

## **BERKELEY INTERNATIONAL LAW SOCIETY** **NEWSLETTER**

**Hi everyone, and welcome to ILS' first bi-weekly newsletter! We will be sending the newsletter out every 1st and 15th day of the month. The newsletter includes events on international law and international issues at Berkeley Law, elsewhere on campus, and in the Bay Area. We also include a "SPOTLIGHT" event. SPOTLIGHT events occur once a month and will be attended by 2Ls and 3Ls. Usually we will have a dinner or happy hour before or after the SPOTLIGHT event, depending on what time it is.**

**We hope everyone is getting settled in to the first few weeks of school, and we look forward to creating an International Law Society community!**

### **SPOTLIGHT EVENT**

*Note: Meet in the Courtyard (in front of school) at 3:45 and we will walk over together. We will have an ILS sign!*

#### **Jefferson Memorial Lectures: The Mystery of Guantanamo Bay**

Wednesday, September 17, 4:10 pm, Lipman Room, 8th floor

Distinguished journalist, Linda Greenhouse, will present the Jefferson Memorial Lecture as part of UC Berkeley's observance of Constitution Day. Her lecture is entitled "The Mystery of Guantanamo Bay." Linda Greenhouse is the Former Supreme Court Correspondent, The New York Times.

### **EVENTS AT BERKELEY LAW**

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#### **Wilson Gutierrez: My Experience in the Inter-American Human Rights System**

When: Monday, September 15, 12:45 – 1:45 pm, Boalt 110

After being tortured while in state custody until he signed a confession for a crime he had been accused of, Wilson Gutierrez brought a claim before the Inter-American Commission for the torture he was subjected to as well as violations of his rights to a fair trial and judicial protection. The case was decided in favor of Mr. Gutierrez by the Inter-American Court of Human Rights in 2005. Come hear Mr. Gutierrez accompanied by his former attorney Roxanna Altholz, Associate Director of Berkeley Law's International Human Rights Law Clinic, talk about his experience petitioning before the Inter-American human rights judicial system.

Lunch will be served!

Co-sponsored by the Boalt Hall Committee for Human Rights (BHCHR), California Asylum Representation Clinic (CARC), International Law Society (ILS) and Berkeley Journal of International Law (BJIL)

### **Center for the Study of Law & Society (CSLS) Speaker Series**

When: Monday, September 15, 12:30 – 1:45 pm, JSP Seminar Room, 2240 Piedmont Avenue

Talk by Andreas Abegg, University of Freiburg. Topic: "The Contracting State and its Courts – A Comparative Historical Inquiry." A light lunch will be served 12-12:30 pm

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### **Center for the Study of Law & Society (CSLS) Speaker Series**

Monday, September 22, 12:30 – 1:45 pm, JSP Seminar Room, 2240 Piedmont Avenue

Talk by Justin O'Brien, Australian National University.

Topic: "Barriers to Entry: Foreign Direct Investment and the Regulation of Sovereign Wealth Funds." A light lunch will be served 12-12:30 pm.

### **EVENTS ON CAMPUS**

9/22

#### **Mexico's Right to Know Reforms: Testing the Transition**

When: Monday, September 22, 12 – 1:15 pm, 554 Barrows Hall

Mexico's laws and official political discourse now emphasize transparency. Citizens' "right to know" is assumed to encourage more accountable governance. In practice, however, what difference have these reforms made so far, and how do we know? This presentation will include a conceptual discussion of the relationship between transparency and accountability, a national overview of the reform process, and a field report on a grassroots civil society campaign to exercise information rights in the state of Guerrero.

Featured Speaker: Jonathan Fox, Professor of Latin American and Latino Studies at the University of California, Santa Cruz.

#### **Depth of Field Film: "Sierra Leone's Refugee All Stars"**

When: Monday, September 22, at 7 pm 220 Stephens Hall, The Townsend Center for the Humanities

Film - Documentary

Refugee All Stars follows a group of musicians living in a refugee camp in Sierra Leone as they come together to form an impromptu touring group, composing songs that reflect the experiences of refugees in the camps. The film offers an impressive blend of performance and reportage as it follows the group on its journey.

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#### **Justice & the Law: Indian Democracy**

When: Friday, September 26, 9 am – 6 pm, Lipman Room, Barrows Hall

A distinguished panel of speakers will discuss topics ranging from Instruments of Law and New Legal Institutions to the Police & Army and Human Rights. Confirmed speakers

include Justice B.N. Srikrishna (Retired Justice, Supreme Court of India), Tarun Tejpal (Editor, Tehlka), Madhava Menon (Director, National Judicial Academy), MadhuKishwar (Center for the Study of Developing Societies), and SominiSengupta (South Asia Bureau Chief, NYT).

## **EVENTS OFF CAMPUS**

9/9 - 9/28

### **Art For Humanity at Giorgi Gallery**

2911 Claremont Ave., Berkeley

September 9 - 28, 2008

exhibit organized by Evelyn Glaubman, Art Instructor, Berkely City College

This exhibit reflects the importance of international agreement to support the humane goals of the United Nations and the dignity of all.

Opening Reception: Sunday, September 14, 4-6pm, Closing Reception: Saturday, September 27, 3-6pm

9/16

World Affairs Council: 'Hamdan v. Rumsfeld': The Landmark Case & Impact on Guantánamo Detainees

Date: 9/16/2008 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Address: World Affairs Council Auditorium, 312 Sutter Street, Second Floor  
San Francisco, California 94108

Speaker(s): Jonathan Mahler, Staff Writer, The New York Times Magazine  
Event Date

9/25/08

### **Can Peace be Brokered in the Middle East?**

Speakers: Daniel Kurtzer, Former United States Ambassador to Israel & Egypt, Scott Lasensky, Middle East Expert, United States Institute of Peace

Date: 9/25/2008 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Location: World Affairs Council Auditorium, 312 Sutter Street, Second Floor  
San Francisco, California 94108

Students w/ valid IDs pay \$5

### **Late-Breaking Event with President Viktor Yushchenko - Ukraine: Between East and West**

Note: This event is not free - World Affairs Council Members pay \$15, non-members pay \$30.

Date: 9/25/2008 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM

Location: The Fairmont Hotel, 950 Mason Street, Gold Room  
San Francisco, California

## **TIPS**

For all the 1Ls, we know that the beginning of the year can be extremely overwhelming. We recommend that you NOT worry about summer jobs or finals yet. The best thing to do right now is to do your homework, and figure out the most effective way for you to understand reading cases and retain the basic rules derived from the case (most people "brief" cases at this point, although if you have a different way to read and outline cases, you should do whatever works for you!)

Also, try reaching out to 2Ls and 3Ls, because they are going to be some of the best resources out there. We will be holding a coffee break in early October (to be announced in our next newsletter) for 1Ls to meet 2 and 3Ls. We also recommend that you come to our spotlight events!