ideas put forward.

By bringing together experts from several emerging streams of Cyberspace Law research based on different practicing perspectives, this symposium holds great promise for advancing theory and practice pertinent to Cybersecurity Law in China.

Part C: Research Output

9 Recognized Conference(s) Paper(s) Related To This Project Was / Were Delivered (As Applicable)

(Please attach a copy of each conference abstract)

Month / Year / Place	Title	Conference Name	Submitted to RGC (indicate the year ending of the relevant progress report)	Attached to this Report (Yes or No)	Acknowledged the Support of RGC (Yes or No)
N/A					

10 Research Personnel Trained (As Applicable)

Name	Capacity
N/A	

11 Other Impact (As Applicable)

(e.g. prizes, collaboration with other research institutions, technology transfer, etc.)

The PI established a Symposium webpage with the proceedings (<https://cybersecurity-law.hsu.edu.hk/#Proceedings>), 14 speakers would like to share their full papers or slideshows to the public for better understanding and those contents will be the starting point to bridge the cultural gap for local Hong Kong practitioner interested in cyberspace development. Despite having a small domestic market, Hong Kong is the major service centre for Mainland China to provide transportation, finance and other business services. This symposium can serve as a platform for local Internet practitioners to extend their understanding of opportunities and challenges under the new Cybersecurity Law recently enforced in Mainland China, furthermore, Hong Kong is also a good place to facilitate the exchange of knowledge on cyberspace communication in association with Mainland China since it could allow greater flexibility to explore various influences due to the Cybersecurity Law from different perspectives.

12 Statistics on Research Outputs

	Peer- reviewed Journal Publications	Conference Papers	Scholarly Books, Monographs and Chapters	Patents Awarded	Other Research Outputs (please specify)	
No. of outputs arising directly from this project	0	0	0	0	Type	No.
					Webpage for public access	1
					Wechat Media Platform for legal research	1

13 Public Access Of Completion Report

(Please specify the information, if any, that cannot be provided for public access and give the reasons.)

Information that Cannot Be Provided for Public Access	Reasons
N/A	