



## Asian Law Schools Association (ALSA) Empirical Legal Scholarship Workshop for Junior Scholars

**22 June 2021**

The inaugural Empirical Legal Scholarship Workshop for Junior Scholars is a new initiative led by Asian Law Schools Association (ALSA) to promote empirical legal studies. The Workshop's objective is to nurture junior scholars (including post-doctoral fellows and PhD students) who are interested in empirical methodology and to provide a platform for them to learn about the new developments in empirical legal studies. The Forum also hopes to increase the sense of community among legal scholars in empirical studies and to promote the application of social science research methods in legal research.

The one-day Workshop features one introductory session to empirical legal studies and one advanced seminar on the latest development in the field. The proposed sessions are as follows:



**Session I (9am-12pm):**

**Topic:** Introduction to Empirical Methods in Legal Studies

**Speaker:** Prof. Xu Wenming (Associate Dean, China University of Political Science and Law)

This session will cover the basics of empirical legal research, including framing research questions and hypothesis, collection of data, ensuring integrity of data, data cleaning, two-sample t-test and regression analysis.

**Session II (2pm-5pm):**

**Topic:** Big Data, Machine Learning, and Empirical Legal Studies

**Speaker:** Prof. Yu-chien Chang (Research Professor & Director of Center for Empirical Legal Studies, Institutum Iurisprudentiae, Academia Sinica)

This session will discuss the new developments in empirical legal studies in relation to the use of big data and application of artificial intelligence.



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**Format:** The workshop will be held online.

**Qualified Applicants:** All interested junior scholars (including post-doctoral fellows and PhD students) from law schools in Asia are welcome to apply. If there is overwhelming demand, preference will be given to junior scholars from the ALSA founding members.

**Registration:** Please complete the registration form and send it to Ms Judy Xu at [lwalsa@cityu.edu.hk](mailto:lwalsa@cityu.edu.hk) no later than **31 May 2021 (Monday)**.

### **About the Asian Law Schools Association**

ALSA is a new Association of Asian law schools that was formally inaugurated on 15 January 2021. It comprises 22 founding members that are leading Asian law schools from China, India, Japan, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan, and Thailand. ALSA aims to provide a platform for scholarly collaboration amongst Asian law schools. Membership will be enlarged progressively.

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