

Symposium on Constitutional Identity with a Focus on China

Venue: ‘The Black Box’, Esplanade Building (E4). [Directions to the University](#) and [Campus Map](#)

Date and time: Monday, 11 December 2017, 13.30-17.00

Registration and information: Secretariaat PER-TLS, frw.per.secretariaat@uvt.nl

On Monday 11 December 2017, ZHAI Han LL.M. will defend her Ph.D. dissertation entitled *Constitutional Identity of Contemporary China: The Unitary System and its Internal Logic* in the Auditorium of Tilburg University from 10.00 to 11.00.

Following the defence, a Symposium will be held to further debate the issues explored by Han in her research. The contributions to the symposium will explore the contemporary identity of the Chinese constitutional order compared with other approaches to constitutional identity and its future in a theoretical and comparative perspective. The Symposium will be chaired by Dr. Gerhard VAN DER SCHYFF.

Programme

- 13.30-13.40: Welcome by Professor Philip EIJLANDER (Professor of Regulation and Legislative Studies, Department of Public Law, Jurisprudence and Legal History, Tilburg Law School and past Rector of Tilburg University)
- 13.40-14.10: Professor ZHU Jie (Professor of Constitutional Law and Vice Director of Intra-party Laws and Regulations *IPLR*, Wuhan University)
Title of presentation: *China’s governance over the SARs and the blueprint of reunification with Taiwan in the New Era*
- 14.10-14.40: Professor Ernst HIRSCH BALLIN (Distinguished University Professor, Tilburg University and Professor of Human Rights Law, University of Amsterdam)
Title of Presentation: *Democracy, ethnocracy and demoicracy: What we can learn from comparative constitutionalism?*
- 14.40-15.10: WU Liangjian (LL.M. and LL.B., Peking University, Ph.D. candidate, Sciences Po, Paris)
Title of Presentation: *Vertical (re)distribution of fiscal power and constitutional safeguard of subnational fiscal autonomy under China’s unitary system*
- 15.10-15.40: Dr. Gerhard VAN DER SCHYFF (Associate Professor, Department of Public Law, Jurisprudence and Legal History, Tilburg Law School)
Title of Presentation: *The concept of constitutional identity in the European space*
- 15.40-16.10: ZHAI Han (LL.B., Inner Mongolia University, LL.M., China University of Political Science and Law)
Closing reflections
- 16.10-17.00: Drinks