

CALS SEMINAR SERIES: CHINESE LAW

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Federal Bartholomew Conference Room, Eu Tong Sen Building, NUS (BTC)

Jurisprudence in Tang Dynasty China: An Analysis of Selected Tang Dynasty *Panwen* (Written Legal Judgments)

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ABSTRACT

The Tang Dynasty (618-907 AD) is regarded as the apex of the development of law in pre-modern China, perhaps best epitomized by the preparation and promulgation of the Tang Code in the 7th century, which served as the foundation for subsequent dynastic codes and which also strongly influenced codified law in East Asia. While much scholarship has focused on the Tang Code and other sources of Tang law, less scholarship has been done (especially scholarship in Western languages) on understanding how law was actually implemented and applied in Tang society, as well as how Tang officials thought about and worked through the law in legal cases and disputes. This talk aims to add to our understanding of these areas through the examination and analysis of selected *panwen* (written legal judgments) that have survived from the Tang, including hypothetical *panwen* (used by Tang officials to prepare for certain civil service examinations) and actual *panwen* from real cases.

ABOUT THE SPEAKER



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