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CSLS End-of-Semester Celebration & Visiting Scholars Speaker Series

Thursday, December 1st

**Speakers from 2:00 to 3:30 pm - Selznick Seminar Room
Celebration from 3:30 to 4:30 - Kadish Library**

Anjuli Verma

Chancellor's Postdoctoral Fellow, University of California, Berkeley

“Policing the Silent War: Notes from the Field”

Police misconduct and use of force are hot topics in the U.S. today. A number of reforms aim to improve accountability (i.e., police body cameras, revised use of force policies and reporting requirements). However, less attention has been directed at police responses to misconduct, including excessive use of force, by one of their own. Drawing on field observation and interview data from police ride-alongs in two California counties in 2016, I examine the obligations and duties of police from their professional standpoints. I develop the argument that police professionalization and culture arise from what Foucault described as “the civil war within society” or “the silent war.”

Yannick Ganne

Doctoral Candidate in Law, University of Strasbourg (France)

“Is There a Relationship Between Scholars’ Educational Background and their Propensity to Do Empirical Research? A Quantitative Study”

The number of JD-PhD professors in US law schools is increasing. There is also, arguably, increasing interest in empirical legal research within those law schools. Are both trends related? Is empirical training required to become an empirical legal scholar? This study tests the hypothesis that law professors with both a JD and a PhD are more likely to engage in empirical research than law professors with a JD only. This project, part of a larger PhD research question, draws quantitative conclusions from a database of 450 resumés of law professors. The goal is to use those findings as a first stage before engaging in a more general qualitative analysis on the nature of research conducted by legal scholars in the US.

Carrie Shang

Asst. Professor of Law, Shanghai University of Finance and Economics (China)

“Welcoming *Lex Mercatoria* through Resistance: Do Trade Customs Govern Contemporary Chinese Commercial Relationships?”

The rise of *lex mercatoria* in the past 50 years to resolve international commercial disputes has been remarkable. Based on empirical evidence obtained from Chinese commercial arbitration and litigation proceedings involving foreign parties, we found that trade customs are very rarely referred to in these proceedings. We posit that the public adjudicative features of institutional arbitration in China have limited the usage and growth of customary law in resolving business disputes involving foreign parties. Alternative dispute resolution (ADR) methods may encourage some form of informal law making in China, filling in this important gap.