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PROGRAM

DAY 1

9:00 AM WELCOME
Professor Hualing Fu

THE PROJECT
Professor John Gillespie

9:30 AM PANEL 1

Chair: Professor Sarah Biddulph

9:30 AM “Plus Ça Change:” Legacies of Soviet Legal Culture in Russia Today
Distinguished Professor Emeritus Gordon Smith

9:50 AM To What Extent was the Soviet Socialist Model a Product of Russian History?
Assistant Professor William Partlett

10:10 AM PANEL 1 DISCUSSION

11:00 AM MORNING TEA

11:15 AM PANEL 2

Chair: Professor John Gillespie

11:15 AM What makes Asian Socialist Legal Systems Socialist?
Professor William Butler

11:35 AM What “Socialist Law” is Not
Assistant Professor Michael Dowdle

11:55 AM Socialist Rule of Law with Chinese Characteristics: A New Genealogy
Dr Glenn Tiffert

12:15 PM PANEL 2 DISCUSSION

1:15PM LUNCH

2:15 PM PANEL 3

Chair: Assistant Professor Michael Dowdle

2:15 PM The Divergent Socialist Constitutionalism of the People’s Republic of China and Socialist Republic of Vietnam in Comparative Perspective
Professor Hualing Fu and Mr Jason Buh

2:35 PM Constitutional Pluralism: What is Socialist about Constitutional Ideas in Vietnam?
Dr Bui Ngoc Son

2:55 PM PANEL 3 DISCUSSION

3:40 PM AFTERNOON TEA

4:00 PM PANEL 4

Chair: Assistant Professor William Partlett

4:00 PM Trade Unions with ‘Chinese Characteristics’: An Evolving Transmission Belt?
Assistant Professor Mimi Zou and Dr Stephen Pan

Mr Do Hai Ha

4:40 PM PANEL 4 DISCUSSION

6:30PM DINNER - KIANGSU CHEKIANG AND SHANGHAI RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION RESTAURANT
Take bus to restaurant - 3/F & 4/F, Manning House, 38-48 Queen’s Road, Central, Hong Kong
DAY 2

9:00 AM PANEL 5

Chair: Professor Hualing Fu

9:00 AM New Reforms with Paradoxical Approach of Socialist Market Economy
Professor Xianchu Zhang

9:20 AM Transitioning out of Socialism or Transforming Socialism? The Case of Economic Regulation in Vietnam
Professor John Gillespie

9:40 AM PANEL 5 DISCUSSION

10:25 AM MORNING TEA

10:45 AM PANEL 6

Chair: Professor Pip Nicholson

10:45 AM Long Shadows of the Soviet Criminal Law in the Post-Soviet Russia
Associate Professor Ekaterina Mishina

11:05 AM Roots and Routes: Adapting the Soviet-inspired Vietnamese Court and Procuracy Systems
Professor Pip Nicholson and Ms Pham Lan Phuong

11:25 PM PANEL 6 DISCUSSION

12:10 PM LUNCH

1:00 PM PANEL 7

Chair: Assistant Professor Samuli Seppanen

1:00 PM The Role of Connections (Guanxi) in the Decision-making Process of Chinese Courts
Professor Xin He

1:20 PM From Litigation Masters to Basic-level Legal Workers: Understanding Lawyering in Chinese Society from the Demand-centric and Historical Perspectives (1900s-2000s)
Assistant Professor Michael Ng and Dr Stephen Pan

1:40 PM PANEL 7 DISCUSSION

2:25 PM AFTERNOON TEA

2:50 PM PANEL 8

Chair: Mr Nicholas Booth

2:50 PM Civil Law Codifications in Russia: Socialist Impact and Civilian Tradition
Ms Irina Sakharova

3:10 PM Rethinking Post-Socialist Land Reform in China
Assistant Professor Shitong Qiao

3:30 PM PANEL 8 DISCUSSION

4:15 PM PANEL 9

Chair: Dr Bui Ngoc Son

4:15 PM Democratic Centralism and Administrative Law in China
Professor Sarah Biddulph

4:35 PM Useful Paradoxes – Explicating China’s Conservative Socialist Legal Thought
Assistant Professor Samuli Seppanen

4:55 PM PANEL 9 DISCUSSION

5:40 PM PROJECT DISCUSSION

7:00 PM DINNER - SENIOR COMMON ROOM