“RIVERS, REVENUE, AND RICE: LAW’S FOUNDATIONS”

By

Professor John Haley

Chairperson: Professor Prasenjit Duara

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ABSTRACT OF THE LECTURE

The lecture focuses on the contrasts among the legal traditions of China, Western Europe, and Japan. Professor Haley seeks to explain why two millennia ago China had begun to develop what by contemporary standards was a highly advanced public law system in contrast to the subsequent European emphasis on private law. Japan illustrates both with its adoption of Chinese legal models and replication of Europe-like warrior rule and adjudication but within a rice producing culture that fostered a communitarian orientation that distinguishes Japan from both.

ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Professor John Owen Haley is an internationally renowned scholar of comparative law with a special emphasis on Japan. His works have ranged from historical studies of law in Japan, Hispanic America and medieval Europe to contemporary issues of constitutional adjudication and contract law. His award-winning 1991 book, Authority without Power: Law and the Japanese Paradox, and his article, "The Myth of the Reluctant Litigant," are considered leading works in the field. Before joining Vanderbilt's law faculty, Professor Haley taught at the University of Washington in Seattle, where he served as director of the Asian Law Program and, briefly, of the Henry M. Jackson School of International Studies. He was also the founding Garvey, Shubert & Barer Professor of Law. From 2000-10, he taught in the School of Law at Washington University in St. Louis, where he was the first Wiley B. Rutledge Professor of Law and directed the Whitney R. Harris Institute for Global Legal Studies from 2002-07. He retired in 2010 as the William R. Orthwein Distinguished Professor of Law, Emeritus. He has also taught in Japan, Germany, Lithuania, Australia and, most recently, China. He is the author or editor of nine books and monographs, including casebooks on courses in comparative law and transnational litigation. Professor Haley's 2001 book, Antitrust in Germany and Japan: The First Fifty Years, 1947-1998, was the first comparative study of German and Japanese antitrust law in English. For his contributions to Japanese legal studies, he received the Order of the Rising Sun, Gold Rays with Neck Ribbon, which was conferred upon him by the Emperor of Japan in 2012. He is currently working on a study of criminal justice, tentatively titled Beyond Retribution: An Integrated Approach to Restorative Justice.

PROGRAMME

Registration
Dean’s welcome
Introduction by Professor Prasenjit Duara
Lecture by Professor John Haley
Reception

REGISTRATION

There is no registration fee for this seminar but seats are limited.

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