



## Research Centers Newsletter, April 2018



### Featured Event: Symposium on Many Faces and Facets of Immigration Activism



The University of Wisconsin-Madison's Human Rights Program, in conjunction with Comparative US Studies, will host a symposium entitled "The Many Faces and Facets of Immigration Activism" on **Friday, April 20th**. References to the border wall, sanctuary cities, Mexicans, and DREAMERS populate the majority of most media coverage of immigration issues in the United States. These topics are certainly important, and yet, they only illuminate a portion of the complex story of what it means to be an immigrant in the United

States today. Concentration on these issues also obscures the diverse activism that is happening around the country on behalf of immigrant communities and issues. This symposium spotlights the work of immigration activists across the country whose work brings greater attention to the range of communities impacted by the dehumanizing politics, criminalizing policies, and the racist, xenophobic sentiments that make up immigration politics today. The Symposium will take place from **12:00pm - 4:00pm in Law School Room 3250**.

The Symposium is sponsored by the Human Rights Program, the International Division, Comparative US Studies, Freedom, Inc., and the Global Legal Studies Center.

More information:

[https://law.wisc.edu/gls/human\\_rights\\_program/migration\\_human\\_rights.html](https://law.wisc.edu/gls/human_rights_program/migration_human_rights.html)

## Featured Speaker: Taekyoon Kim

Taekyoon Kim, Associate Professor of International Development and the former Associate Dean of International Affairs at the Graduate School of International Studies at Seoul National University, will visit the Law School on **Thursday, April 26th**. His talk is titled "Escape from Developmentalism: Forging Political Inventions for Modernizing South Korea's Development Cooperation" and will take place at **5:30pm in Lubar Commons (Room 7200)**. Professor Kim is currently a Fulbright Wilson Fellow at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington, D.C. His main academic research areas include international development, global governance, and international political sociology. He has published many articles in academic peer-reviewed journals, including *Voluntas*, *Global Governance*, and *International Sociology*. He co-authored the book *The Korean State and Social Policy* (Oxford University Press, 2011) and is now finishing a new book titled *Oppositional Coexistence: The Asianization of Global Accountability* (Seoul National University Press, 2018).



**Taekyoon Kim**

Professor Kim's talk is sponsored by the East Asian Legal Studies Center, Department of Political Science, the Center for East Asian Studies, and the Gail and Hyuk Yu Korean Studies Fund.

## Event Recap: WILJ Symposium



The Wisconsin International Law Journal (WILJ) Annual Symposium, titled "Sustainable Development Goals and International Law: Intersections of Environmental Law, Human Rights and Environmental Justice," was held on April 6th at the UW Law School. It was approved for 8.0 hours of CLE credit for WI Attorneys. The symposium was well attended with over 100 people from across the university and the community, including about 10 attorneys participating. The symposium brought together scholars from across the globe to discuss the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and how they intersect with environmental justice and human rights.



From the emergence of sustainable development from the Stockholm Conference in 1972 to the adoption of the SDGs in 2015, sustainable development has had a rather rocky road with many criticisms aimed against it. The SDGs might signal the emergence of a new era in the global discourse on sustainable development. Topics covered included SDGs and the global south, energy justice and women, business responsibilities and reimagining the worker as a relational being, the role of corruption, why environmental justice does not appear in the documents on SDGs, business partnerships to achieve SDGs, and the emerging issue of climate refugees. The speakers also highlighted the need to reorient the thinking on economic development, the need to have an ecological core and an ecological rule of law in the Anthropocene, and the city as the locus of sustainable development. An environmental justice



success story, the Poletti power plant in New York, which highlighted the strategies that were used, was also discussed at the symposium. The presenters will be invited to publish their papers in the special symposium issue of the Journal later this year.

## Upcoming Events

- **April 18, 2018:** Professor Andrea Schneider, "Take it Like a Man?" (Dean's Office)
- **April 20, 2018:** "Symposium on Many Faces and Facets of Immigration Activism" (GLS/HRP)
- **April 25, 2018:** Professor Traci Burch, "The Effects of Police Use of Lethal Force and Political Participation in Chicago" (ILS)
- **April 26, 2018:** Professor Taekyoon Kim, "Escape from Developmentalism: Forging Political Inventions for Modernizing South Korea's Development Cooperation" (EALSC)

For a complete list of upcoming events, visit: <http://law.wisc.edu/researchcenters/events.html>

## Faculty Spotlight

### Professor Heinz Klug

Former Director and affiliate of GLS, Professor Heinz Klug has embarked on a new project exploring the role of lawyers and nationalist movements in the building of post-colonial constitutionalism in Africa. He is currently working with the Law School Library in digitizing his materials on South Africa's Constitution drafting process.

Professor Klug continues to publish in the field of comparative constitutionalism and his recent publications include: "Accountability and the Role of Independent Constitutional Institutions in South Africa's Post-Apartheid Constitutions," 60(1) *New York Law School Law Review* 153 (2015/2016); "Challenging Constitutionalism in Post-Apartheid South Africa," 2 *Constitutional Studies* 41 (2016); "The Canadian Charter, South Africa and the Paths of Constitutional Influence, in *Canada in the World: Comparative Perspectives on the Canadian Constitution*" (ed. Richard Albert & David R. Cameron) Cambridge University Press (2017); "Towards a Sociology of Constitutional Transformation: Understanding South Africa's Post-Apartheid Order, in *Sociological Constitutionalism*" (ed. Paul Blokker & Chris Thornhill) Cambridge University Press (2017). Most recently his chapter, "Reception, Context and Identity: A Theory of Cross-National Jurisprudence" was published in *Comparative Constitutional Theory* (ed. Gary Jacobsohn and Miguel Schor) Edward Elgar Publishers (2018).



**Professor Heinz Klug**

## Student Spotlight



**Cliff Bartholomew**

### Cliff Bartholomew, 2L

Cliff Bartholomew was an intern at YKVN in Hanoi, Vietnam, during the summer of 2017 as part of the internship program coordinated by EALSC. His summer in Vietnam allowed him the opportunity to explore areas of business law that he was interested in and to learn more about a significantly different legal system. During his time as an intern, he worked on both client and firm projects in areas of finance, professional responsibility, and government relations. The attorneys he worked with went out of their way to make him feel at home while introducing him to many aspects of Vietnam's culture. Outside of the

office, Cliff had time to travel to many beautiful areas of Vietnam and other countries in Southeast Asia. Cliff enjoyed his time in Vietnam and hopes to visit again soon.

## Vin Gathing, 3L

Vin Gathing studied in Groningen, Netherlands during the Fall 2017 semester. He took a mix of international law and public affairs courses. His coursework included classes on geopolitical moral dilemmas, international dispute resolution, anthropology of law, and a fascinating course on organized transnational crime. His professors, classmates, and subjects of focus were all very diverse and hailed from around the globe. Vin appreciated the Netherlands' tolerant and diverse society, which includes all of the modernity of Western Europe mixed in with rich local traditions and a tranquil lifestyle. He especially enjoyed the sports and biking culture there. He found time during the Autumn and Winter breaks to travel both within the Netherlands and farther abroad. Overall, it was an enjoyable and rewarding semester abroad both academically, and socially. He enjoyed his time so much that he has already applied for an externship in the Netherlands for later this year.



**Vin Gathing**

## Visiting Scholar Spotlight

### Cheng Qian, EALSC (September 2017-August 2018)

Cheng Qian is a visiting scholar from Nanjing University in China. His faculty liaison is Professor John Ohnesorge. His research project concentrates on the conflict of laws, specifically competition law. The meaning of competition law in China differs from that in the United States. When civil cases concerning competition law that involve a foreign element are submitted to the court, the court must determine the law to apply. This presents a complex problem to both the court and the litigating parties, and Cheng Qian is working on these complex issues.



**Cheng Qian**

## Law and Society Graduate Fellow Spotlight



**Ben Power**

### Ben Power

Ben Power is a Law and Society Graduate Fellow at the Political Science Department. He is being advised by Professor Jon Pevehouse. Ben's research explores the relationship between technology and power. He is exploring how technological change affects state capacity to control information on the internet, with a particular focus on the blockchain (the technology which underpins cryptocurrencies such as Bitcoin). His research examines the way information is collected, organized, stored, and transmitted affects the distribution of power in the international system and to what extent the architecture of the internet enhances or constrains the ability of states to shape economic, social, and political activity.

Ben has appreciated that the Graduate Fellows program has connected him with other graduate students from across campus who are interested in similar questions about the relationship between law and society, but who approach the theme through a very different substantive lens. He plans to use the research funds provided under this fellowship to support field research in Europe over the summer.

## News and Announcements

- The **2018-2019 ILS Law and Society Graduate Fellows Program call for applications** is out. For more information about the program and how to apply, visit the **[Law and Society Graduate Fellows Program page](#)**
- The **2018 Midwest Law & Society Retreat call for proposals** is out. To submit a proposal, please complete the **[Midwest Retreat registration form](#)**. For more information, visit the **[Midwest Retreat page](#)**
- The **2018 Wisconsin Law Review Symposium call for proposals** is out. The application deadline is May 11, 2018