

CIB W113 STUDY GROUP ON
“Legal Aspects of Relational Contracting”

1. **Aim**

This Study Group on Legal Aspects of Relational Contracting (“the LARC Study Group”) is set up to develop collaborative links and co-operation between Hong Kong, the United Kingdom, international counterparts and organisations, to conduct research and facilitate exchange of information, knowledge, ideas and experiences between construction industry practitioners and academics, in areas pertaining to contractual rights, remedies and repercussions, and other legal ramifications of partnering, alliancing and other forms of relational contracting.

2. **Composition**

The LARC Study Group welcomes researchers and practitioners with specific interests in this field to join in formulating and carrying out the planned studies. At present, the LARC Study Group comprises the following persons (in alphabetical order):-

- Aaron Anvuur, Loughborough University
- Jacky Chung, Hong Kong Polytechnic University
- Mohan Kumaraswamy, The University of Hong Kong
- Jim Mason, University of West England
- Dan Lam, Leighton Contractors
- Dennis Li, Black & Veatch
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- Thomas Ng, The University of Hong Kong
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- Gary Soo, Gary Soo’s Chambers, Hong Kong
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3. **Target Areas**

In relation to current and expected scenarios, the initial focus areas of the LARC Study Group are:-

Assessing the uptake and spread of contractual elements in partnering.

Comparative review of the legal efficacy and ramifications of provisions for, and duties (or implied covenants) of good faith in ‘partnered’ and ‘allianced’ projects.

Comparative review of legal lessons learned from disputes in partnered contracts that used contractual forms such as NEC, ConsensusDOCS, IPD, PPC 2000, TCP 2005, IFOA etc.