



Wisconsin International Law Journal Annual Symposium

“Lawyers and Lawyering in China and Russia: Common Challenges”

Friday, April 5, 2019

Room 2260, UW Law School

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Overview

This Symposium will explore the role of lawyers under authoritarianism. The symposium will bring together leading scholars of the legal professions in Russia and China who share a common empirical approach to their research. Among the questions to be examined are the formal and informal norms that tend to constrain the ability of criminal defense lawyers to represent their clients zealously and, more generally, the limits on the independence of lawyers working in authoritarian regimes. The symposium will also analyze the extent to which the career preferences of young lawyers are changing as democracy wanes. The gathered scholars will also reflect on their ability to carry out research as the political regimes in China and Russia increase their control over society, and will discuss new sources of data.

Program

- 8:30-9:00 Registration and Breakfast
- 9:00 Welcome
Naman Siad
WILJ Symposium Editors, UW Law School
- 9:05 Welcome Remarks
Dean Margaret Raymond tbc
Fred W. & Vi Miller Dean and Professor of Law, UW Law School
- 9:10 Welcome Remarks
Heinz Klug
Evjue-Bascom Professor of Law and WILJ adviser, UW Law School
- 9:15-11:00 **Panel 1: The Challenge of Managing the Relationship between the State and the Legal Profession**
- Chair: **John Ohnesorge**
University of Wisconsin Law School
- “State-Adjacent Lawyering: How Chinese Lawyers Participate in Political Life”
Rachel Stern
Jurisprudence and Social Policy program, Berkeley Law School
- “A Look Back at the Heyday of Political Activism in the Chinese Legal Profession: A Retrospective Excavation of a Lost Online Community of Lawyers”
Ethan Michelson
Indiana University Maurer School of Law
- “The Gateway to Global China: Chinese Law Firms Arriving in Hong Kong”
Sida Liu
Department of Sociology, University of Toronto
- “Collective Action Dilemma: The Reform of the Russian Legal Profession as a Maturity Test for Civil Society”
Ekaterina Moiseeva
University of California, Irvine

Commentator:

Carole Silver

Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law

11:00 – 11:15

Break

11:15 -12:30

Panel 2: The Challenges of Practicing in the Criminal Justice Arena

Chair: **Yulia Erme**

The U.S.-Russia Foundation, Washington DC

“Criminal Defenders’ Access to Pre-Trial Detention Centers as a Challenge for the Russian Legal Community”

Ekaterina Khodzhaeva

Institute for the Rule of Law, European University at Saint-Petersburg

“Professional Trajectories of Russian Law Students Graduated from MVD-Affiliated Institutions”

Olga Semukhina

Tarleton State University

“Evaluation and Regulation of Legal Ethics of Lawyers in China”

Hongqi Wu

Institute of Evidence Law and Forensic Science, China University of Political Science and Law

Commentator:

Marc Galanter

University of Wisconsin Law School

12:30-1:30

Lunch

1:45-3:00

Panel 3: The Challenges for Women Lawyers in China & Russia

Chair: **Stewart Macaulay**

University of Wisconsin Law School

“The Collusion of Power in Divorce Settlements in Rural China”

Ke Li

John Jay College of Criminal Justice, New York

“Continuity or Change? The Role of Gender in Career Preferences for Young Russian Lawyers”

Kathryn Hendley

University of Wisconsin Law School

Commentator:

Joyce Sterling
University of Denver Sturm College of Law

3:00-3:15

Break

3:15-4:45
Systems

Panel 4: The Challenge of Using “Big Data” to Study Authoritarian Legal

Chair: **Ethan Michelson**
Indiana University Maurer School of Law

“Justice Online? Lawyers and Legal Advice Websites in the People’s Republic of China”

John Givens
School of Government and International Affairs, Kennesaw State University

“Criminal Defense Rate and Underlying Wealth Effect”
Lianhan Zhang
Indiana University Maurer School of Law

Commentator:
Bert Kritzer
University of Minnesota Law School

4:45-5:30

Summing up and Discussion
Robert Nelson
American Bar Foundation and Northwestern University

6:30

Dinner for speakers, chairs, commentators and invited guests
(At the home of Kathryn Hendley, transportation will be arranged)