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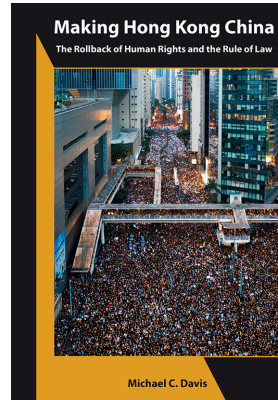
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1. Does the Hong Kong Basic Law promise a liberal constitutional order?
2. Why does judicial independence matter?
3. Does the nomination process proposed by Beijing satisfy the requirements of universal suffrage?
4. Does the Hong Kong National Security Law conform to the ICCPR?
5. Do non-violent popular protests, with some violence on the margins pose a threat to national security or should this be viewed more as a matter of public order?

### EXTERNAL LINKS & RESOURCES:

- “Hong Kong Basic Law” <https://www.basiclaw.gov.hk/en/index/>
- “ICCPR” <https://www.equalityhumanrights.com/en/our-human-rights-work/monitoring-and-promoting-un-treaties/international-covenant-civil-and#:~:text=ICCPR%20is%20an%20international%20human,fair%20trial%20Rights>
- “Johannesburg Principles”  
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