The new Party leadership is attempting to reshape China’s justice agenda by encouraging ‘rule of law-consciousness’ (fazhi siwei 法治思维) in public and governmental affairs. Political authorities are also hoping that the promotion of a number of justice reform initiatives will complement their anti-corruption campaign and revive public confidence in courts and other legal institutions.

During the past year, the Chinese leadership has also ordered internet crackdowns on bloggers and activists, criminalised ‘rumour-mongering’ and arrested various prominent anti-corruption and pro-transparency advocates. At the same time, an active blogosphere of commentators is continuing to open up space for contentious views to be heard.

This workshop will be highly interactive and will include presentations and a roundtable. Speakers will discuss some of the problems and conflicts inherent in Xi Jinping’s approach to law, justice and rights in China and how public opinion is reacting to attempts to silence dissent and discontent.

**Speakers**

**Ira Belkin:** Executive Director of the US-Asia Law Institute at New York University and an Adjunct Professor of Law at NYU School. His presentation is on: *Law, Justice and Rights in Xi Jinping’s China: Dreaming of Resolving the Contradictions.*

**Sarah Biddulph:** Professor of law and ARC Future Fellow at The University of Melbourne Law School. She is chair of the Workshop Roundtable.

**Elisa Nesossi:** Post-doctoral Fellow at the Australian Centre on China in the World (CIW) at the Australian National University. She co-presents (with Sue Trevaskes) on: *Xi Jinping's Take on Authoritarian 'Rule of Law'***.

**Joshua Rosenzweig**: scholar in Chinese Studies at the Chinese University of Hong Kong. His presentation is on: *Criminal Justice and Public Opinion under the ‘Chinese Dream’*?

**Flora Sapio:** Associate Director of the Centre for Rights and Justice at the Chinese University of Hong Kong. Her presentation is on: *Judicial Reform Plans: The Challenges Ahead.*

**Sue Trevaskes:** ARC QEII Research Fellow at Griffith University. She co-presents (with Elisa Nesossi) on: *Xi Jinping’s Take on Authoritarian ‘Rule of Law’.*

**Wednesday 9 July 2014**

→ Level 7, Board Room, Webb Centre Building
→ Queensland College of Art, South Bank Campus, Griffith University
→ 08:30am- 1:00pm

Places are limited and reservations are essential, please contact Natasha Vary on (07) 3735 5322 or n.vary@griffith.edu.au by 5.00pm Friday 4 July 2014