2016 Conference on Tibet – Rights, Reality, and the Law

Wednesday, February 17th, 2016

Ricketson Law Building | LAW 165 & Forum

5:30 – 6:00  Registration & Check-in – 1st Floor Corridor
6:00 – 7:30  Program – Law 165
7:30 PM  Reception – Law Forum

Panel 1—Tibet Today
Discussion of the current situation in Tibet—freedom to protest, state actions, social actions, visible impact on people and Tibet.

John Gaudette, Senior Legal Researcher, the Tibetan Centre on Human Rights and Democracy
Dukthen Kyi, Korbel Student
Galen Murton, CU Ph.D. Candidate

Panel 2—International Implications
Discussion on the international implications of China’s actions in Tibet—legal, social, economic.

Professor Ved Nanda, SCOL
Professor Claude d’Estreé, Korbel
Professor Alan Gilbert, Korbel

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Panelist Biographies

Claude d’Estree
University of Denver Korbel School for International Studies
Professor, International Human Rights Program
Executive Director, Center on Rights Development

M.T.S., J.D., Professor d’Estree is the Director of both the International Human Rights Program and the Center on Rights Development at the Josef Korbel School of International Studies as well as the Buddhist Chaplain at the University of Denver. He is a graduate of Harvard Divinity School where he studied comparative religion and was appointed as the first Buddhist Chaplain at Harvard University by His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama, and a graduate of Northeastern University School of Law where he focused on critical legal studies and prisoner’s rights. Before coming to the University of Denver in 2002, he was at the U.S. Attorney’s Office in Washington, DC.

University of California-San Diego. He received a Ph.D. degree in political science from the University of California-San Diego, a M.A. degree in Sociology from the University of Missouri and a M.A. degree in economics from Peking University. He is the author and editor of ten books and numerous articles.

John Gaudette
Tibetan Centre on Human Rights & Democracy
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The Tibetan Centre for Human Rights and Democracy (TCHRD) is the first non-governmental human rights organization to be established in exile in India. The Centre is entirely run and staffed by Tibetans in exile. The Centre’s all-Tibetan staff recognize the reality of the situation of living under occupation, of being born in exile and of having that access to provide accurate, up-to-date insights into life in occupied Tibet. The Centre enjoys direct and immediate access to information from Tibetan refugees escaping Tibet via Nepal to Dharamsala. Founded in 1996 in Dharamsala, TCHRD is registered as a non-profit organization under Section 2 of the Indian Societies Registration Act, 1860.

Alan Gilbert
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Professor Gilbert is the author of Marx’s Politics: Communists and Citizens (Rutgers, 1980), Democratic Individuality (Cambridge, 1990), Must Global Politics Constrain Democracy (1999), and Black Patriots and Loyalists: Fighting for Emancipation in the War for Independence (Chicago March, 2012).

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Professor Nanda has taught at the University of Denver since 1965. In addition to his scholarly achievements, he is significantly involved in the global international law community. He is Past President of the World Jurist Association and now Honorary President, former honorary Vice President of the American Society of International Law and now its counselor, and a member of the advisory council of the United States Institute of Human Rights. He was formerly the United States Delegate to the World Federation of the United Nations Associations, Geneva, and Vice-Chair of its Executive Council, and also served on the Board of Directors of the United Nations Association-USA. He also serves as an elected member of the American Law Institute and as a council member for the American Bar Association Section of International Law.