

## Thursday, April 26, 2012

- 9:00 Registration and Continental Breakfast
- 10:00 Opening Remarks  
**Stephan Landsman**, Robert A. Clifford Professor of Tort Law and Social Policy
- 10:15 **SESSION I: The Impact of Institutional Arrangements on the Delivery of Justice**
- Presenters:*  
**Tom Baker**  
The Preference for Arbitration in Reinsurance Disputing
- Michele Goodwin**  
When Institutions Fail and the Rule of Law Is Undermined:  
The Case of Underage Marriage in India
- Shahin Talesh**  
How the 'Haves' Come Out Ahead in the Twenty-first Century:  
Understanding the Relationship Between Law, Organizations and  
Dispute Resolution Systems
- Robert Gordon**  
How the 'Haves' Stay Ahead: The Legal System's Protection of Oligarchy
- Discussant:*  
**Herbert Kritzer**
- 11:45 Break
- 12:00 **SESSION II: Access to Justice**
- Presenters:*  
**Gowri Ramachandran**  
Law Panic: Lawyers as "The Great Social Evil"
- Eric Feldman**  
Fukushima: Catastrophe, Compensation and Justice in Japan
- Brian Tamanaha**  
Another Look at Dispute Resolution Mechanisms
- Discussant:*  
**Stephan Landsman**
- 1:15 Lunch
- 2:00 **SESSION III: The Changing Organization and Structure of the Bar**
- Presenters:*  
**Paul Carrington**  
The War on Poverty and Guaranteed Student Loans: The Impact on the Profession
- Sida Liu**  
The Tournament of Lawyers and Firms: How Large Law Firms Expand in China
- Ann Southworth**  
What Is Public Interest Law? Empirical Perspectives on an Old Question
- Discussant:*  
**Richard Abel**
- 3:30 *Remarks*  
**Marc Galanter**, Professor of Law Emeritus, University of Wisconsin
- 4:00 Concluding Remarks

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- 9:30 *Remarks*  
**Richard Abel**, Michael J. Connell Distinguished Professor of Law Emeritus, UCLA
- 10:00 **SESSION IV: Vanishing Trials**
- Presenters:*  
**John Meixner** and **Shari Diamond**  
Do Criminal Trial Rates Influence the Vanishing Civil Trial?
- Theodore Eisenberg**  
Litigation Rates and Economic Development
- Herbert Kritzer**  
So What Is It That We Understand to Be a Trial?
- Discussant:*  
**Paul Carrington**
- 11:15 Break
- 11:30 **SESSION V: The Impact of Rhetoric and Perception on the Civil Justice System**
- Presenters:*  
**Anne Bloom**  
The Radiating Effects of Torts
- David Engel**  
Interpretive Practices at the Threshold of Tort Law
- Lawrence Friedman**  
Through a Glass Darkly: Law, Culture and the Media
- Valerie Hans**  
Jury Jokes
- Discussant:*  
**Michele Goodwin**
- 1:00 Concluding Remarks by Marc Galanter

