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*Introduction to Chinese Law*

Guest Lecture

## **The Idea of National Security in Contemporary China: Constitutional Expressions, Legal Framework and Fundamental Values**

In a specific national context, this lecture surveys the emerging legal framework of the pursuit of national security in Chinese homeland, with an emphasis on accelerating developments in this area since the promulgation of the Holistic Approach to National Security in 2014 and its national constitutional implications. All information provided in this lecture is obtained from open sources. The lecture breaks this topic into six sections: (i) national security in Chinese constitutional expressions since 1949, (ii) the early landmark constitutional law on anti-secession and its constitutional foundations, (iii) on the basics of the new National Security Law (2015) and its constitutional implications upon the 1982 Constitution, (iv) national security in the political periphery of China through a constitutional perspective (v) national security in the emerging cyber laws: a new constitutional order in the cyberspace?, (vi) accommodation of national security in the constitutional value system.



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