



Research Centers Newsletter, October 2018



9th Biennial Midwest Law & Society Retreat, October 26th-27th



[Kim Lane Scheppele](#)

The 9th Biennial Midwest Law & Society Retreat kicks off on Friday, October 26th at 3:30pm with keynote speaker Kim Lane Scheppele of Princeton University. Her talk entitled "In the Ruins of Constitutional Government" will take place in Room 325/326 at the Pyle Center. Concurrent sessions will follow the keynote lecture on Friday, and the evening will end with a dinner for attendees. The Retreat will continue on Saturday, October 27th with concurrent sessions all day and concluding with a plenary talk by Bert Kritzer.

The Institute for Legal Studies hosted the inaugural session of the Retreat in Fall 2002, bringing together faculty and graduate students from the Midwest's diverse law and society programs for a weekend of intellectual exchange and community building. The Retreat has become a well-attended biennial event. The Retreat offers participants an opportunity to share research, discuss professional issues, receive feedback on works in progress, and develop future projects with regional colleagues.

For more information, including the program and abstracts, please visit the **[2018 Midwest Law & Society Retreat webpage](#)**.

The Midwest Law & Society Retreat is sponsored by the Institute for Legal Studies and the University Lectures Knapp Fund

UW Law School Celebrates 35 Years of Exchange Partnership with JLU, Giessen

A high level, 18-member delegation from JLU, Giessen visited UW-Madison recently. The delegation, headed by the President of JLU, Professor Dr. Joybrato Mukherjee, comprised members from various disciplines across the university. They met with Chancellor Rebecca Blank and Dean Margaret Raymond, among others. The main objective of the visit was to celebrate the 35-year partnership between the JLU, Giessen and the UW Law School. UW Law School hosted a lunch to celebrate the partnership.



The exchange program between the UW Law School and JLU Giessen was established in 1983. It has both a student exchange and a faculty exchange. It is the only UW law exchange program, so far, to have an active faculty exchange component. Each spring two UW Law faculty members teach in Giessen and each fall, two Giessen faculty members teach a course on European Law at the UW Law School. In addition, together with Marquette University, UW Law School established a summer abroad program at JLU Giessen in 2008. It is a four-week long summer program in comparative and international law.

Under the exchange program, Giessen graduate students come to the UW Law School for the LL.M degree. Currently, there are three Giessen students studying at UW Law School.

At the banquet hosted by JLU President, Professor Mukherjee, Dean Raymond presented him with a Gargoyle to celebrate the 35-year long partnership between the two institutions.

Faculty Spotlight: Mark Sidel



Mark Sidel, Doyle-Bascom Professor of Law and Public Affairs and GLS affiliate, continues to work on research on nonprofit and philanthropic regulation in Asia and the United States. He has spoken widely in the US, China and elsewhere over the past several years on China's new policy and legal framework for the regulation of overseas nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), foundations and other nonprofit entities in China. He is writing about that framework as well as China's legal framework for regulating domestic NGOs and foundations; the new use of "social credit scoring" to regulate the domestic and foreign nonprofit and philanthropic community; and the complex situation for foreign universities under overlapping legal frameworks in China.

Professor Sidel is also working on projects on reform of Indian nonprofit and philanthropic law; charitable property tax exemption in the United States; and, over the longer-term, modern secessionary movements in the US. He recently served as Ian Potter Foundation Fellow at the Australian

Centre for Philanthropy and Nonprofit Studies in Brisbane (doing research on nonprofit debates in Australia) and last year as Charles Stewart Mott Foundation Visiting Chair in Community Philanthropy at the Lilly Family School of Philanthropy at Indiana University. He continues to work closely with the International Center for Not-for-Profit Law (ICNL) in Washington DC.

Faculty Spotlight: Anuj Desai

Anuj Desai, Voss Bascom Professor of Law and GLS affiliate, currently serves as the Co-Director of our summer study-abroad program in Germany. The U.S.-German Summer School in International and Comparative Law (affectionately known simply as the “Summer Law School” by participants) is a one-of-a-kind ABA-accredited summer program that focuses on international and comparative law. What makes the program unique is that it is a joint program between two U.S. law schools (Wisconsin and Marquette) and the law faculty at a German university (Justus-Liebig University in Giessen, Germany).



The German university with whom we partner enrolls students in the program from all over the world. Thus, because our summer program is really two programs in one, the classroom itself has an international mix of students. This past summer, for example, students came from about 25 different countries and every continent except Antarctica. So, the American students not only learn substantive law, they also get to do so in a truly international environment. This both enriches the educational experience and gives students the opportunity to make friends from all over the world, from Brazil to Namibia, from Vietnam to Poland. The classes too are a fascinating mix, ranging from Business Ethics and Human Rights to Comparative Constitutional Law to International Economic Law. When students have interest we have tried to connect them with German law firms to do internships before the program begins. This allows students in the program to get both interesting academic coursework and some practical legal experience as well.

Upcoming Events

- **October 25, 2018:** GLS Speaker Marcella David (GLS)
- **October 26-27, 2018:** Midwest Law & Society Retreat (ILS)
- **November 7, 2018:** Law & Society Speaker Michael Kang (ILS)
- **November 9, 2018:** John Kidwell Memorial Lecture (ILS)
- **November 14, 2018:** Ideas & Innovations Speaker Yxta Murray (Dean's Office)
- **November 16-17, 2018:** Wisconsin Discussion Group on Constitutionalism (Dean's Office)

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

Visiting Scholar Spotlight

Jozsef Kelemen (February 2018 - February 2019)

Jozsef Kelemen is a GLS visiting scholar from the University of Pecs in Hungary. His faculty liaison is Professor Cecelia Klingele. His research focuses on a comparative study of forfeiture regulations in the US and Europe. His goal is to study the social and economic environment which has triggered the legislation of forfeiture. Jozsef was drawn to the UW Law School by the "law in action" legal philosophy. This philosophy has been important to him during his 12 years of criminal law experience. He is also enjoying the other opportunities that the Law School and the university have provided him.



Jozsef Kelemen

News and Announcements

- The [call for applications](#) for the **2019 Hurst Summer Institute** is out. Please share the call with anyone who may be interested.
- The Institute for Legal Studies will be hosting a **Food & Agriculture Competition Roundtable** on Friday, December 7th. For more information and to register for the event, please visit: <https://www.antitrustinstitute.org/event/2018foodagroundtable/>
- Save the date for the annual **Wisconsin International Law Journal (WILJ) Symposium** entitled "Lawyers and Lawyering in China and Russia: Common Challenges," on April 5, 2019. Details TBA



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