



**Wisconsin International Law Journal Annual Symposium**  
**“Lawyers and Lawyering in China and Russia: Common Challenges”**

**Friday, April 5, 2019**

**Room 2260, UW Law School**

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**Overview**

This Symposium will explore the role of lawyers under authoritarianism. The symposium will bring together leading scholars of the legal professions in Russia and China who share a common empirical approach to their research. Among the questions to be examined are the formal and informal norms that tend to constrain the ability of criminal defense lawyers to represent their clients zealously and, more generally, the limits on the independence of lawyers working in authoritarian regimes. The symposium will also analyze the extent to which the career preferences of young lawyers are changing as democracy wanes. The gathered scholars will also reflect on their ability to carry out research as the political regimes in China and Russia increase their control over society, and will discuss new sources of data.

## Program

- 8:30-9:00 Registration and Breakfast
- 9:00 Welcome  
**Naman Siad**  
*WILJ Symposium Editors, UW Law School*
- 9:05 Welcome Remarks  
**Dean Margaret Raymond tbc**  
*Fred W. & Vi Miller Dean and Professor of Law, UW Law School*
- 9:10 Welcome Remarks  
**Heinz Klug**  
*Evjue-Bascom Professor of Law and WILJ adviser, UW Law School*
- 9:15-11:00 **Panel 1: The Challenge of Managing the Relationship between the State and the Legal Profession**
- Chair: **John Ohnesorge**  
*University of Wisconsin Law School*
- “State-Adjacent Lawyering: How Chinese Lawyers Participate in Political Life”  
**Rachel Stern**  
*Jurisprudence and Social Policy program, Berkeley Law School*
- “A Look Back at the Heyday of Political Activism in the Chinese Legal Profession: In Search of Weiquan Lawyers”  
**Ethan Michelson**  
*Indiana University Maurer School of Law*
- “The Gateway to Global China: Hong Kong as a Frontier for Chinese Law Firms”  
**Sida Liu**  
*Department of Sociology, University of Toronto*
- “Collective Action Dilemma: The Reform of the Russian Legal Profession as a Maturity Test for Civil Society”  
**Ekaterina Moiseeva**  
*University of California, Irvine*

**Commentator:**

Carole Silver

*Northwestern University Pritzker School of Law*

11:00 – 11:15

Break

11:15 -12:30

**Panel 2: The Challenges of Practicing in the Criminal Justice Arena**

Chair: **Yulia Erme**

*The U.S.-Russia Foundation, Washington DC*

“Criminal Defenders’ Access to Pre-Trial Detention Centers as a Challenge for the Russian Legal Community”

**Ekaterina Khodzhaeva**

*Institute for the Rule of Law, European University at Saint-Petersburg*

“Professional Trajectories of Russian Law Students Graduated from MVD-Affiliated Institutions”

**Olga Semukhina**

*Tarleton State University*

“The Professional Discipline of Lawyers in China: The History of Change and Status Quo”

**Hongqi Wu**

*Institute of Evidence Law and Forensic Science, China University of Political Science and Law*

**Commentator:**

**Marc Galanter**

*University of Wisconsin Law School*

12:30-1:30

Lunch

1:45-3:00

**The Challenges for Women Lawyers in China & Russia**

Chair: **Stewart Macaulay**

*University of Wisconsin Law School*

“The Collusion of Power versus the Power of Collusion in Divorce Litigation in Rural China”

**Ke Li**

*John Jay College of Criminal Justice, New York*

“Continuity or Change? The Role of Gender in Career Preferences for Young Russian Lawyers”

**Kathryn Hendley**

*University of Wisconsin Law School*

**Commentator:**  
**Joyce Sterling**  
*University of Denver Sturm College of Law*

3:00-3:15 Break

3:15-4:45 **The Challenge of Using “Big Data” to Study Authoritarian Legal Systems**

Chair: **Ethan Michelson**  
*Indiana University Maurer School of Law*

“Legal Advice Websites in China: Is the Internet Empowering Legal Pushback Against Authoritarians?”

**John Givens**  
*School of Government and International Affairs, Kennesaw State University*

“‘Wealth Effect’ in the Chinese Criminal Justice System”

**Lianhan Zhang**  
*Indiana University Maurer School of Law*

**Commentator:**  
**Bert Kritzer**  
*University of Minnesota Law School*

4:45-5:30 **Summing up and Discussion**  
**Robert Nelson**  
*American Bar Foundation and Northwestern University*

6:30 Dinner for speakers, chairs, commentators and invited guests  
(At the home of Kathryn Hendley, transportation will be arranged)