



Notice for Penn Law Students

2012 Global Forum at Tsinghua University ***Constitutional Law and Social Governance from a Comparative Perspective*** **November 7-11, 2012** **Beijing, P.R. China**

Penn Law is pleased to announce a call for student applications to the 2012 Global Forum at Tsinghua University from November 7-11, 2012. The 2012 Global Forum (GF) will bring together faculty and students from Penn Law, Goethe University Frankfurt/Main, Tsinghua University (Beijing), Sciences-Po (Paris) and Waseda University (Tokyo) to participate in an intensive four-day program examining a broad array of constitutional issues from a comparative perspective. The Global Forum embodies Penn Law's commitment to providing students with unparalleled opportunities to examine issues in international and comparative law with top faculty and students from around the globe and gain hands-on experience on cutting edge issues in the law. A current agenda is attached.

A maximum of four Penn Law students will be admitted into this program, and admission will be competitive. The selected students will accompany Professors Dorothy Roberts and Kim Roosevelt, who will join with faculty from the participating schools to lead the sessions. Admitted students are required to participate in all Global Forum sessions. Class conflicts with this overseas conference will be handled on a case-by-case basis. In addition to the Forum's academic sessions, GF participants may be invited to several dinners and other social activities with faculty and students from the participating law schools.

Who Can Apply? All Penn Law 2Ls, 3Ls and LLMs are eligible to apply for this program. 1Ls with a highly relevant background in the Forum topic may apply, but must first meet with Dean Amy Gadsden before submitting an application. There are no course prerequisites, but your application should indicate how participation in the Forum will advance your academic and career objectives. All Forum sessions will be conducted in English or with translation.

How Do I Apply? Please submit the following documents to Amy Gadsden, Associate Dean for International Affairs, by 5 p.m. on Monday, September 21, 2012 at international@law.upenn.edu :

- 1) unofficial transcript (1Ls may submit their undergraduate transcript)**
- 2) resume or CV**
- 3) a brief statement (no more than two pages) explaining your background and interest in the program**

Please put **Global Forum 2012 Application** in your subject line. Students who apply will receive a confirmation email. If you do not receive a confirmation email noting that your materials have been received, please notify international@law.upenn.edu.

What Is the Cost? Penn Law and/or the host institution will cover the costs of airfare, visa (if applicable), airport transfer, hotel, and most meals for the duration of the Global Forum. Students will be expected to cover any incidental costs as well as meals not covered by the Forum. Any costs associated with early arrival or late departure, including changes in airfare, will be paid by students.

Can I Receive Credit for the Global Forum? Students who wish to receive academic credit for participating in the Global Forum will be expected to arrange an independent study paper in a subsequent term.

Questions? Please contact Associate Dean Amy Gadsden or Professor or Deputy Dean for International Affairs Bill Burke White.

Background on the Global Forum:

The Global Forum, founded at Penn Law in 2010 by four elite Law Schools from around the world, fosters the creation of a vibrant intellectual community and intensive teaching consortium. Each year, delegations of faculty and students from each of the member schools meet to address pressing legal problems facing nations around the globe. This forum provides innovative and meaningful ways for students and faculty of the member schools to interact, and forges an expanding cross-border and cross-cultural appreciation of critical issues in the law.

The four Global Forum member schools are:

[University of Pennsylvania Law School](#)

[Goethe University Frankfurt Faculty of Law](#)

[Tsinghua University Faculty of Law](#)

[Waseda University Faculty of Law](#)



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Beijing, 100084

Meeting Agenda (DRAFT, as provided by Tsinghua)

DAY 1: Wednesday, November 7, 2012

6:00 pm Casual Dinner for Global Forum Faculty and International Students

DAY 2: Thursday, November 8, 2012

8:00 am **Registration**

9:00 am **Welcome Remarks and Introductions**

9:30 am **Session I: Government in Transitional Societies**

10:45 am Break

11:00 am **Session II: Constitutional Institutions and Social Conflict**

12:30 pm **Lunch**

1:30 pm **Session III: Public Participation and Accessible Government**

2:45 pm **Break**

3:00 pm **Session IV: Power Sharing and Minority Protection in Federal and Unitary States**

4.15 pm **Session V: Freedom of Speech in Cyberspace**

5:30 pm Dinner – Free Evening

DAY 3: Friday, November 9, 2012

9:00 am **GF Participants attend a Tsinghua Symposium**

12:30 pm Lunch

- 1:30 pm **Session VI : War, Emergency Powers, and Constitutional Order**
- 2:30 pm **Session VII: Race, Class, Gender Inequality and Constitutional Remedies**
- 3: 30 pm Break
- 3:45 pm **Session VIII: Constitutions and the Enforcement of Social Rights**
- 4:45 pm **Session IX: Presentation of Student Case Study**
- 6:30 pm Dinner

DAY 4: Saturday, November 10, 2012

- 9:30 am **Session X: Students continue to work in small groups**
- 11:00 am Students Present Team Projects
- 12: 30 am Lunch
- 1:30 pm **Session XI: Roundtable on Comparative Perspective of Constitution and Social Governance**
- 3:30 pm **Concluding Remarks**
- 4:00 pm End of Sessions
- 6:00 pm Global Forum Closing Dinner

DAY 5: Sunday, November 11, 2012

- 12:00 pm Checkout/Departure

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