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9:00am Welcome
Dean Theodore Ruger, University of Pennsylvania Law School
Shyam Balganesh, Jacques deLisle, Eric Feldman, Professors of Law and Co-Directors,
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9:30am Keynote Addresses
Perspectives on the Autonomy and Accountability of Courts
Justice Michael Hartmann, Hong Kong Court of Final Appeal
Justice Ruma Pal, Supreme Court of India

10:00am Panel Discussion
Chair: Professor Mark Tushnet, Harvard Law School
Panelists: Professor Shyam Balganesh, University of Pennsylvania Law School
Professor Stephen Burbank, University of Pennsylvania Law School
Professor Jerome Cohen, New York University Law School
Professor John Haley, Vanderbilt Law School
Dean Han Dayuan, Renmin University Law School
Professor Alex Schwartz, University of Hong Kong Faculty of Law

11:00am Break

11:15am Roundtable Discussion
Judicial Decision-Making: Statutes, Regulations, Precedent (and More?) as Sources of Law
Chair: Chief Judge Robert Katzmann, United States Court of Appeals, 2nd Circuit
Panelists: Professor Johannes Chan, University of Hong Kong Law Faculty
Professor Kyoko Ishida, Waseda University Law School
Dean Theodore Ruger, University of Pennsylvania Law School
Judge Stephen Williams, United States Court of Appeals, D.C. Circuit
Professor Christopher Yoo, University of Pennsylvania Law School

12:30pm Lunch Break

2:00pm Keynote Addresses
Shaping the Judiciary: The Appointment and Training of Judges and the Organization of the Courts
Chief Justice Itsurō Terada, Supreme Court of Japan
Judge Zhang Yongjian, Supreme People’s Court of China

2:30pm Panel Discussion
Chair: Judge Anthony Scirica, United States Court of Appeals, 3rd Circuit
Panelists: Professor Eric Feldman, University of Pennsylvania Law School
Professor Fu Yulin, Peking University Law School
Professor John Haley, Vanderbilt Law School