

# 16

## PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS



2020-2024  
Publications

82



2020-2024  
Percentage of all  
Taiwan Publications

5.4%



Course Units

516



Student Engagement  
with Units on SDG 16

10,490

# Research

## **Safeguarding Human Rights and Institutional Justice**

The International Center for Cultural Studies (ICCS) and the School of Law co-hosted a symposium marking the first anniversary of Taiwan's Anti-Human Trafficking Act amendments and the ban on forced labor, in partnership with the Taiwan Association for Human Rights, the Taiwan Labor Front, and Work Better Innovations. The meeting assessed progress and challenges one year on, with particular attention to whether employment systems for migrant workers and distant-water fishers align with international human rights and labor standards. The policy recommendations addressed system design, enforcement capacity, and cross-sector collaboration. ICCS also organized a talk on "Key Business and Human Rights Issues 2024," drawing on the International Institute for Human Rights and Business's Top 10 list to examine forced labor in supply chains, employer-paid recruitment, the human impact of content moderation on digital platforms, and risks to migrant workers in mining, fisheries, and urban settings during climate transition.

## **Spotlight on Emerging Law and Technology**

The School of Law hosted the "2024 28th National Conference on Technology Law," covering national security and communications oversight, digital governance and international trade, intellectual property strategy and technology controls, global supply chains and labor rights, and digital health and global health topics. The program included focused sessions on the worldwide impact of the EU AI Act, cross-border data protection, financial technology, and international commercial arbitration. Gabriele Mazzini, lead architect on the EU AI Act, provided an in-depth analysis of the law's legislative background, risk tiers, and compliance mechanisms, and discussed its ripple effects for global AI R&D, industrial strategies, and regulatory trends. Through case studies and comparative perspectives, the conference advanced evidence-based legal inquiry and interagency policy coordination to address cybersecurity, cross-border data flows, supply-chain due diligence, and medical data governance.



## Social Impact

### Innocence Project Service Internship

The “NYCU x Taiwan Innocence Project Service Internship” combines training with hands-on service so that students can learn and contribute to real-world post-conviction reviews. Interns work on evidence collection and legal review, study wrongful convictions and systemic gaps, provide psychosocial support to the wrongfully convicted, and participate in public advocacy, such as film screenings and international exchanges. By creating a complete learning chain from case rescue to policy recommendations, the program will, on the one hand, help those wrongly convicted regain their freedom and social integration and, on the other hand, cultivate legal talent with a human rights perspective, and promote a more transparent and accountable judicial system.

### Youth Action for Mental Health Rights

During the 2024 summer break, the “Crusaders Psychiatric Service Team” visited Kaohsiung Municipal Kai-Syuan Psychiatric Hospital for a nine-day outreach program. Thirty-one students from the fields of medicine, physical therapy and assistive technology, and biomedical engineering organized a range of occupation-oriented activities, including morning exercise, crafts, cooking classes, and cognitive games. The initiative aimed to build confidence, enhance achievement and social interaction, and work with the hospital to reduce stigma around mental illness. The experience deepened empathy and professional identity and strengthened interprofessional teamwork, contributing to rights-based mental health care and community support.

# Education & Cultivation

## Refugee Survival Simulation Workshop

The Sustainable & Peer Education Center ran a series titled, “A Sustainable Memo for the Next Extraordinary Moment,” combining talks on civil defense and post-disaster recovery, a one-day basic civil defense training with Black Bear Academy, and an RPG-style “Refugee Survival” workshop co-organized with BridgeIRS. Participants simulated decisions from family evacuation to coping with hunger, disease, interrupted schooling, corruption, and displacement. A physician with Middle Eastern field experience shared frontline insights, turning knowledge into empathy and action. The program strengthened the understanding of humanitarian protection, the rule of law, and governance failure risks.

## First-of-its-Kind Legal Studies Program for Medical Students

The School of Medicine launched the “Medicine and Law Credit Program” for medical students, which is structured in stages. Years one and two build legal foundations in civil and criminal law, procedures, and intellectual property. Years three and four focus on health law topics, including health law and policy, comparative health law, Taiwan’s National Health Insurance, and health governance topics. The program pursues three goals: strengthening legal literacy and compliance awareness, improving the prevention and resolution of medical disputes, and cultivating cross-disciplinary talent for health policy and governance. Using scenario cases, mock mediation and litigation, policy analysis, and co-teaching across departments, students learn to balance patient rights and quality of care while practicing professional communication and risk-management skills.



## Stewardship

### **Building Legal Literacy and Campus Safety**

During “Friendly Campus Week,” the Military Training Office delivered a lecture series on traffic safety, drug abuse prevention, anti-bullying, and anti-fraud. Using current practices and case analyses, the series reinforced the importance of risk identification, reporting procedures, and self-protection. Ongoing communication and cross-unit coordination strengthen the campus safety chain from early warning to incident response and recovery, improving legal literacy and safety awareness across the university.

### **Global Dialogue on Digital Governance and Human Rights**

ICCS hosted an online forum on “China, BRI and Implications on Digital Governance, Authoritarianism and the Future of Human Rights,” inviting scholars and activists from the Global South to critically examine the human rights risks in the “Digital Silk Road.” The discussion analyzed surveillance technology exports, data governance, and cross-border data flows, and explored how digital technologies are reshaping logistics and infrastructure governance, including Smart Cities and CCTV networks, with the potential to heighten social control. The dialogue promoted responsible institutions and fundamental freedoms, and advocated rule-of-law and rights-based approaches to digital infrastructure and urban governance.

