

BERKELEY INTERNATIONAL LAW SOCIETY NEWSLETTER #6

Hi everyone, and welcome back! Hope that you had a wonderful break and that you are ready for another international law filled semester. We have exciting events planned – please stay involved!

SPOTLIGHT EVENT

Please join ILS, BJIL and BHCHR for an information session on summer study abroad programs this Wednesday, January 21. Professor David Sloss from Santa Clara Law will discuss numerous summer study programs that their Center for Global Law and Policy offers. Boalt Professor Kate Jastram will speak about her study abroad program experience with a Geneva Strasbourg course. There are at least a few students at Boalt who do a study abroad program every year and find it to be a very rewarding experience. Come learn about another way to spend your summer! Lunch served.

Summer Law Study Abroad Info Session

When: Wednesday, January 21, 12:45 pm – 1:45 pm, Room 115

Interested in Human Rights? International Business? Intellectual Property? Comparative Law? Come learn about academic programs in 13 countries and internships in 20 countries offered by Santa Clara University School of Law. Santa Clara Law offers more summer study abroad programs than any law school in the US. The programs vary in length from two weeks to full summer programs, many of which include internship opportunities.

****Lunch will be served!****

We also recommend that you check out the Miller Institute for Global Challenges and the Law Speaker event on Global Restructurings in a Volatile Market on January 28. Please see more details below.

EVENTS AT BERKELEY LAW

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Center for the Study of Law and Society (CSLS) Speaker Series

When: Monday, January 26, 12:30 – 1:45 pm, JSP Seminar Room, 2240 Piedmont Ave.

Talk by Anne Joseph O'Connell entitled "Hiding in Plain Sight? Timing and Transparency in the Administrative State" (written with Jacob E. Gersen). A light lunch will be served 12-12:30p.

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Miller Institute for Global Challenges and the Law Speaker: Global Restructurings in a Volatile Market

When: Wednesday, January 28, 12:30 – 2 pm, Room 100

Turmoil in the financial markets has created an overwhelming need for lawyers who can navigate the complex restructuring issues currently confronting clients. Presented by Baker & McKenzie LLP. Lunch will be provided.

EVENTS ON CAMPUS

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Bosnia-Herzegovina

When: Tuesday, January 27, 4 – 5 pm, 223 Moses Hall

In recent months there has been much comment about the unstable nature of the Bosnian state. Some of this instability is more apparent than real, the result of political posturing. But the daily drama keep the ordinary people of Bosnia on edge.

Peter Lippman will discuss the roles of the three main sectors of political activity in postwar Bosnia: the government, with its many complicated levels; the international community, which oversees the country in a loosely-arranged protectorate; and the NGOs and grassroots activists, who are the only hope for reconciliation. They have an uphill, long-term battle.

Mr. Lippman will discuss how the behavior of the officials running Bosnia creates a severely dysfunctional state, and what that means in concrete terms for ordinary people. Finally, he will talk about the response of the ordinary citizens.

Peter Lippman is a writer and a human rights activist who has written extensively about politics, events, and culture in the western Balkans. He has been traveling to that region since 1981. He has lived for several years in Serbia and Bosnia. Peter Lippman also has spoken about the history, politics, and culture of the Western Balkans at many venues over the last decade, including the University of Washington, UC Berkeley, and Ithaca College, New York. He has written for Progressive Magazine, the Christian Science Monitor, and numerous local newspapers. He is currently preparing a book on the life of ordinary people in postwar Bosnia.

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Can Stateless Refugees be Colonialists?: Attempts to Recreate Imperial Russia in China, Africa and South America by First Wave of Emigres

When: Wednesday, November 19, 12 - 1 pm, 270 Stephens Hall

Speaker: Laurie Manchester, Associate Professor, Department of History, Arizona State

Post-colonial studies focus on the state as the driving force of colonialism. But why were many stateless first wave Russian émigrés writing ethnographic studies and fictional works about the local peoples they lived amongst in the colonial world? Why were they engaging in missionary work and teaching the Russian language to them? Questioning the assumption that the exile only lives in the past, this talk explores how the hundreds of thousands of Russian refugees living in Africa, China, and South America attempted not only to preserve pre-revolutionary Russian "byt" within their own communities, but to convert indigenous peoples to join their new nation of Russian Abroad. This was a task émigrés in Europe, surrounded by "civilized" peoples assured of their alleged superiority over Russians, could not perform. The "new world" offered Russian émigrés the chance to gather knowledge for a future non-Bolshevik Russia, but it also provided fruitful ground for honing a Russian ethnicity entirely separate from the nationality Russians living in corrupted Soviet Russia might espouse. As the émigrés began to give up on the hope of ever going home, could they end their diaspora by claiming new territory as their homeland? Who would populate the new Imperial Russia, and would it really resemble what they had lost?

Laurie Manchester received her Ph.D. in Russian history in 1995 from Columbia University. Her primary areas of research interest are the cultural, social and intellectual history of Russia in the nineteenth and first half of the twentieth centuries. She is the author of "Holy Fathers, Secular Sons: Clergy, Intelligentsia and the Modern Self in Revolutionary Russia" (Northern Illinois University Press, 2008) and articles published in journals including "Kritika: Explorations in Russian and Eurasian History", "Jahrbücher für Geschichte Osteuropas" and "Slavic Review." Recently Professor Manchester has become interested in examining interracial experiences, travel narratives and diaspora communities to study the formation of national identities. She is currently working on a book entitled, "The Colonial World through Russian Eyes," that focuses on Russians who visited, worked in, migrated or fled to China, Africa and Latin America from the 1860s to the Second World War.

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Race, Ethnicity and Immigration

When: Thursday, January 29, 2-4 pm, Moses Hall, 119, Harris Room

Speaker: Lester K. Spence, Johns Hopkins

"The Neoliberal Turn in Black Politics."

Global Expectations for the Obama Administration: Panel Discussion Featuring Members of the San Francisco Consular Corps

When: Thursday, January 29, 7:30 pm, International House, Chevron Auditorium

Moderated by Martin Brennan, I-House Executive Director

The panel will lend country perspectives to what may be the priorities of the new administration vis-à-vis the international community.

EVENTS OFF CAMPUS

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The Conflicts of Climate Change

When: Tuesday, January 27, 6-7 pm, World Affairs Council Auditorium, 312 Sutter Street, San Francisco

Speaker: Stephan Faris, Investigative Journalist

For many, the effects of climate change can appear far off—either geographically distant or isolated to the future. Stephan Faris joins the Council to reveal how climate change is at the root of many of the world's current and impending crises. Reporting from Darfur to Napa Valley, Faris' work linking the warming of our planet to local and global conflicts has been widely published and recently cited by UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon.

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

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Outlook for US-EU Relations under the Obama Administration – with EU Ambassador John Bruton

Speaker: Ambassador John Bruton, Head of Delegation, European Commission Delegation to the United States

With a new administration in the White House, what will political change in Washington mean for transatlantic relations between Europe and the United States? From the turmoil in closely-linked financial markets to greater engagement with international institutions to combating terrorism and climate change, how can governments on both sides of the Atlantic turn a series of separate problems into a chain of interlinked opportunities? The Honorable John Bruton, former Irish Prime Minister and current EU Ambassador to the United States, joins the Council to discuss the future of EU-US relations and the prospect for a more outward-looking and engaged transatlantic partnership.

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TIPS FOR 1Ls

Some of you might already have jobs lined up for the summer but for the majority of you who are still looking, we really encourage you to talk to 2Ls and 3Ls. They can discuss their summer experiences, application strategies and provide you with contacts. Please do not hesitate to contact us, Sonia and Tetyana, if you have any questions. ILS and BJIL are planning a career event now – stay tuned! Also, although summer still seems far away, we would really encourage you to send out your applications as soon as possible. A lot of organizations have rolling deadlines and it is always a good idea to express your interest early. For those of you who are doing PI/PS day, our advice would be to get in touch with organizations you are very interested in before interviews. Students from many law schools interview during PI/PS day and there are limited interview slots assigned to each law school, including Boalt. However, some organizations might be willing to add you to their schedule or interview you at a different time if you convey how interested you are in their work.

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