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

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)