

BERKELEY INTERNATIONAL LAW SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

SPOTLIGHT EVENT

Join us on **THURSDAY**, October 23, at 4:00 for a Coffee Break (LOCATION TBA). 2Ls and 3Ls who are members of BJIL, including the beloved EICs, will be there to answer any questions you might have. The focus of the event will be **CLASS REGISTRATION** and 2 and 3Ls will go over some of the classes that we recommend. LLMs are also most welcome to attend.

Snacks and coffee will be served. Yum!

Note: We also highly recommend attending the **International Law Curriculum Presentation** organized by the Miller Institute for Global Challenges and the Law on 10/16 (details below).

EVENTS AT BERKELEY LAW

10/15

Disability Rights Are Human Rights: Evolving International Standards

When: October 15, 12:45-1:45 p.m., Boalt 105

Speaker: Alison Hillman de Velasquez, Mental Disability Rights International

Alison will show her award-winning short documentary about abuses in a Latin American psychiatric institution and will discuss evolving international standards in disability rights. Alison is an attorney with international human rights experience and is currently the director of MDRI's Americas Programs. She has led fact-finding investigations, advocacy-training workshops, and carried out human rights monitoring in Argentina, Brazil, Peru, Paraguay, and Uruguay. In addition, Alison submitted the first petition to the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights in 2003 challenging on-going abuses in a psychiatric institution

Sponsors: Boalt Hall Committee for Human Rights, Human Rights Center, Graduate Assembly

10/16

International Law Curriculum Presentation (organized by the Miller Institute for Global Challenges and the Law)

When: Thursday, October 16, 12:30 – 1:50 pm, Boalt 100

Students are invited to come and learn about: Spring Course Offerings in International and Comparative Law; the International Human Rights Law Clinic; Great Internship Opportunities and the Miller Institute for Global Challenges and the Law (GCL).

This is a great opportunity to learn more about Boalt's international offerings, meet faculty and other students! Lunch will be provided at 12:15pm.

Representation and Power in International Organization: The Operation Constitution and Its Critics

When: Thursday, October 16, 3:20 – 5:10 pm, Room 12

Berkeley Law's Miller Institute for Global Challenges and the Law presents a workshop on International Law and International Relations with Jacob Katz Cogan, Assistant Professor of Law, University of Cincinnati College of Law. Title: "Representation and Power in International Organization: The Operational Constitution and Its Critics."

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Center for the Study of Law and Society Speaker Series

When: Monday, October 20, 12:30 – 1:50 pm, JSP Seminar Room, 2240 Piedmont Ave.

Talk by John Monahan, John S. Shannon Distinguished Professor of Law, Professor of Psychology and Psychiatric Medicine, University of Virginia, and Visiting Scholar at CSLS. "Lawyers at Mid-Career: A 17-Year Longitudinal Study of Job and Life Satisfaction."

A light lunch will be served 12-12:30p.

10/21

Wine and Cheese with the LLMS

When: October 21, 5-7, Goldberg room

BJIL and the LLM Program invite you to attend a wine and cheese reception. Come and meet the LLMS and hear about their amazing experiences, have some wine and enjoy delicious cheese.

10/22

Simulcast of Gonzales v US at InterAmerican Commission on Human Rights

When: Wednesday, October 22, 12:15 – 1:40 pm, Room 100

This is a live simulcast of an argument before the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights in *Jessica Gonzales v. United States*. While subject to a domestic violence restraining order, the father of Ms. Gonzales' three daughters kidnapped and murdered them, then committed "suicide by cop" himself. Ms. Gonzales had called the police numerous times during the kidnapping, requesting their help, but was repeatedly turned away. After the murders, she sued the City of Castle Rock, CO, arguing the police were required to arrest anyone violating a restraining order. In spite of the state statute's wording that an arrest "shall" be made in such cases, the US Supreme Court held that the police were not required to arrest the father. This case in the IACHR is the first case in which a US victim of domestic violence has sued the US government based on a denial of human rights.

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Public Opinion and Foreign Policy

When: Thursday, October 23, 3:20 – 5:10 pm, Room 12

Berkeley Law's Miller Institute for Global Challenges and the Law presents a workshop on International Law and International Relations with Jennifer Martinez, Associate Professor of Law, Stanford Law School. Title: "Public Opinion and Foreign Policy."

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Center for the Study of Law and Society Speaker Series

When: Monday, October 20, 12:30 – 1:45 pm, JSP Seminar Room, 2240 Piedmont Ave.

Talk by Traci Burch, Asst Prof at Northwestern U. entitled "Trading Democracy for Justice? The Spillover Effects of Imprisonment on Neighborhood Voter Registration." Lunch will be served 12-12:30p in the Center Library.

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Currency Manipulation and World Trade

When: Thursday, October 23, 3:20 – 5:10 pm, Room 12

Berkeley Law's Miller Institute for Global Challenges and the Law presents a workshop on International Law and International Relations with Alan Sykes, Professor of Law, Stanford Law School. Title: "Currency Manipulation and World Trade."

EVENTS ON CAMPUS

10/15

The Emergence of Climate Change Law

When: October 15, 4-5:30 p.m., 126 Barrows Hall

Speaker: Dan Farber, Chair, Energy and Resources Group, Berkeley Law School
Energy and Resources Group Fall 2008 Colloquium Series (ER295)

Sponsor: Energy and Resources Group

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Issues in International Women's Health and Human Rights

When: Thursday, October 23, 4 pm, 554 Barrows Hall

Speaker: Anne Firth Murray, Founding President of the Global Fund for Women. She has been teaching international women's health and human rights in the Human Biology program at Stanford since 2001.

Anne Firth Murray will provide an overview of international women's health issues presented in the context of a woman's life, beginning in infancy and moving through to old age. She will highlight critical issues such as: discrimination against women; poverty; unequal access to education, food and health care; and violence. Examples of women's groups addressing these issues will be provided

Sponsor: Center for Latin American Studies

EVENTS OFF CAMPUS

10/16

Why Democracy Matters in American Foreign Policy

Sponsor: World Affairs Counsel

Time/Location: 6 – 7 p.m., World Affairs Council Auditorium, 312 Sutter Street, San Francisco.

Speaker: James Traub, writer for the New York Times Magazine.

While the United States has been trying to shape democracy around the world for more than a century, what lessons can be learned from the Bush administration's efforts to bolster democracy abroad? From imposing democracy on Iraq by force, to Georgia and the question of how hard to push the "Freedom Agenda" in the face of renewed tensions with Russia, one truth is evident: the United States must exercise caution in its efforts to spread democracy around the world. Join the Council for a discussion with journalist James Traub on why democracy matters to US foreign policy and what can be learned from the last eight years of democracy promotion.

Advanced registration is recommended for guaranteed seating. However, pre-registration is not required and walk-ins on the day of this program are welcome.

Note: \$5 dollar fee for students with valid IDs.

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Georgia & Democracy Promotion in the Aftermath of Conflict

Time/Location: 6-7 p.m. at the World Affairs Council Auditorium.

Speakers: William Horton Beebe-Center, President of the Eurasia Foundation, Ekaterine Siradze-Delaunay, Executive Director, International Society for Fair Elections & Democracy in Tbilisi.

Since the Rose Revolution of 2003, Washington has praised Georgia for its progress in turning a nearly failed state into an emerging market democracy. While it has made great economic

strides, the level of democratic reforms in the country has been contentious. With recent tensions between Moscow and Tbilisi erupting into armed conflict, the political and electoral repercussions of the Russian incursion into South Ossetia only raises more questions about the future course of Georgian democracy. To discuss democratic developments and how the conflict with Russia is shaping politics and civil society in Georgia, the Council is pleased to host Mr. Beebe-Center, President of the Eurasia Foundation, and Ms. Siradze-Delaunay, the Executive Director of a leading Georgian NGO that focuses on election monitoring and democracy promotion.

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TIPS

We highly recommend that you come to the Coffee Break on THURSDAY October 23. Talking to 2 and 3Ls is always really helpful and this event provides a relaxed way to be in a group setting and chat about anything that comes to mind.

If you have questions, concerns or suggestions we would love to hear them. Please email us (Tetyana and Sonia) at this email address.