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Law, Policy, and Practice on China's Periphery: Minority Areas and Implications for Hong Kong and Taiwan

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Professor Potter's talk will focus on his recently published book "Law, Policy, and Practice on China's Periphery: Selective Adaptation and Institutional Capacity." He will examine the Chinese government's policies and practices in relationship to the Inner Periphery areas, defined as Tibet, Xinjiang, and Inner Mongolia, and the Outer Periphery areas of Hong Kong and Taiwan, focusing on political authority, socio-cultural relations, and economic development. Successive imperial, republican, and communist governments have struggled to maintain sovereignty over the regions surrounding the great river valleys of China.

The peripheries remain very important today, with challenges over national security, access to natural resources, and long-held concerns about relations between ethnic groups continuing to dominate Chinese law, policy and practice in these regions. Professor Potter's study seeks to build understanding about the current status of China's rule along its continental and maritime peripheries.

Tuesday, February 15, 2011
Boalt Hall, Room 110 12:45-1:45 pm

Lunch will be provided; CLE credit available.
Please RSVP to BCLBE@law.berkeley.edu