International Workshop
Public Reason and Bioethics

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5 January 2018 (11:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.)
Venue: Conference Room, 2/F, Art Museum, Institute of Chinese Studies,
The Chinese University of Hong Kong, Shatin
Registration: https://www.med.cuhk.edu.hk/registration/view.php?id=360035
Free Admission/ All are Welcome

INTRODUCTION
The history of the idea of public reason dates back to Hobbes, Kant, and Rousseau. The idea has been revived
by John Rawls in his Political Liberalism (1993), and has since been the subject of continual heated debate.
This workshop, “Public Reason and Bioethics,” the first of its kind, aims to examine various conceptions of
public reasons – Liberal, Confucian, and Natural Law Theory – and to consider their bearing on issues in
bioethics. The investigators consist of three teams, each expounding one conception and arguing for its
relevance to bioethics.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER

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