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Charter 08 and the Challenges of Constitutional Development

Council Chamber, 8th Floor Meng Wah Complex
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Conference Programme

9:30 – 9:40	Opening Remarks
Session I: Liu Xiaobo and the Trial	
9:40 – 10:00	An Intellectual Portrait of Liu Xiaobo <i>Jean-Philippe Béja</i>
10:00 – 10:20	How to Defend Oneself Against the Criminal Charge of Subversion in China? <i>Joshua Rosenzweig</i>
10:20 – 10:40	Liu Xiaobo's Trial: The View from Hong Kong <i>Albert Ho Chun Yan</i>
10:40 – 11:10	Discussion
11:10 – 11:30	~~~ Coffee Break ~~~

Session II: Charter 08 and Constitutionalism

11:30 – 11:50	Political Legitimacy, Constitutionalism and Charter 08 <i>Benny Tai</i>
11:50 – 12:10	Charter 08 and “Popular Constitutionalism”: On the Constitutional Meaning of Liberalism and its Limits <i>Michael Dowdle</i>
12:10 – 12:40	Discussion
12:40 – 2:00	~~~ Lunch ~~~

Session III: The Political Dimension

2:00 – 2:20	Charter 08 and China’s Weiquan Movement <i>Eva Pils</i>
2:20 – 2:40	Authoritarianism and the Narrow Path of Legal Reform <i>Fu Hualing</i>
2:40 – 3:00	Charter 08 and the Future of Freedom of Expression <i>Nicholas Bequelin</i>
3:00 – 3:30	Discussion
3:30 – 3:40	Closing Remarks