Introduction

The 2018 Law and Development Conference, co-hosted by The Law and Development Institute, Humboldt University Faculty of Law, and Walter de Gruyter GmbH, commemorates the tenth anniversary of Law and Development Review (LDR), currently the only peer-reviewed academic journal in existence devoted to law and development studies.

Law and development studies are at an important juncture. Although scholarship in law and development, which explores the relationship between law and social and economic progress, has evolved over the last four decades, this area of inquiry remains unfamiliar to many legal scholars, lawyers, and policy makers. Scholars have not yet been able to establish law and development as a robust and coherent academic field by developing a theory that systematically explains the interrelationship between law and development. This conference will explore possibilities for new breakthrough by examining current studies and considering new approaches on the following sub-topics:

- Reflections on Law and Development scholarship: Where Does It Stand Today? What Does It Rest on?
- Enhancement and Protection of Economic and Social Interests
- The Role of Development Agencies in the Development Process: Development Governance

The select conference papers will be published in the 2019 Special Issue of Law and Development Review (www.degruyter.com/ldr) published by DeGruyter.

The conference is open to the general public. There is no registration fee, but participants must register online at www.lawanddevelopment.net/registration2018.php no later than June 15, 2018.

Dates and Venue

July 6 and 7, 2018
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Conference Schedule

Day 1: July 6, 2018

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m.: Registration

9:30 a.m. – 9:40 a.m.: Introductory Remarks by Professor Philipp Dann, Humboldt University

9:40 a.m. – 9:50 a.m.: Opening Statement by Prof. Y.S. Lee, The Law and Development Institute

9:50 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.: Welcome Address by Mr. Jan Schmidt, DeGruyter

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.: Panel 1: “Reflections on Law and Development scholarship: Where Does It Stand Today? What Does It Rest on?”
Chair: Prof. Philipp Dann, Humboldt University

“Doing Law and Development: ‘We Together’ or Merely Many Blooming Flowers?”
Prof. Morag Goodwin, Tilburg University

“Towards a Fourth Moment in Law and Development?”
Prof. Wouter Vandenhole, University of Antwerp

“Beyond the ‘Moments’ of Law and Development: Critical Reflections on Law and Development Scholarship in a Globalized Economy”
Associate Prof. Celine Tan, University of Warrick

“Freedom from Development”
Associate Prof. Michael Ilg, University of Calgary

12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m.: Q&A Session

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.: Lunch

1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.: Panel 2: “Theoretical Frameworks for Law and Development: General Theory and Application”
Chair: Prof. Paul Zwier, Emory University

“General Theory of Law and Development”
Prof. Y.S. Lee, The Law and Development Institute

“Application of the General Theory to Botswana”
Ms. Sara Ghebremusse, Osgoode Hall Law School (York University)
“Toward a General Theory of Law and Development: In Defence of Capabilities”
Dr. Clair Gammage, University of Bristol

“Experimentalism, Law and Development”
Prof. Kevin Davis, New York University School of Law

3:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.: Q&A Session

4:00 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.: Coffee Break

4:15 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.: Panel 3: “Enhancement and Protection of Economic and Social Interests”
Chair: Prof. Y.S. Lee, The Law and Development Institute

“Avoiding Fact Intensive Law in Weak Legal Systems: Property Protection and Investor Protection in Low Income Countries, with Special Reference to Takings and Land Acquisition”
Prof. Hans-Bernd Schäfer, Bucerius Law School

“The Brazilian Regulamental State: An Analysis of the Interplay between Developmental and Regulatory State”
Prof. Mario Schapiro, Fundação Getulio Vargas (FGV, São Paulo)

“Contracting for Development: Law and Innovation Policies in Brazil”
Associate Prof. Diogo Coutinho, University of São Paulo

“How Can Donor Agencies Take Rule of Law Projects Root in Partner Countries?”
Mr. Naoshi Sato, Attorney at Law, Former JICA Rule of Law advisor

6:15 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.: Q&A Session

6:45 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.: Photo Session, First Day Closing

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.: Conference Dinner (speakers and invited guests only)
Day 2: July 7, 2018

9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.: Panel 4: “Development Governance and the Role of Development Agencies in the Development Process”
Chair: Prof. Hans-Bernd Schäfer, Bucerius Law School

“Between (Re-) Empowerment and (Hyper-) Conditionality: The Rise of Accountability-Oriented Governance in Development Cooperation”
Prof. Florian Hoffmann, Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Rio de Janeiro

Prof. Philipp Dann, Humboldt University

“Mining Community Development in South Africa: A Critical Consideration of How the Law and Development Approach the Concept ‘Community’”
Ms. Anri Heyns, University of Cape Town

“Institutional Responsiveness as an Instrument of Distributive Justice in India and China”
Associate Prof. Nandini Ramanujam and Dr. Nicholas Caviano, McGill University

11:30 a.m. – 12:00 a.m.: Q&A Session

12:00 a.m. – 12:15 a.m.: Closing Statement by Prof. Y.S. Lee