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Chinese Law Expert Jerome Cohen To Speak at UC Irvine

IRVINE, Calif. – (Jan. 28, 2015) – Jerome Cohen, a New York University professor and senior American expert on Chinese and East Asian Law, will be the first speaker for UC Irvine’s 2015 Long Institute Distinguished Lecture Series slated for February 23, 2015 from 2:00 to 4:30 p.m. in the Executive Commons at UC Irvine’s Paul Merage School of Business. Cohen will present, “Xi Jinping’s Rule of Law at Home and In the World,” along with his own thoughts on the development of law in China, discussing both the domestic and international implications.

“Professor Cohen has pioneered the study and practice of Chinese law in the US. His brilliance and generosity have been of crucial importance for many scholars and practitioners of Chinese law both in China and abroad,” said Benjamin Van Rooij, Long Chair Professor of U.S.-China Business and Law and director of the John S. and Marilyn Long U.S.-China Institute for Business and Law.

Following Cohen’s presentation will be a panel discussion featuring:

- David Kaye, UC Irvine School of Law Clinical Professor of Law, Director of UC Irvine’s International Justice Clinic and UN Special Rapporteur on the Promotion and Protection of the Right to Freedom of Opinion and Expression
- Alex Wang, UCLA Law Professor
- Victor Shih, UC San Diego Political Science Professor

“I’m honored to be a part of this event and to be able to share the experience and the expertise of our extraordinary speakers with the Merage School and Law School community,” said van Rooij.

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The Long Institute Distinguished Lecture Series is an annual series of events offered to the public free of charge. Seating is limited. To register, visit merage.uci.edu/go/jeromecohen.

About Professor Jerome Cohen

As the Jeremiah Smith Professor, associate dean, and director of East Asian Legal Studies at Harvard Law School from 1964 to 1979, Professor Cohen helped pioneer the introduction of East Asian legal systems and perspectives into American legal curricula.

Currently, each year at New York University Law School, Cohen teaches a course on Chinese law and society. He also offers courses on China’s attitude toward international law and settling international business disputes with Chinese entities. The U.S.-Asia Law Institute, which he co-leads, sponsors many extracurricular programs, conducts research on contemporary legal developments in China and Taiwan, organizes conferences and exchanges with experts from both sides of the Taiwan Strait, and participates in training programs for Chinese legal specialists in the United States and China.

Prof. Cohen also formerly served as C.V. Starr Senior Fellow and director of Asian Studies at the Council on Foreign Relations, where he remains an adjunct senior fellow and is responsible for the Winston Lord Round Table on U.S. Foreign Policy and the Rule of Law in Asia.

About the John S. & Marilyn Long U.S.–China Institute for Business and Law

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