**Congressman Ron Kind Visit Summary**

At the invitation of the East Asian Legal Studies Center, Congressman Ron Kind of Wisconsin’s 3rd Congressional District visited the Law School on Tuesday, October 18th, to discuss the Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP) with students and faculty. Congressman Kind serves on the Trade Subcommittee of the House Ways and Means Committee, giving him an intimate understanding of current congressional discussions over international trade. Congressman Kind noted the rhetorical difficulties at the moment regarding the TPP, but went on to highlight the strengths of the agreement, such as its provisions lowering foreign tariffs, and its incorporation of new international labor, environmental, and human rights standards. He argued that the US should be a leader in these new trade developments, and that if the TPP were to fail, other countries might step in to develop separate multilateral agreements. In response to audience questions, Congressman Kind addressed how the TPP improves upon the WTO, the potential effects of Brexit on US trade relations with Britain and with the European Union, and the outlook for US-China relations. While Congressman Kind recognized that there are other important issues to be addressed during the upcoming lame-duck period in Washington, he expressed optimism that there would be room to find positive agreement on the TPP.