Summer Institutes in Transnational Law

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IN A WORLD OF INTERNATIONAL INTERACTION, cross-border transactions, and global competition, lawyers are called upon to master not only their own legal systems, but also international law and the law of other nations. Duke Law School’s Summer Institutes in Transnational Law are designed to help you prepare for successful work in this increasingly international legal landscape. Through four-week, intensive programs — one in Geneva, the other in Hong Kong — the institutes provide educational and professional tools for students and young lawyers who are interested in international and comparative law and aim to pursue or expand a transnational legal practice.
Students and faculty live in a collegial residential site, offering opportunities for cross-cultural exchange and learning that extend far beyond the classroom.

Each course is taught in a comparative framework by professors from different legal traditions, offering a unique opportunity to analyze legal questions from a transnational perspective.

Course sizes are small, facilitating close faculty-student interaction and strong friendships among all participants.

Students come from around the world — among the participants are Duke Law JD and JD/LLM students; international students who will soon embark on LLM programs; law students from the host universities and from other American law schools; and legal professionals from a wide variety of law firms and financial institutions.

The institutes take full advantage of the unique economic, political, and historical features of the host city, with visits to and meetings with local law firms, businesses, and international organizations, as well as a variety of cultural and social events.

Who should apply?
The Duke Law Summer Transnational Institutes are designed for JD students who have completed at least one year of law school, students who will join LLM programs at American law schools, and for advanced law students, judges, and teachers of law from around the world. Practitioners who are unable to leave their positions for an entire academic year to take an LLM degree find the institutes a valuable substitute experience.

How much does it cost?
Tuition for each institute is $4,770; the fee for accommodations, activities, and meals is $2,600. (Local lawyers may enroll in a single course only for a reduced cost; see the website for details.) The non-refundable registration fee is $350.

Can I get academic credit at my law school?
American law students, and in some cases students from other countries, normally can receive academic credit from their home institutions. Students are responsible for obtaining approval from their own law schools to transfer credit. Students who do not wish to receive academic credit are not required to take final examinations. Both institutes are part of the accredited curriculum of Duke Law School and are accredited by the American Bar Association.

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Complete details about costs, accommodations, insurance requirements, travel and visas, transcripts, and cancellations are available online at:

law.duke.edu/internat/institutes
Attending the Summer Institute is a great and unique experience for every student interested in gaining an international legal education. Classes allow you to enrich your knowledge and to expand your legal thinking, through a constant comparative perspective of different legal systems.

— Paola Bianchi, participant from Italy

Duke Law School is home to a strong and innovative international and comparative law program. Duke faculty are internationally recognized experts in their fields — including international and comparative law, human rights, and the global legal dimensions of business, finance, climate change, and intellectual property — and they regularly teach, lecture, and advise throughout the world. Through long-standing collaborations with the University of Geneva and University of Hong Kong law faculties, Duke is able to offer two uniquely global and high-quality summer programs. Both partnerships facilitate creative courses that draw on the combined experience of outstanding faculty and provide students with access to the resources and expertise of the host universities.

WHY DUKE?

Duke University is one of the leading research institutions in the United States. With campuses throughout the world and large populations of international students and faculty, the university has partnerships with more than 300 international institutions and alumni clubs in 40 countries.

International Law Programs at Duke Law
Duke’s LLM program welcomes more than 90 international students each year. Dozens of JD students participate in exchange programs operated in partnership with more than 20 law schools around the globe. International law degree options include the JD/LLM program in international and comparative law, a dual-degree program in partnership with an elite French university; and JD/Master of Public Policy (global concentration).

For more information, see:

law.duke.edu/international
THE DUKE-GENEVA INSTITUTE IN TRANSNATIONAL LAW

Geneva is the perfect setting for an institute emphasizing public and private international law. Home to the European seat of the United Nations — the Palais des Nations — Geneva hosts more than 100 non-governmental organizations and a dozen inter-governmental agencies working with the U.N., including the World Trade Organization, the International Labor Organization, the World Health Organization, and the Office of the U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights. Courses offered by the Duke-Geneva Institute in Transnational Law address a variety of public international law issues and also include a full array of private and comparative law offerings. The result is a uniquely practical program that blends the rigor of classroom study with exposure to the challenges of day-to-day international legal work.

2016 Courses and Faculty

COMPARATIVE CORPORATE LAW
Taught by
Rashid Bahar, University of Geneva
Kimberly Krawiec, Duke University

INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION
Taught by
Thomas Metzloff, Duke University
Makane Mbengue, University of Geneva

INTRODUCTION TO AMERICAN LAW
Taught by
Thomas Metzloff, Duke University
Mitu Gulati, Duke University

INTRODUCTION TO INTERNATIONAL TAXATION
Taught by
Richard Schmalbeck, Duke University
Johannes Folger, University of Geneva

RESPONDING TO TERRORISM: DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVES OF APPLICABLE LAW
Taught by
Scott Silliman, Duke University
Gloria Gaggioli, University of Geneva

THE ROLE OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS IN SECURING HUMAN RIGHTS
Taught by
Louise Teitz, Roger Williams University
Gloria Gaggioli & Robert Kolb, University of Geneva

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Studying at the Duke-Geneva Institute was an amazing experience which not only broadened my academic horizons, but also gave me a chance to meet other students and lawyers from all over the world. Learning about other law systems and cultures in such a setting was invaluable.

—Roi Bejerano, participant from Israel

IN THE CLASSROOM AND BEYOND

Thanks to a 19-year partnership with the University of Geneva Faculty of Law, the Duke-Geneva Institute in Transnational Law is wholly integrated into the life of its home city. Classes are held at the University of Geneva in spacious, modern facilities and are taught in English. Courses meet on weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 3:35 p.m. and are divided into two two-week terms, each taught by a faculty member from a different legal culture to expose students to comparative law studies and differing teaching approaches. In addition to the academic courses, the institute features a series of special presentations offered by legal practitioners held in conjunction with visits to organizations and government offices in Geneva. And when classes are over for the day, you’ll find a wide range of social activities that will enhance your relationships with students and faculty and make your four weeks in Geneva one of the best experiences of your academic career.

EXTRACURRICULAR PROGRAMMING AND EVENTS

- Visits to Geneva offices of major US and Swiss law firms to learn about practicing international arbitration, international trade and investment law, cross-border finance and related areas
- Visits to the World Trade Organization, the World Intellectual Property Organization, and the International Law Commission Plenary Session to learn about public international law, multilateral treaty negotiations and transnational copyright and trademark protections
- Career talks and networking opportunities with leading practitioners in private and public international practices across a diverse array of disciplines
- Opportunities for weekend trips to the Swiss Alps or other European cities
- Special farewell dinner and evening boat cruise on Lake Geneva
- Hikes and trips to nearby music festivals organized by Geneva students
- City tour and visits to museums

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About our partner

The University of Geneva Law Faculty has a well-established tradition of scholarship that dates back to the 16th century. In addition to a strong core curriculum, the Law Faculty excels in international and cross-border law and is home to several centers specializing in financial law, European law, art law, children law, humanitarian law, and legislation techniques, as well as a training center for future lawyers. Degree programs include the Bachelor of Laws, five Master of Laws programs, five LLM programs, and a doctoral program.
One of the world’s most vibrant financial and legal centers, Hong Kong is the hub of investment and exchange between China and Asia and Europe and the United States. It is home to the Asian headquarters of global law firms, investment banks, and other institutions involved in the transactions of the region — and increasingly at the heart of the world economy and political landscape. This is the reason that, for 21 years, Duke has chosen Hong Kong as the site of the Asia-America Institute in Transnational Law. Operated in cooperation with the University of Hong Kong Faculty of Law, the institute produces an exceptional program of study that examines, through a comparative lens, international approaches to global challenges. Students gain a deep understanding of complex legal issues while forging connections and relationships that can lay the foundation for or enhance an international legal career.

2016 Courses and Faculty

**COMPARATIVE ELECTION LAW**

Taught by
Ding Xiaodong, Renmin University
Dan Tokaji, Ohio State University

**CULTURAL HERITAGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL LAW**

Taught by
Ben Boer, University of Sydney
Stefan Gruber, Kyoto University

**ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND THE LAW**

Taught by
Jeff Ward, Duke University
Shen Wei, Shanghai Jiao Tong University

**FINTECH: LEGAL ISSUES AND THE NEW PARADIGMS IN FINANCIAL SERVICES**

Taught by
Angela Itzikowitz, University of Witwatersrand
Douglas Arner, University of Hong Kong

**INTRODUCTION TO AMERICAN LAW**

Taught by
Paul Haagen, Duke University
Diane Dimond, Duke University

**INTRODUCTION TO LAW AND DEVELOPMENT**

Taught by
Zhang Taisu, Duke University
Ling Bin, Peking University

For full course and faculty information, see:

[www.law.duke.edu/internat/asia](http://www.law.duke.edu/internat/asia)
Living in Hong Kong with students from international universities provided for a rich cultural experience that I doubt I could get from anywhere else. I learned a lot outside of classes thanks to the diverse viewpoints of my fellow students.

— Christopher Grant, participant from the United States

IN THE CLASSROOM AND BEYOND

The Asia-America Transnational Law Institute focuses particularly on topics relating to international business transactions. Courses are offered in two two-week terms, meeting each weekday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the University of Hong Kong. All instruction is in English, but each course is taught by two faculty members from different legal cultures in order to better expose participants not only to the comparative aspects of law study, but also to different methods of teaching. In the afternoons, students participate in seminars, panel discussions, and law firm visits. Experts from Hong Kong and other Asian legal, political, and financial communities speak on important and timely topics, and students have many opportunities to meet and network with local attorneys and leaders. And when work is done, students and faculty take advantage of Hong Kong’s exciting social and cultural offerings, making the Asia-America Transnational Law Institute a truly memorable and rewarding experience.

EXTRACURRICULAR PROGRAMMING AND EVENTS

• Visits to the Hong Kong Center for International Arbitration, the High Court, and several prominent U.S. and international law firms where partners and associates describe their practice areas and speak with students about their careers
• Afternoon seminars on the history and legal systems of Hong Kong and China and on project finance in Vietnam
• Tours to Lantau Island, beaches, and nearby mountain sites
• Social, welcome and farewell banquets
• Culinary and cultural tours led by University of Hong Kong students
• Dining and nightlife in the popular Central District and other areas
• Opportunities for weekend trips to Macau, China, and other countries in Asia

About our partner

The University of Hong Kong Faculty of Law is one of the leading centers of legal education and research in Hong Kong and one of the leading legal academies in Asia. The HKU Faculty of Law offers an LLB program; programs in law and business, law and government, and law and literary studies; LLM programs that emphasize commercial, corporate and financial law, international trade law, Chinese law; and human rights, and several other degree programs. Research conducted by the faculty has been integral to the development of the Hong Kong and Chinese legal systems.

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