November 1, 2017

Constitutional Law Speaker Series:
David Law

Time: 12:00pm - 1:30pm
Location: silverman 147

Professor David Law, the Charles Nagel Chair of Constitutional Law and Political Science at Washington University School of Law will be presenting as part of the Constitutional Law Speaker Series.

Professor David Law’s interests include public law, comparative law, law and social science, judicial politics, and constitutional and political theory. His interdisciplinary and comparative approach combines quantitative data analysis and foreign fieldwork. His scholarship on global constitutional trends has been featured in a variety of media outlets including the New York Times, the Washington Post, the Globe and Mail, and the Asahi Shimbun and has been translated into Chinese, Japanese, Spanish, and Romanian. He has served as a UN consultant on legal and political reform in Yemen and provided training sponsored by the State Department to Burmese lawmakers on constitutional reform. His first book, The Japanese Supreme Court and Judicial Review, was published in Japanese by Gendaijitenbunsha.

Prior to entering academia, Professor Law served as executive editor of the Harvard Law Review, clerked for the Hon. Stephen Reinhardt at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, and practiced law with Munger, Tolles & Olson LLP in Los Angeles. He then obtained a Ph.D. in political science at Stanford University while concurrently attending the University of Oxford as a Clarendon Scholar, where he received a graduate degree in European and comparative law. Professor Law held joint appointments in the law school at the University of San Diego and the political science department at the University of California, San Diego before joining the faculty at Washington University. His research has been supported by the National Science Foundation, the Council on Foreign Relations, and the Fulbright Scholar Program. Born and raised in Canada, he speaks Mandarin and French and has been a visiting professor at Georgetown University Law Center, National Taiwan University, Seoul National University, National University of Singapore, and Keio University in Tokyo and a visiting scholar at the NYU School of Law.

During the 2014-15 academic year, Professor Law was the Martin and Kathleen Crane Fellow in Law and Public Affairs (LAPA) at Princeton University. During the 2016-17 academic year, he will be pursuing a book project on Asian constitutional law while based at the University of Hong Kong.