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COURSE LIST FOR THE 2018 MEKONG REGION LEGAL STUDIES PROGRAM

Introduction to the Chinese Legal System (3 credits)

This course explores the fundamental structure and operation of the Chinese legal system, offering a critical perspective on the development of law in China and providing students with the basic training necessary to work with Chinese law on a deeper and practical level. The course covers the historical development of the Chinese legal system, the relevant institutions responsible for the formation and application of law in China (and associated legislative and judicial processes) and issues of Chinese law, society, and culture. Subjects also include constitutionalism in China, Chinese administrative law, Chinese overseas direct investment, Chinese family law, women and the law, and lawyering in China.

Lecturer: Daniel J. Mitterhoff

Comparative Study of Mekong Region Legal Systems (3 Credits)

This course provides an introduction to the legal systems of Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam, offering a comparative perspective on the various ways that legal systems develop. Students will learn the sources of law for each country and each country's institutional framework for both the formation and implementation of law. Emphasis is on common problems affecting all these countries and different methods for solving social conflict.

Lecturers: Various—includes country specialists invited from their home countries to teach a set of lectures and young tutors who attend the Mekong Region Legal Studies Program

Comparative Government Procurement Law (3 Credits)

On average, government procurement represents 20% of a country's economic activity. This course employs case law analysis to demonstrate the similar legislative frameworks, but very different operating environments, for public contracting in the U.S., China, Myanmar, Thailand, Vietnam and other countries. Students not only learn the basics of government procurement law, but explore very different administrative systems. Topics include coverage of government procurement law, authority of government agents, ethical rules and counter-corruption in government procurement, social policies in government

procurement, choice of procurement procedures, bid challenges, contractor debarment, and issues of public contract performance.

Lecturer: Daniel J. Mitterhoff

Project Design and Grant Proposal Writing (3 Credits)

Lawyers are expected to contribute to the public good. Some lawyers meet this obligation by simply representing underprivileged groups at no charge (pro bono). Others prefer to work for NGOs on law related projects or other public service initiatives. Some lawyers even develop their own projects to better society. This course introduces the student to the process of developing projects that provide benefits to disadvantaged individuals and communities. Specifically, students will learn how to identify social problems in need of resolution and how to develop effective and sustainable strategies to solve or mitigate the impact of such social problems. Importantly, students will also learn the basics of drafting a grant proposal for funding to successfully implement their designed projects, including drafting a compelling mission statement, creating a realistic budget, reporting back to funders, and measuring project outcomes.

Lecturer: Wendy Morrish