“THE FORCE IS NO LONGER WITH YOU”: THE POLICE AND HONG KONG PROTESTS

The Hong Kong Police Force has, for a long time, been deemed by the city’s residents as “Asia’s Finest.” But this reputation on the part of the Hong Kong Police as an efficient, disciplined, and impartial force has clearly taken a deep dive since the Umbrella Movement of 2014. A practising lawyer with a particular focus on criminal law, human rights, and civil liberties, Randy Shek will examine in this talk not only the evolution of this transformation but also its implications for Hong Kong and beyond.

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