



HKU
LAW

ROLE

THE RULE OF LAW
EDUCATION PROJECT

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ROLE: origin and context

- Started in 2012 as a Knowledge Exchange initiative
- Law students develop academic materials and other resources for the public
- **Primary audience:** local secondary school students
- **Goal:** to promote a better understanding of the rule of law and various basic legal knowledge in Hong Kong
- Programming for AY 2023-24 will begin in January 2024
- In English and/or Cantonese
- Also host a website and annual law essay competition

ROLE topics

Major legal systems in the world and an introduction to law

The common law system and its ideology

The rule of law in comparative context

Evolution of Hong Kong's legal system

The legislative process in Hong Kong

Hong Kong's court system and the origins of legal traditions in Hong Kong

The legal profession in Hong Kong

Law obedience and the rule of law

Access to justice in Hong Kong

Hong Kong's jury system

Protection of rights in Hong Kong



Statistics for AY 2022-23

- 28 HKU law students participated
- 14 talks/workshops
- Audience included:
 - 2,700 secondary school students
 - 50 migrant domestic workers



Thematic Topics on the Rule of Law



Contempt of
Court



Interpretation of
the Basic Law



Legislative
Council



Separation of
Powers



Law Obedience



Freedom of
Expression



Adolescents and
Law Obedience

The ROLE website

ROLE benefits and impact



FOR LAW STUDENTS



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ROLE benefits and impact



FOR LAW STUDENTS

- Reinforces curriculum knowledge
- Public speaking skills
- Ability to effectively communicate complex legal ideas to non-legal audiences (future prof. skill)
- Fosters creativity and problem-solving
- Peer collaboration

ROLE benefits and impact



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Based on post-event debriefings and completed post-event questionnaires:

- Gain knowledge about the significance of the rule of law and related legal concepts
- Teachers appreciate variety and lesson plan assistance
- Audience feedback: speakers are well-prepared and passionate about their teaching

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- Community connection
- Practical application of the legal curriculum
- Generate additional awareness of the law and interest in the law
- Share relevant legal information beyond campus

Questions?

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