

**OVERSEAS YOUNG CHINESE FORUM (12th Annual Meeting)
CENTER FOR EAST ASIAN STUDIES, UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
INTERNATIONAL HOUSE, UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO**

**China's Legal Reform at Crossroads
中国法律改革的十字路口**

University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois
May 28-30, 2010

China's legal reform is at a crossroads. After thirty years of state-led construction, the legal system in China has evolved from a vacuum into a complex system full of challenges and contradictions. The 12th annual OYCF conference, co-sponsored by the Center for East Asian Studies and the International House at the University of Chicago, brings together scholars, students and practitioners from China and the United States to discuss the past, present, and future of China's legal reform. The topics of the panels include citizen rights, judicial reform, legal profession, corporate law, civil society, and property rights. We intend to address these issues by critically examining the empirical realities, as well as the historical and theoretical significance, of the ongoing legal reform in China.

PROGRAM

Friday, May 28, 2010

6:00 pm: Registration, Check-in (International House, University of Chicago)

Saturday, May 29, 2010

8:00 am: Breakfast

9:00 am: Opening Remarks

- **SUN Su (孙速)**, President, Overseas Young Chinese Forum
- **YANG Dali (杨大利)**, Professor of Political Science, Director of Center for East Asian Studies, University of Chicago

9:10 am: Panel Overview

- **LIU Sida (刘思达)**, Assistant Professor of Sociology and Law, University of Wisconsin-Madison

9:15 am – 10:15 am:

Keynote Speech:

**China's Social Change and Innovation of Legal Paradigm
(中国的社会变革与法律范式创新)**

Honored Speaker:

- **JI Weidong (季卫东)**, Dean and Professor of Law, KoGuan Law School, Shanghai Jiao Tong University

10:15 am – 10:30 am: Coffee Break

10:30 am-12:00 pm:

Panel 1: Law and Citizen Rights

Speakers:

- **Mary E. GALLAGHER**, Associate Professor of Political Science, Director of Center for Chinese Studies, University of Michigan
Bottom-Up Implementation? Legal Mobilization as Law Enforcement
- **Timothy WEBSTER**, Senior Fellow, The China Law Center, Yale Law School
The Rise of Chinese Antidiscrimination Law: State Responses to Civil Society Agitation
- **Rachel E. STERN**, Junior Fellow, Society of Fellows, Harvard University
Harnessing the Law: Environmental Litigation in Contemporary China

Chair/Discussants:

- **Randall PEERENBOOM**, Professor of Law, La Trobe University, Associate Fellow, Oxford University Centre for Socio-Legal Studies

12:00 pm – 1:45 pm: Lunch Break

1:45 pm – 3:15 pm:

Panel 2: Judicial System

Speakers:

- **HE Xin (贺欣)**, Associate Professor of Law, City University of Hong Kong
Do the “Haves” Come Out Ahead in Shanghai Courts?
- **Titus CHEN (陳至潔)**, Assistant Research Fellow, Institute of International Relations, National Chengchi University, Taiwan
Recalibrating the Measure of Justice: Beijing’s Effort to Recentralize Judiciary
- **Alan W. LEPP**, Deputy Senior Staff Attorney, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit
Constraining Judicial Discretion: The American Experience and Its Relevance for China’s Courts

Chair/Discussants:

- **LONG Yan (龙彦)**, Ph.D. Candidate in Sociology, University of Michigan

3:15 pm – 3:30 pm: Coffee Break

3:30 pm – 5:15 pm:

Panel 3: Legal Profession

Speakers:

- **LI Ke (李柯)**, Ph.D. Candidate in Sociology and Criminal Justice, Indiana University-Bloomington
Rhetoric and Tactics: Talks of State Law in a Legal Workers’ Office

- **LI Bensen (李本森)**, Associate Professor of Law, China University of Political Science and Law, S.J.D. Candidate in Law, Indiana University-Bloomington
Ethical Issues of the Chinese Legal Profession
- **Laney ZHANG (张岚)**, Senior Foreign Law Specialist, Directorate of Legal Research, The Law Library of Congress
Researching Chinese Law on Capital Hill
- **LIU Sida (刘思达)**, Assistant Professor of Sociology and Law, University of Wisconsin-Madison
The Past and Future of the Chinese Legal Profession

Chair/Discussants:

- **HAN Chunping (韩春萍)**, Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of Texas-Arlington

6:00 pm: Dinner

7:30 pm: State of OYCF Report by the OYCF Board
OYCF Annual Election

Sunday, May 30, 2010

8:00 am: Breakfast

9:00 am – 10:45 am:

Panel 4: Corporate Law

Speakers:

- **Nicholas C. HOWSON (郝山)**, Professor of Law, University of Michigan
Fiduciary Litigation in the People's Courts: Competence, Autonomy and Independence
- **Lydia LIU (刘晓雅)**, Managing Partner, Finesse Law Group, Shanghai
Joint Venture In China: Past, Current and Future
- **Peter K. YU (余家明)**, Kern Family Chair in Intellectual Property Law, Director, Intellectual Property Law Center, Drake University Law School
Reflections on the U.S.-China Dispute over Intellectual Property Enforcement
- **LIU Haiyan (刘海燕)**, Ph.D. Candidate in Criminal Justice, Indiana University-Bloomington
The Criminal Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights in China: The Recent Developments and Implications

Chair/Discussants:

- **ZHENG Wentong (郑文通)**, Associate Professor of Law, State University of New York at Buffalo

10:45 am – 11:00 am: Coffee Break

11:00 am – 12:30 pm:

Panel 5: Law and Civil Society

Speakers:

- **Karla SIMON**, Professor of Law, Director of Faculty Development, Columbus School of Law, Catholic University of America
Thirty Years of Reform for China's Social Organizations
- **CHEN Ruoying (陈若英)**, Visiting Assistant Professor of law, University of Chicago
China's Informal Sales of Rural Housing: Property, Privatization and Local Public Finance
- **LEI Ya-wen (雷雅雯)**, Ph.D. Candidate in Sociology, University of Michigan
Legal Culture in the State Media and on the Internet: the Salience of Law and the Construction of Legality in Two Venues of Political Communication (Co-authored with ZHOU Xiaodan)

Chair/Discussants:

- **GUANG Lei (光磊)**, Professor of Political Science, San Diego State University

12:30 pm – 2:00 pm: Lunch

2:00 pm – 3:30 pm:

Panel 6: Property Rights

Speakers:

- **ZHANG Wei (张巍)**, Ph.D. Candidate in Jurisprudence and Social Policy, University of California-Berkeley
Property Rights and Property Law
- **ZHANG Qi (章奇)**, Ph.D. Candidate in Political Science, Northwestern University
Communist Revolution and the Political Origin of Private Economy in China: Evidence from Zhejiang province
- **CHEN Li (陈力)**, Graduate Student, Master of Arts in International Relations, University of Chicago
Property Rights Reform and Its Impact on Metropolitan Development in China

Chair/Discussants:

- **Victor SHIH (史宗翰)**, Assistant Professor of Political Science, Northwestern University

3:30 pm – 3:45 pm: Concluding Remarks

4:00 pm – 6:00 pm: Outing

7:00 pm – 11:00 pm: Dinner & Celebration Party

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