

# BERKELEY INTERNATIONAL LAW SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

## SPOTLIGHT EVENT

We have many fantastic events in the next two weeks. We would like to highlight a few that will be widely attended. First, John Bellinger, Legal Adviser at the US Department of State (Yes - **THE** Legal Adviser! (and yes it's spelled with an 'er' 😊)) will be at Boalt on Monday, November 3. He will be holding two sessions. The first will be a **discussion** with interested students at 2:30 in the Dean's Seminar Room. This is a very unique opportunity, and believe us, if you have any interest in the State Department, you should come! He will also be giving a talk that is open to the public on **The Law of the Sea and Implications for the Arctic** (see details below).

**\*Even if you can only make part of one of these events, we encourage you to come - We know that most people have some kind of class between 2:30 and 4:30 on Monday in particular, so people will likely be coming in and out.**

The official **spotlight event** is the **Career Panel in Private International Law** on **Thursday, November 6 in Boalt 100. LUNCH WILL BE SERVED!** We are hosting three attorneys with different practices in private international law. They will discuss their career paths, their work, and answer any and all questions!

## EVENTS AT BERKELEY LAW

11/03

**John Bellinger: Discussion Panel with Students on Getting a Job at the State Department**

Location: Dean's Seminar Room

Time: 2:30 – 4:30

**John Bellinger, Legal Adviser, State Department: The Law of the Sea and Implications for the Arctic**

Location: Goldberg Room

Time: 5:00 p.m.

11/05

**Richard Behrs, UN Hunger Task Force Member: Promoting Enduring Change in the Developing World**

Location: Boalt Hall, School of Law, Dean's Seminar Room, 215B

Time: 12:15 – 2 PM

Speaker/Performer: Richard Behrs, UN Hunger Task Force Member

Sponsor: the Miller Institute for Global Challenges and the Law

Richard Beahrs, retired Media Executive, has served on the United Nation's Hunger Task Force, part of the Millennium Project. The Millennium Project was commissioned by the United Nations Secretary-General in 2002 to develop a concrete action plan for the world to achieve the Millennium Development Goals and to reverse the grinding poverty, hunger and disease affecting billions of people.

11/06

### **Career Panel on Private International Law**

Location: Boalt 100

Time: 12:45 PM to 1:45 PM

Please join the International Law Society (ILS) and the Berkeley Journal of International Law (BJIL) for a career panel on Private International Law. Three attorneys from top San Francisco law firms will discuss their work and practice areas. Panelists: - Veronika Albus, Partner, Baker & McKenzie, International Commercial- Ashley Bauer, Associate, Latham & Watkins, Litigation, Antitrust and Competition- Maria Chedid, Partner, Morrison Foerster, International Arbitration, International Litigation

\*Lunch will be served. Co-sponsored by Baker & McKenzie and Morrison Foerster

11/13

### **BHCHR Beer & Career Fair**

**Location:** Steinhart Courtyard

Time: 3-5 PM

Join the Boalt Hall Committee on Human Rights for beer and conversation in the courtyard. 2 and 3Ls who held summer positions with human rights organizations, both in the US and abroad will be ready and happy to answer all of your questions about jobs in the field of human rights.

## **EVENTS ON CAMPUS**

11/06

### **Copernicus, Puddleglum, and the Poor of the World: Bringing Vision, Competence and Science to Foreign Aid and the New Philanthropy**

Location: Faculty Club, Heyns Room

Time: 4:00

Notes: RSVP suggested but not required: to Jessica Owen at [ojessie@berkeley.edu](mailto:ojessie@berkeley.edu).

Laurence R. Simon is Professor of International Development at Brandeis University and directs its Center for International Development and the Sustainable Development Graduate Programs. He has launched Oxfam America's work in Central America and the Caribbean and served as its first director of global policy analysis. He founded and was president of the American Jewish World

Service; was a strategic planner to the World Bank / UNDP on poverty alleviation; and a senior advisor to the start-up of Google.org. He is a specialist in post-harvest losses and land reform and worked extensively in Central America, southern and eastern Africa and South Asia. He has a Ph.D. from the School of Geography at Clark University.

11/07

**From Famine to Food Crisis.: Lessons and Limits of the European Experience**

Location: 223 Moses Hall

Time: 4-5 p.m.

Speaker: Eric Vanhaute, Professor, University of Ghent, Belgium

In the beginning of the 21st century, the world is confronted with what seems to become the first global food crisis. What are its historical roots? What is new? How did past societies cope with 'food security'? What can we learn from 'the big escape' from famine in the Western world? What are the limits of these lessons? This lecture tries to entangle the past and present relationship between the production of food and the production of famine.

11/10

**A few reasons to be confident in the future of the European Union**

Location: 223 Moses Hall

Time: 12-1:30 p.m.

Speaker/Performer: Consul General Mourier, The Consul General of France, San Francisco

Sponsor: European Studies, Institute of

For Europeans, the building of Europe is the great adventure of the modern era. Immediately after Ireland said "no" to the Lisbon Treaty, the French presidency of the European Union has been challenged with finding concrete solutions to problems such as global climate change, energy, immigration and alimentation. Consul General Mourier will explain why the world can be reasonably confident in the future of the European Union.

11/13

**"Benevolent America? American Missionaries, the King-Crane Commission, and the Question of Western Imperialism in the Arab World"**

Location: Stephens Hall, Sultan Conference Room/ Stephens 340

Time: 5 p.m.

Speaker: Professor Ussama Makdisi, Professor, Department of History, Rice University

Sponsor: Center for Middle Eastern Studies

This presentation explores how the First World War cemented the discourse of American benevolence. It explores how Wilsonian ideals of self-determination came to be represented in the establishment of the American-led King-Crane Commission in 1919. It will relate the

significance of the Commission, which was charged to investigate the political aspirations of the local populations, the first time a major Western power sought to hear and analyze the political views of non-Western people. And it examines how the Commission sought to reconcile confidence in American benevolence and exceptionalism, American convictions regarding "Turkish" despotism, and a commitment to a hierarchy of races that implicitly justified the British and French partition of the Ottoman Arab world into several mandates.

### TIPS

We hope you all got the classes you registered for! Remember, if you got on a waitlist, there is still hope! Many people change their schedules at the beginning of the semester, and the waitlist invariably shifts. If you don't think you will get off the waitlist, we highly recommend that you email the professor and ask if you can be admitted - it also helps to tell them about why you are interested in the class.

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