

# INTERNATIONAL LAW WEEKEND-SOUTH



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**The Global Future of  
International Trade,  
Human Rights,  
and Development**

**MARCH 2-3, 2017**

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Barrier-free trade, protection of human rights, and economic development were the hallmarks and guiding principles of the international order created following the Second World War. The U.S. has been a leader in shaping the order into a global one. This current order is now undergoing change, with worldwide debate on what the future global order should look like.

How will the future order operate? Who will gain and who will lose?  
How will the new global order interact with the old international order?  
How are existing institutions including governments to respond?  
What is the right balance between national, local, and global interests?

Join experts from the Texas A&M School of Law, scholars, practitioners, and government officials to consider the global and local future of international trade, human rights, and development. 10.25 CLE hours available.

**Thursday, March 2, 2017**

**3:30 pm – 4:00 pm**

**Opening Session**

**Andrew Morriss**

Dean and Anthony G. Buzbee Dean's Endowed Chair, Texas A&M University School of Law

**David Stewart**

President, American Branch of the International Law Association and Professor from Practice, Georgetown University Law Center

**Charlotte Ku**

Professor of Law, Associate Dean for Global Programs, and Co-Convenor of the Global and Comparative Law Program, Texas A&M University School of Law

**4:00 pm – 5:30 pm**

## **New Developments in Resource Management and Trade: The Internationalization of the Local**

Resources that were traditionally the domain of one sovereign and used to satisfy local demands and needs are increasingly being subject to international market mechanisms. This panel will examine the markets for such resources and the conflicts that can arise between local interests and regulations, and the international legal regime.

**Moderator: Gabriel Eckstein**, Professor of Law, Texas A&M University School of Law

**Renee Martin-Nagle**, University of Strathclyde, Scotland

**Kish Parella**, Assistant Professor of Law, Washington and Lee University School of Law

**Harry Sullivan**, Assistant General Counsel, Kosmos Energy

## **Making Trade Work for Sustainable Development: Possibilities and Challenges (CLE)**

Despite popular discontent with the effects of trade on local communities, international trade has been one of the engines of economic development. Increasingly, there is a recognition that development must also be sustainable in order to meet the needs of future generations with respect to access to health, education, food, energy, and natural resources. The WTO Preamble recognizes that sustainable development is one of the goals of international trade, but does little to provide guidance as to the meaning of sustainable development or how best to reconcile free trade with the need to preserve natural resources, the environment, food sources, water, and even sustainable ways of life. This panel will examine the various contexts of sustainability in which international trade has impact and consider the challenges and possible solutions for reconciliation. Particular attention will be given to possible local and regional solutions rather than global ones, and the impact these have on the relationship among developing countries and developed ones as well as on multilateralism in trade.

**Moderator: Elizabeth Trujillo**, Professor of Law and Co-Convenor of the Global and Comparative Law Program, Texas A&M University School of Law

**James Salzman**, Donald Bren Distinguished Professor of Environmental Law, UCLA Law School and Bren School of Environmental Science and Management

**Tiffany L. Smith**, Senior Policy Advisor, Mayer Brown, Washington, DC

**Gabriel Cavazos**, Professor of Law and Dean, National School of Social Sciences and Government for the Northern Region of the Tecnológico de Monterrey

### **5:30 pm – 5:45 pm: Coffee Break**

### **5:45 pm – 6:45 pm**

#### **Plenary Address**

**Introduction: Peter Yu**

Professor of Law and Co-Director, Center for Law and Intellectual Property, Texas A&M University School of Law and Co-Director of Studies and Board Member, American Branch of the International Law Association

#### ***Intellectual Property and Global Challenges***

**Edward Kwakwa**

Senior Director Global Challenges Department and former Legal Counsel, World Intellectual Property Organization

**7:00 pm**  
**Reception**

**Friday, March 3, 2017**

**9:00 am – 10:00 am**

**Plenary Address**

**Introduction: Elizabeth Trujillo**

Professor of Law Professor of Law and Co-Convenor of the Global and Comparative Law Program, Texas A&M University School of Law

***Renegotiating NAFTA Without Tears: Risks and Rewards of Modifying the North American Free Trade Relationships***

**David Gantz**

Samuel M. Fegtly Professor of Law and Director Emeritus, International Economic Law and Policy Program, University of Arizona James E. Rogers College of Law

**10:00 am – 10:15 am**

**Coffee Break**

**10:15 am – 11:45 am**

**International Corruption and the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (CLE)**

This panel will focus on international corruption, its effects on democracy and business, and the ways in which governments, NGOs and companies are attempting to combat it.

**Moderator: William Magnuson**, Associate Professor of Law, Texas A&M University School of Law  
**Mike Koehler**, Associate Professor of Law, Southern Illinois University School of Law  
**Robb Voyles**, Executive Vice President and General Counsel, Halliburton

**Intellectual Property and Regional Trade Agreements (CLE)**

Some of the top experts of IP and international trade law will discuss issues related to trade, intellectual property, and human rights in the context of multinational and regional trade agreements. The panel will also look at issues related to movement of goods, plain packaging, geoblocking, and conflicts of laws.

**Moderator: Irene Calboli**, Lee Kong Chian Fellow, Visiting Professor, and Deputy Director, Applied Research Centre for Intellectual Assets and the Law in Asia, Singapore Management University and Professor of Law, Texas A&M University School of Law

**J. Janewa Osei-Tutu**, Associate Professor of Law, Florida International University College of Law

**Sri Ragavan**, Professor of Law, Texas A&M University School of Law

**Josh Sarnoff**, Professor of Law, DePaul University College of Law

**Marketa Trimble**, Samuel S. Lionel Professor of Intellectual Property Law, University of Nevada at Las Vegas William S. Boyd School of Law

## **The Role of Judges in Enforcing International and Regional Agreements (CLE)**

State executives rely on judiciaries to legitimate and adjudicate international and regional agreements. Judges in both democratic and authoritarian states, however, are not always cooperative in recognizing the jurisdiction of agreements not drafted by domestic legislators elected by the state's citizens. This panel explores the role that judges in particular countries play in the enforcement (or lack thereof) of international and regional agreements covering trade, development, and human rights. In addition, panelists will examine the factors that affect a judiciary's willingness to enforce such agreements. Particular attention will be paid to hybrid authoritarian regimes and new democracies in the global south and east where judicial independence is complicated by the judicialization of politics.

**Moderator: Sahar Aziz**, Professor of Law, Texas A&M University School of Law

**Mohamed AbdelAal**, Dr. Professor of Law, Alexandria University Faculty of Law, Egypt and Adjunct Professor, Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law

**Carolina Arlota**, Adjunct Professor of Law and Research Scholar, University of Oklahoma College of Law

**Nuno Garoupa**, Professor of Law, Texas A&M University School of Law

**Sida Liu**, Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of Toronto and Faculty Fellow, American Bar Foundation

**11:45 am – 1:00 pm**

**Lunch**

**Career Panel: Practice Tracks in the International Arena**

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**Moderator: Gregory Franklin '17**, President, International Law Society, Texas A&M University School of Law

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