GENERAL THEME

Comparative law and those engaged in comparative legal studies must adapt to changing international realities. Countries in Asia and the global south are emerging as sites of global development and governance. Drawing upon the lessons of comparative law, and exploring new approaches to regulation, these countries are confidently building distinctive legal systems. They are also becoming major centers for comparative legal studies. Clearly, the study of comparative law in the United States needs to reflect these developments. Not only must American comparatists develop and teach a better understanding of Asia and the global south, but we must engage with academics and jurists based in these countries in order to conceptualize a shared global vision of comparative legal studies for the 21st century.

AGENDA

Thursday, Oct. 27

5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Registration and Reception (115 William H. Gates Hall)
Welcome Remarks, Sanne H. Knudsen, Associate Dean for Faculty Research & Development

7:30 p.m. Meeting of the Executive Committee (119 William H. Gates Hall)

Friday, Oct. 28 (138 William H. Gates Hall)

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Book Exhibit (116 William H. Gates Hall)

8:15 - 8:45 a.m. Continental Breakfast and Registration

8:45 - 9:00 a.m. Opening of Conference
Welcome Remarks, Scott Schumacher, Associate Dean for Academic Administration
9:00 - 10:30 a.m. **1st Symposium Panel: Comparing Comparative Law**

This panel explores what do scholars and teachers of comparative law outside of the United States and Europe research and teach. It seeks out and juxtaposes perspectives from Asia, aims to identify gaps in current comparative legal studies, and asks what comparative research agenda can particularly contribute to the ‘new world’?

**Moderator:** Prof. Clark B. Lombardi (Univ. of Washington)

**Speakers:**
- Prof. Kichimoto Asaka (Tokyo)
- Prof. George Bermann (Columbia)
- Prof. Arif Jamal (Nat’l Univ. of Singapore)

10:30 – 10:45 a.m. Coffee Break

10:45 - 12:15 p.m. **2nd Symposium Panel: Local Innovations in Civil Procedure**

This panel examines innovations in civil process of selected countries and explores whether they are local examples of a global trend in the decline of adversarial system.

**Moderator:** Prof. Dongsheng Zang (Univ. of Washington)

**Speakers:**
- Prof. Daniel Foote (Tokyo & Univ. of Washington)
- Prof. Jacqueline Nolan-Haley (Fordham)
- Prof. Margaret Woo (Northeastern)

12:15 – 1:30 p.m. Lunch

1:30 – 3:00 p.m. **Hot Topics Panel: Refugee Law in the Context of Mass Migration**

**Moderator:** Prof. Hannah Buxbaum (Indiana Univ. at Bloomington)

**Speakers:**
- Prof. Catherine Dauvergne (Univ British Columbia)
- Prof. Maryellen Fullerton (Brooklyn Law School)
- Prof. Hiroshi Motomura (U.C.L.A.)

3:00 – 3:15 p.m. Coffee Break
3:15 - 4:45 p.m. **3rd Symposium Panel: Comparing Development Models**

This panel will explore successful Asian development models and consider their place in the global agenda.

Moderators: Prof. John O. Haley (Washington Univ. in St. Louis & Univ. of Washington) and Prof. Jingwen Zhu (Renmin Univ. of China)

Speakers:
- Prof. Weitseng Chen (Nat’l Univ. of Singapore)
- Prof. Victor Ramraj (Univ. of Victoria)
- Prof. Arun Thiruvengadam (Azim Premji Univ.)

6:00-9:00 p.m. **ASCL Banquet and Awards**

Ray’s, 6049 Seaview Ave NW, Seattle, WA 98107 (transportation provided)

Saturday, Oct. 29 (138 William H. Gates Hall)

8:00 a.m. – noon Book Exhibit (116 William H. Gates Hall)

8:00 - 8:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast

8:30 - 10:00 a.m. **Younger Comparativists Panel: New Perspectives in Comparative Law**

This panel will showcase the work of two younger comparativists whose papers were selected in a blind review process from many excellent submissions in response to an open Call for Papers issued by the Younger Comparativists Committee. Each paper will be commented on by a senior scholar.

*Detailed description follows on the next page

Moderator: Prof. Ozan Varol (Lewis & Clark)

Presenter: Prof. Timothy Webster (Case Western Reserve)
"Discursive Justice: How to Read Postwar Compensation Lawsuits in Japan"

Commentator: Prof. Jacques deLisle (Pennsylvania)

Presenter: Prof. Joshua Karton (Queen's Univ.)
"The Sectoral Fragmentation of Transnational Commercial Law"

Commentator: Prof. Ralf Michaels (Duke)

10:00 – 10:15 a.m. Coffee Break

10:15 - 11:45 p.m. Business Meeting & Conference adjourns

Box lunches available
This panel will showcase the work of two younger comparativists whose papers were selected in a blind review process from many excellent submissions in response to an open Call for Papers issued by the Younger Comparativists Committee. The first author, Timothy Webster is an Assistant Professor of Law and Director of Asian Legal Studies at Case Western Reserve University School of Law. He will present a paper entitled "Discursive Justice: How to Read Postwar Compensation Lawsuits in Japan." Our second author, Dr. Joshua Karton, Associate Professor at Queen's University Faculty of Law, will present "The Sectoral Fragmentation of Transnational Commercial Law."

The panel will also feature commentary by two senior scholars. Jacques deLisle, the Stephen A. Cozen Professor of Law and Professor of Political Science at the University of Pennsylvania Law School, will comment on the first paper, and Ralf Michaels, the Arthur Larson Professor of Law at Duke University School of Law, will comment on the second paper. The papers will be posted on the conference website in advance of the annual meeting to allow attendees to participate actively during the panel, which will also include time for questions and comments.

Moderator: Ozan Varol, Associate Professor, Lewis & Clark Law School, YCC Chair

Presenter: Timothy Webster, Assistant Professor of Law, Case Western Reserve University School of Law & Director of Asian Legal Studies, "Discursive Justice: How to Read Postwar Compensation Lawsuits in Japan"

Commentator: Prof. Jacques deLisle, Stephen A. Cozen Professor of Law & Professor of Political Science, University of Pennsylvania Law School

Presenter: Dr. Joshua Karton, Associate Professor, Queen's University Faculty of Law, "The Sectoral Fragmentation of Transnational Commercial Law"

Commentator: Prof. Ralf Michaels, Arthur Larson Professor of Law, Duke University School of Law

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