

**OVERSEAS YOUNG CHINESE FORUM (12<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting)  
INTERNATIONAL HOUSE, UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO**

**China's Legal Reform at Crossroads  
中国法律改革的十字路口**

University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois  
May 28-30, 2010

*China's legal reform is at a crossroads. After thirty years of state-led construction, the legal system in China has evolved from a vacuum into a complex system full of challenges and contradictions. The 12<sup>th</sup> annual OYCF conference, co-sponsored by the Center for East Asian Studies and the International House at the University of Chicago, brings together scholars, students and practitioners from China and the United States to discuss the past, present, and future of China's legal reform. The topics of the panels include citizen rights, judicial reform, legal profession, corporate law, civil society, and property rights. We intend to address these issues by critically examining the empirical realities, as well as the historical and theoretical significance, of the ongoing legal reform in China.*

**PROGRAM**

**Friday, May 28, 2010**

6:00 pm: Registration, Check-in (International House, University of Chicago)

**Saturday, May 29, 2010**

8:00 am: Breakfast

9:00 am: Opening Remarks

- **SUN Su (孙速)**, President, Overseas Young Chinese Forum
- **YANG Dali (杨大利)**, Professor of Political Science, Director of Center for East Asian Studies, University of Chicago

9:10 am: Panel Overview

- **LIU Sida (刘思达)**, Assistant Professor of Sociology and Law, University of Wisconsin-Madison

**9:15 am – 10:15 am:**

**Keynote Speech:**

**China's Social Change and Innovation of Legal Paradigm  
(中国的社会变革与法律范式创新)**

Honored Speaker:

- **JI Weidong (季卫东)**, Dean and Professor of Law, KoGuan Law School, Shanghai Jiao Tong University

10:15 am – 10:30 am: Coffee Break

**10:30 am-12:00 pm:**

**Panel 1: Law and Citizen Rights**

Speakers:

- **Mary E. GALLAGHER**, Associate Professor of Political Science, Director of Center for Chinese Studies, University of Michigan  
*Bottom-Up Implementation? Legal Mobilization as Law Enforcement*
- **Timothy WEBSTER**, Senior Fellow, The China Law Center, Yale Law School  
*The Rise of Chinese Antidiscrimination Law: State Responses to Civil Society Agitation*
- **Rachel E. STERN**, Junior Fellow, Society of Fellows, Harvard University  
*Harnessing the Law: Environmental Litigation in Contemporary China*

Chair/Discussants:

- **Randall PEERENBOOM**, Professor of Law, La Trobe University, Associate Fellow, Oxford University Centre for Socio-Legal Studies

12:00 pm – 1:45 pm: Lunch Break

**1:45 pm – 3:15 pm:**

**Panel 2: Judicial System**

Speakers:

- **HE Xin (贺欣)**, Associate Professor of Law, City University of Hong Kong  
*Do the “Haves” Come Out Ahead in Shanghai Courts?*
- **Titus CHEN (陳至潔)**, Assistant Research Fellow, Institute of International Relations, National Chengchi University, Taiwan  
*Recalibrating the Measure of Justice: Beijing’s Effort to Recentralize Judiciary*
- **Alan W. LEPP**, Deputy Senior Staff Attorney, U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit  
*Constraining Judicial Discretion: The American Experience and Its Relevance for China’s Courts*

Chair/Discussants:

- **LONG Yan (龙彦)**, Ph.D. Candidate in Sociology, University of Michigan

3:15 pm – 3:30 pm: Coffee Break

**3:30 pm – 5:00 pm:**

**Panel 3: Legal Profession**

Speakers:

- **LI Ke (李柯)**, Ph.D. Candidate in Sociology and Criminal Justice, Indiana University-Bloomington  
*Rhetoric and Tactics: Talks of State Law in a Legal Workers’ Office*

- **Laney ZHANG (张岚)**, Senior Foreign Law Specialist, Directorate of Legal Research, The Law Library of Congress  
*TBA*
- **LIU Sida (刘思达)**, Assistant Professor of Sociology and Law, University of Wisconsin-Madison  
*The Past and Future of the Chinese Legal Profession*

Chair/Discussants:

- **HAN Chunping (韩春萍)**, Assistant Professor of Sociology, University of Texas-Arlington

6:00 pm: Dinner

7:30 pm: State of OYCF Report by the OYCF Board  
OYCF Annual Election

### Sunday, May 30, 2010

8:00 am: Breakfast

**9:00 am – 10:30 am:**

#### **Panel 4: Corporate Law**

Speakers:

- **Nicholas C. HOWSON (郝山)**, Professor of Law, University of Michigan  
*Fiduciary Litigation in the People's Courts: Competence, Autonomy and Independence*
- **Lydia LIU (刘晓雅)**, Managing Partner, Finesse Law Group, Shanghai  
*Joint Venture In China: Past, Current and Future*
- **Peter K. YU (余家明)**, Kern Family Chair in Intellectual Property Law, Director, Intellectual Property Law Center, Drake University Law School  
*Reflections on the U.S.-China Dispute over Intellectual Property Enforcement*
- **LIU Haiyan (刘海燕)**, Ph.D. Candidate in Criminal Justice, Indiana University-Bloomington  
*The Criminal Enforcement of Intellectual Property Rights in China: The Recent Developments and Implications*

Chair/Discussants:

- **ZHENG Wentong (郑文通)**, Associate Professor of Law, State University of New York at Buffalo

10:30 am – 10:45 am: Coffee Break

**10:45 am – 12:15 pm:**

#### **Panel 5: Law and Civil Society**

Speakers:

- **Karla SIMON**, Professor of Law, Director of Faculty Development, Columbus School of Law, Catholic University of America  
*Thirty Years of Reform for China's Social Organizations*
- **CHEN Ruoying (陈若英)**, Visiting Assistant Professor of law, University of Chicago  
*TBA*
- **LEI Ya-wen (雷雅雯)**, Ph.D. Candidate in Sociology, University of Michigan  
*Legal Culture in the State Media and on the Internet: the Salience of Law and the Construction of Legality in Two Venues of Political Communication* (Co-authored with ZHOU Xiaodan)

Chair/Discussants:

- **GUANG Lei (光磊)**, Professor of Political Science, San Diego State University

12:15 pm – 2:00 pm: Lunch

**2:00 pm – 3:30 pm:**

**Panel 6: Property Rights**

Speakers:

- **ZHANG Wei (张巍)**, Ph.D. Candidate in Jurisprudence and Social Policy, University of California-Berkeley  
*Property Rights and Property Law*
- **ZHANG Qi (章奇)**, Ph.D. Candidate in Political Science, Northwestern University  
*Communist Revolution and the Political Origin of Private Economy in China: Evidence from Zhejiang province*
- **CHEN Li (陈力)**, Graduate Student, Master of Arts in International Relations, University of Chicago  
*Property Rights Reform and Its Impact on Metropolitan Development in China*

Chair/Discussants:

- **Victor SHIH (史宗翰)**, Assistant Professor of Political Science, Northwestern University

3:30 pm – 3:45 pm: Concluding Remarks

4:00 pm – 6:00 pm: Volleyball tournament (OYCF's Philadelphia Cup)

7:00 pm – 11:00 pm: Dinner & Celebration Party

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