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Professor Michael Palmer is an Associate member of Chambers.

Michael is Emeritus Professor of Law at the University of London, and a Professorial Research Associate at the China Institute at the School of Oriental & African Studies (SOAS), as well as Senior Research Fellow at the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies (IALS), and at the Asia-Pacific Studies Institute, Chinese University of Hong Kong. He is also Cheng Yu Tung Visiting Professor of Law at the Faculty of Law, Hong Kong University.

Michael has twice served as Chair of the former Centre for Chinese Studies at SOAS, and for many years served as academic convenor of the Practical Training Scheme for Chinese Lawyers and the EU-China Legal and Judicial Cooperation Programme.

Between 2010 and 2016, he was Professor of Law, Dean, & Associate Dean at STU Law School, in Shantou, China.

Michael's many publications are mainly in the field of comparative law, especially Chinese Law, and cover a wide range of areas including legal history, family law reform, human rights, environmental welfare, civil justice and dispute resolution, consumer protection and criminal law. He is joint editor of the Journal of Comparative Law, and Editor of Amicus Curiae (IALS). For 6 years he served as a member of the Humanities and Social Sciences Panel, Hong Kong Research Grants Council.

Memberships

- Associate Member, International Academy of International Law
- Founding Member, Association for Comparative Legal Studies
- External Assessor in Law, for Hong Kong Research Assessment Exercise, Hong Kong
- Universities' Grants Committee (1996)
- Member, Society of Public Teachers of Law

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- Member, Great-Britain China Centre
- Member, Socio-legal Studies Association
- Member, Legal Action Group
- Member, British Association of Chinese Studies Advisory
- Member, Wingate Scholarships Trust
- Overseas Member, Law Panel, Hong Kong Research Assessment Exercise (1996; 2006)

Education & Qualifications

- B.Sc (Econ.), London School of Economics & Political Science, University of London
- MA (Chinese Studies), School of Oriental & African Studies
- LLB, Trinity College, Cambridge
- LLD, University of London

Professional Training Responsibilities

- Academic Convenor, "Lord Chancellor's Training Scheme for Young Chinese Lawyers"
- Joint Academic Convenor, "Lord Chancellor's Judicial Training Scheme for Chinese Judges"
- Head, China Law Unit, Attorney-General's Chambers, Hong Kong, (on special secondment from the University of London) (1990-1993)
- Secretary and Member, "Governor's Working Party on Legal and Judicial Relations between Hong Kong and the Mainland [China]" (1992-1993)
- Special advisor to the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights to assist in preparations for China's accession to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (1999)
- At various times, advisor and contributor to the UK-China Human Rights Dialogue, an official programme of cooperation intended to assist China's accession to the ICCPR. (1997-)

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