

Global Democratic Decay and the Rule of Law

Friday, April 12, 2024 | 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. (Eastern time)

Rutgers Law School | 123 Washington Street, Newark, NJ 07102

McCarter & English Lecture Hall | Room 70 | Lower Level | and Zoom Webinar

Rutgers University Law Review will bring together a community of international scholars to discuss democracy and the international rule of law in 2024. Topics include authoritarian pushback against democracy in Hong Kong and the impact of Russia's ongoing war against Ukraine. Sessions will consider broad trends, anticipated developments, region-specific hurdles or highlights, and scholars' personal experiences in advocating for democracy and protecting human rights. The speakers will consider how the international legal architecture built after World War II is functioning and failing in the face of recent international crises, and how this structure has impacted the regions of their expertise.

The featured speaker is internationally-acclaimed and award-winning lawyer **Dennis Kwok**, who is recognized for his contribution to the rule of law. A pro-democratic lawmaker in Hong Kong for eight years, he has practiced law with a focus on the Asia Pacific Region for more than twenty years. This speech will not be livestreamed or eligible for CLE credit.

See pages 2 and 3 for the agenda and speakers; see page 4 for CLE details.

Registration and breakfast begin at 8:30 a.m.; lunch is included; discounted parking will be provided.

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AGENDA

8:30 a.m. **REGISTRATION AND BREAKFAST**

9:00 a.m. **OPENING REMARKS**

- Sandra Halbing, Editor-in-Chief, Newark, [Rutgers University Law Review](#)
- [David Noll](#), Associate Dean for Faculty Research and Development, Rutgers Law School

9:30 a.m. **EAST ASIA PANEL**

- **Moderator:** [Benjamin Qiu](#), Partner, Elliott Kwok Levine & Jaroslaw LLP
- [Alvin Cheung](#), Assistant Professor, Queen's University Faculty of Law and Non-Resident Affiliated Scholar, NYU U.S.-Asia Law Institute
- [Michael C. Davis](#), Professor of Law and International Affairs, O.P. Jindal Global University; Global Fellow, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars; Senior Research Scholar, Weatherhead East Asia Institute at Columbia University; and Senior Research Scholar, NYU U.S.-Asia Law Institute
- [Lobsang Sangay](#), Senior Visiting Fellow at East Asian Legal Studies Program, Harvard Law School and former Sikyong of the Central Tibetan Administration
- [Margaret Satterthwaite](#), Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers, United Nations and Professor of Clinical Law, Faculty Director of the Robert L. Bernstein Institute for Human Rights and Global Justice, and Director of the Global Justice Clinic, NYU School of Law

11:00 a.m. **BREAK**

11:15 a.m. **RUSSIA-UKRAINE PANEL**

- **Moderator:** [Jean Marc Coicaud](#), Distinguished Professor of Law and Global Affairs, Rutgers Law School
- [Michael Bazzyler](#), Professor of Law and 1939 Law Scholar in Holocaust and Human Rights Studies, Dale E. Fowler School of Law at Chapman University
- Morgan Sielski, J.D. Candidate, Dale E. Fowler School of Law at Chapman University and Clinical Law Student, Ukraine War Law Practicum
- [Michael Kelly](#), Senator Allen A. Sekt Endowed Chair in Law Professor, Creighton University
- [Bojan Perovic](#), Postdoctoral Fellow, Emory University and Fellow, Stanford Law School

12:45 p.m. **LUNCH**

1:10 p.m. **FEATURED SPEAKER** (NOT LIVESTREAMED OR ELIGIBLE FOR CLE CREDIT)

Introduction by [Kelly Deere](#), Associate Clinical Professor of Law, and Advisor the Rutgers University Law Review, Rutgers Law School

- [Dennis Kwok](#), Partner, Elliott Kwok Levine & Jaroslaw LLP and former pro-democratic lawmaker in Hong Kong

2:00 p.m. **INTERNATIONAL RESPONSE PANEL**

- Moderator: [Beth Stephens](#), Distinguished Professor of Law, Rutgers Law School
- [Jorge Contesse](#), Professor of Law, Rutgers Law School and Founding Director, Rutgers Center for Transnational Law
- [Mark Ellis](#), Executive Director, International Bar Association
- [Margaret Satterthwaite](#), Special Rapporteur on the independence of judges and lawyers, United Nations and Professor of Clinical Law, Faculty Director of the Robert L. Bernstein Institute for Human Rights and Global Justice, and Director of the Global Justice Clinic, NYU School of Law

3:15 p.m. **CLOSING REMARKS**

3:30 p.m. **CONCLUSION**

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