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In Hong Kong, a Sense of Righteousness Drives Lawyers' Political Activism



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I like the connection between “righteousness” and a flourishing life. The idea of “righteousness” has permeated my research on Hong Kong, from the inquiries of universal human rights, the motivations behind lawyers’ political activism, and the basis of public trust in courts. It takes on particular significance in transitional societies, where political suppression as a result of a regime change often sees the rise of political activism prompted by a sense of righteousness. While that may bring adverse consequences to the activists, to some, suffering may only harden their resolve and bring about the “emotional” dimension of the flourishing life.

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