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About the Conference

The International & Comparative Urban Law Conference, sponsored by the Fordham Urban Law Center and the Sorbonne Center for Study and Research on Environmental, Development, Urban & Tourism Law (SERDEAUT) is gathering scholars at the Sorbonne School of Law in Paris, France for its second global conversation about the field of urban law from international, comparative and interdisciplinary perspectives. In the twenty-first century, the intersection of law and urbanism raises pressing questions about urban governance and innovation ecosystems, the structure and scope of local authority, and the role of law in key urban policy areas. Among these are land use, housing, sustainability, consumer protection, public finance, education, social service delivery, entrepreneurship, public health, and criminal justice.

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Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne
12 Place du Panthéon 75005 | Paris, France

SUNDAY, JUNE 28th

7 – 9 p.m. Informal Pre-Conference Gathering
Location: Le 10 Bar, 10 Rue de l’Odéon, 75006 Paris (Saint-Michel/Odéon)

MONDAY, JUNE 29th

8:30 – 9:00 a.m. Registration & Croissant Breakfast
Location: Salle des Professeurs, 2nd Floor, 12 Place du Panthéon

9:00 – 9:05 a.m. Welcome Remarks
Nestor Davidson, Professor of Law and Faculty Co-Director, Urban Law Center, Fordham Law School

9:05 – 10:25 a.m. PLENARY PANEL | Topics in European Urbanism
Location: Amphithéâtre Liard
Moderator: Helen Carr (Professor of Law, Kent Law School, University of Kent)

1 Carlo M. Colombo (Postdoctoral Researcher, Tilburg Law School)
“Understanding European City-Regions from a Public Law Perspective”

2 Galina Cornelisse (Faculty of Law, VU University, Amsterdam)
“Irregular Migration, Transnational Law and the City”

3 Caroline Hunter (Law Faculty, York Law School, University of York)
“Property Guardians: Comparing the UK and the Netherlands”

4 Patrick Thieffry (Professor of Law, Sorbonne School of Law)
“EU Public Procurement Law and Life-Costing Approaches”

10:25 – 10:40 a.m. BREAK

10:40 – 11:45 a.m. BREAKOUT SESSION (A) | Energy, Ecology and Sustainability
Moderator: Antonia Layard (Professor of Law, Bristol Law School, University of Bristol)

1 David Gartner (Professor of Law, Sandra Day O’Connor School of Law, Arizona State University)
“Financing Sustainable Urban Development”

2 Scott McKenzie (PhD Student, University of British Columbia)

3 Frédéric Rolin (Professor, L’Université Paris Sud and Partner, Atys Société d’Avocats)
“Use of Land Use Planning in Development of Renewable Energy Sources”
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| 10:40 – 11:45 a.m. | **BREAKOUT SESSION (B) | **Urban Housing I** | Nestor Davidson (Professor of Law, Fordham Law School) | Helen Carr (Professor of Law, Kent Law School, University of Kent)  
“Managing Risk in England’s Rented Private Sector”  
Robert Ellickson (Professor of Law, Yale Law School)  
“Legal Foundations of Rental Housing: Major Differences Between the U.S. and France”  
Rozen Noguellou (Professor of Law, Sorbonne School of Law)  
“Parisian Housing Regulation” |
| 11:45 – 12:00 p.m. | **BREAK** | | | |
| 12:00 – 1:05 p.m. | **BREAKOUT SESSION (C) | **Responding to Urban Transformation** | Ernesto Hernández-López (Professor, Chapman University School of Law) | Nestor Davidson (Professor of Law, Fordham Law School)  
“The Sharing Economy as an Urban Phenomenon”  
Malcolm MacLaren (Law Faculty, University of Zurich)  
“Better City, Better Life?: Urban Transformation and Conflict Management in the Global South”  
Daniel B. Rodriguez (Professor of Law, Northwestern University School of Law), with Nadav Shoked (Asst. Professor of Law, Northwestern University School of Law)  
“The Law of Major Cities: Special Legislation in Comparative Perspective” |
| 12:00 – 1:05 p.m. | **BREAKOUT SESSION (D) | **Urban Housing II** | Caroline Hunter (Professor of Law, York Law School, University of York) | Jimena Suarez  
“The Right to Housing Under the Federalist Clause in Mexico”  
Antonia Layard (Professor of Law, Bristol Law School, University of Bristol)  
Valerio Lubello (Researcher, Bocconi University of Milan and Visiting Researcher, Hungarian Academy of Sciences)  
“Affordable Housing in the Italian Context” |
| 1:05 – 2:50 p.m. | **LUNCH** | | | | *Participants will receive details regarding their lunch break in the neighborhood.* |
| 2:50 – 4:10 p.m. | **BREAKOUT SESSION (E) | **Finance, Property and Urban Citizenship** | Justin Steil (Fellow, Furman Center for Real Estate & Urban Policy, NYU) | Michèle Finck (Lecturer, University of Oxford)  
“Right to the City from a Legal Perspective” |
2  Nisha Mistry (Director, Urban Law Center, Fordham Law School)  
   “The Scope of Local Power in the Design of National Immigrant-Investor Programs”

3  Juliet Moringiello (Professor of Law, Widener University School of Law)  
   “The Language of Municipal Insolvency and Bankruptcy”

4  Chen Hung Yi (PhD Student, Nagoya University, Japan)  
   “Crowdfunding in Asian Countries and Interactions with Citizenship”

2:50 – 4:10 p.m.  
**BREAKOUT SESSION (F) | Crowds, Congestion and Conflict**  
**Moderator:** Kenneth Stahl (Professor of Law, Chapman University School of Law)

1  Kevin Fandl (Assistant Professor of Legal Studies, Temple University)  
   “Reducing Traffic Congestion in Developing Countries Through Legislation: An Evaluation of Bogota’s Pico Y Placa Law”

2  Ernesto Hernández-López (Professor of Law, Chapman University School of Law)  
   “Saving Sriracha: An L.A. School View of (Local, Regional and Global) Hot Sauce”

3  Tracy Pearl (Visiting Asst. Professor of Law, Texas Tech University School of Law)  
   “Crowd Crush: A Statutory Response to a Growing Problem”

4  David Renders (Professor of Law and Member of the Brussels Bar, Université Catholique de Louvain)  
   “Collective Interest Before the Belgian Council of State in Urban Law”

4:10 – 4:25 p.m.  
**BREAK**

4:25 – 5:30 p.m.  
**PLENARY PANEL | Urban Inclusion and Participation**  
**Location:** Amphithéâtre Liard  
**Moderator:** Nisha Mistry (Director, Urban Law Center, Fordham Law School)

1  Julian Sidoli del Ceno (Reader in Property Law and Dispute Resolution, Birmingham City University), with Abigail Jackson (Postgraduate Researcher, Birmingham City University)  
   “Privacy, Participation and the City”

2  Justin Steil (Fellow, Furman Center for Real Estate & Urban Policy, New York University)  
   “Judging Jim Crow: The Role of the Urban in Judicial Conceptions of Social Rights and Property Rights”

3  Kenneth Stahl (Professor of Law, Chapman University School of Law)  
   “The Challenge of Inclusion”

5:30 p.m.  
**CLOSING REMARKS**

5:40 p.m.  
**RECEPTION**  
**Location:** Salle des Autorités
About the Urban Law Center at Fordham Law School

Located in New York City, U.S.A., the Urban Law Center at Fordham Law School is committed to understanding and shaping the role of law and legal systems in contemporary urbanism, advancing the scholarship, pedagogy, and practice of urban law, and affecting the most pressing issues facing the world’s metropolitan areas. Law is central to almost every aspect of the life of 21st-century cities, influencing critical issues as diverse as the structure of local governance, the regulation of the built environment, and social justice in the urban context. In turn, the complexity, density and diversity of urban life shape the law.

A majority of the world’s population is living in urban environments for the first time in history. Through its innovative programs and initiatives, and in collaboration with interdisciplinary partners, the Urban Law Center aims to be a premier resource for exploring and elevating the role of law amidst the myriad conditions that face the global urban commons.

For further details about the Urban Law Center, please visit:

www.law.fordham.edu/urbanlaw

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About the Sorbonne Center for Study and Research on Environmental, Development, Urban & Tourism Law (SERDEAUT)

Located in Paris, France at Panthéon-Sorbonne (Paris 1), the SERDEAUT was formed in 1989. Today, it is the only research center in France dedicated to environmental, development, urban, housing and tourism law all together. The Center is concerned with questions raised by these different branches of law as well as by their interrelations. These research and expertise themes directly concern socio-economic problems that are currently of utmost importance: sustainable development, territorial cohesion, economic development, and housing.

For further details about the SERDEAUT, please visit:


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Participant Biographies

**Helen Carr** is a Professor of Law at Kent Law School, University of Kent, Canterbury. She also sits as a part-time judge at the First Tier Tribunal (Property Chamber). Professor Carr’s research interests lie primarily in the fields of housing, homelessness and social care. She is particularly interested in the relationship between law and the politics of austerity and the problems facing advocates of social justice. She is currently working with Caroline Hunter on a book concerned with socio-legal approaches to homelessness and with Dave Cowan and Alison Wallace on a Leverhulme-funded project on shared ownership.

**Carlo Maria Colombo** is a post-doctoral researcher in regional law and governance at University of Tilburg, School of Law. He is part of a NWO-funded project on ‘Smart Transformations in City-regional Law and Governance.’ He has a particular research interest in comparative constitutional and administrative law, European administrative law, regional and urban law and, more broadly, in the allocation of powers in multi-level governance systems. His current work explores the legal implications of innovative governance mechanisms adopted at city-regional level in Europe, focusing on the legitimacy and institutional issues. Before joining Tilburg University, he obtained an L.L.B./L.L.M. (Hons.) from the University of Milan-Bicocca and completed his Ph.D. at the University of Pavia (Italy). His Ph.D. research was on the relationship between regional, national and European institutions in the application of EU State aid law. Since 2013, he has been visiting at the University of Edinburgh and at the K.U. Leuven and has served at the European Commission.

**Galina Cornelisse** (L.L.M. Leiden University, Ph.D. EUI), has published widely on EU migration law, with a specific focus on deportation and detention. Her most recent publications include: State Borders, Human Mobility and Social Equality: From Blueprints to Pathways, in L Weber (Ed.), Rethinking Border Control for a Globalising World: A Preferred Future (pp. 80-97), Abingdon/New York: Routledge (2015), and What’s Wrong with Schengen? Border Disputes and the Nature of Integration in the Area without Internal Borders, Common Market Law Review, 51(3): 741-770. Currently, she is a visiting scholar at the Migration Policy Center at the EUI, where she is working on border procedures in European asylum law.

**Nestor Davidson** is a Professor of Law and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at Fordham Law School. Dean Davidson’s teaching and scholarship focus on property, land use, local government, and affordable housing. Dean Davidson practiced with the firm of Latham & Watkins, focusing on commercial real estate and affordable housing, and served as Special Counsel and Principal Deputy General Counsel at the U.S. Department of Housing and
Urban Development. Prior to joining Fordham, he was an Associate Professor of Law at Colorado Law School from 2004 to 2011. After law school, he clerked for Judge David S. Tatel of the United States Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit and Justice David H. Souter of the Supreme Court of the United States. Dean Davidson earned his A.B. from Harvard College and his J.D. from Columbia Law School.

Julian Sidoli Del Ceno is a Reader in Property Law and Dispute Resolution at Birmingham City University. He is a barrister who researches primarily in the fields of alternative dispute resolution (ADR), construction, housing and property law. He is particularly interested in the philosophical and jurisprudential aspects of mediation and matters concerning housing rights and professional practice and has extensive experience as a practitioner of ADR. Current projects include a study of the jurisprudence of mediation, and a narrative account of housing law. He is a peer reviewer for a number of journals and conferences and happy to receive proposals for research or collaborative work in any of these areas. He is external examiner in Law (L.L.B.) at the University of Bedfordshire. He is also currently a Series Editor for *Juris Diversitas* (Ashgate UK), which focuses on the interdisciplinary study of legal and normative mixtures and movements.

Robert Ellickson has been a member of the Yale Law School faculty since 1988, after stints on the law faculties of Stanford and USC. His books include *Land Use Controls: Cases and Materials* (4th ed. 2013, with Vicki Been, Roderick Hills, and Christopher Serkin); *Perspectives on Property Law* (4th ed. 2014, with Carol Rose and Henry Smith), and *Order Without Law* (1991). Professor Ellickson has published numerous articles in legal and public policy journals on topics such as land use and housing policy, land tenure systems, and the organization of cities, households, and community associations.

Kevin J. Fandl is an Assistant Professor of Legal Studies and Strategic Global Management at the Fox School of Business at Temple University in both the undergraduate and the Executive Masters programs. He also serves as a Visiting Professor at the Universidad de Navarra in Spain and the Universidad de los Andes in Colombia. He previously was the Chief of Staff for International Trade and Intellectual Property at U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement and Counsel to the Assistant Secretary and as the Executive Secretary for the agency. He won numerous leadership awards while in federal service, including a Homeland Security management award issued by the U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security. Professor Fandl has published extensively in the areas of immigration, trade and international public policy. He also published two international practitioner-focused books on U.S. law and legal analysis and has a third book due out in
2015. Professor Fandl earned his Ph.D. in Public Policy from George Mason University in 2010, his Juris Doctorate in law in 2003 from the American University Washington College of Law, his Masters degree in International Relations at American University in 2000, and a certificate in International Human Rights Law from Oxford University the same year.

Michèle Finck is a lecturer in EU law at Keble College, University of Oxford, and, beginning in September 2015, will be a Fellow at the London School of Economics. She pursued a doctorate in EU law at the University of Oxford and holds an LL.M. from the EUI, as well as a dual degree in French and English Law from King’s College London and the Sorbonne. She has also been a visiting researcher at New York University. Her main interests are EU and comparative public law. She has a particular passion for thinking about cities and their relation to the different legal orders they are embedded in.

David Gartner is a Professor of Law and Associate Dean at the Sandra Day O’Connor College of Law at Arizona State University, where he is also Faculty Co-Director of the Center for Law and Global Affairs and a Senior Sustainability Scholar with the Global Institute for Sustainability. Professor Gartner is a non-resident fellow at the Brookings Institution and has previously been a visiting scholar at Harvard University and a visiting lecturer at Yale University. He is a graduate of Yale Law School and holds a doctorate in political science from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Ernesto Hernández-López is a Professor of Law at the Fowler School of Law at Chapman University in California. His interest in urban themes stems from his research on food controversies. His research focuses on law and food, international law, post-colonialism, and immigration. He frequently comments on food and urban issues, with op-eds in the Chicago Tribune, Orange County Register, and U-T San Diego. He has published articles in the UC Irvine Law Review, SMU Law Review, Vanderbilt Journal of Transnational Law, Berkeley La Raza Law Journal, and in European and South American journals. He has been a member of the Executive Committee of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS) Section on Minority Groups. Before law school, he served as an International Relations Research Professor at the Universidad del Rosario and the Universidad Javeriana, both in Bogotá, Colombia. He earned a JD from the George Washington University School of Law, MA with Academic Excellence in Latin American Studies from Georgetown University, and BA with a double major in Latin American Studies (Honors) and History from the University of Texas at Austin. Professor Hernández-López is a native speaker and writer of English and Spanish, fluent in Portuguese, and proficient in French.
Caroline Hunter is a Professor and Head of School at York Law School. After working in practice at the start of her career, she has since developed an academic profile combining teaching, research, training and legal practice (most recently as a part-time judge of the first-tier tribunal (property chamber). Her research focus has been on the boundaries between law, policy and practice. She has worked on a range of funded research from diverse government and charitable funders. The focus of these projects has been on housing and other urban regeneration issues, and the role of law in implementing and hindering the policy process. Professor Hunter is currently writing a book with Helen Carr provisionally entitled: "Socio-legal encounters with homelessness: regulating people at the margins."

Antonia Layard teaches courses on property, planning and environmental law and is Postgraduate Research Director at Bristol Law School. Her research is in law and geography where she explores how law, legality and maps construct space, place and 'the local'. She has particular interests in 'urban law' and the legal provisions and practices involved in large-scale regeneration and infrastructure projects. More information on her research and copies of pre-publication papers can be found at http://antonialayard.com. She tweets as @antonialayard. Her book Law, Place & Maps will be published by Glasshouse Press, Routledge in 2016. She is on the Editorial Board of the Journal of Law and Society and an academic member of the AHRC and the ESRC Peer Review Colleges.

Valerio Lubello is a researcher with a grant focusing on Comparative Public Law at Bocconi University. He has a Ph.D. in Comparative Constitutional Law at University of Teramo and a law degree from Bocconi University. He is an editor of www.medialaws.eu and a member of the editorial board of Diritto Pubblico Comparato and www.ilricostituente.it. His areas of research include Comparative Constitutional Law, Energy Law and Media Law.

Malcolm MacLaren is a Canadian legal scholar. He is a Habilitand (post-doctoral candidate) at the Institute for Public International and Comparative Constitutional Law of the University of Zurich. His Habilitationsschrift (professorial dissertation), entitled "Constituting the Polity: can divided societies really pull themselves up by their own bootstraps?," was submitted last spring.

Scott McKenzie is a Ph.D. student in Resource Management and Environmental Studies at the University of British Columbia. He has a Bachelors of Arts in Environmental Studies, Philosophy, and American Studies from the University of
Kansas and a Juris Doctorate from the University of Iowa. His work considers the relationship between the natural environment, human development and law.

**Nisha Mistry** is Director of the Urban Law Center at Fordham Law School. Prior to her current role, Mistry served as a Visiting Fellow with Rutgers Business School and as a policy advisor to the Deputy Mayor of the City of Newark, New Jersey, in Newark's Department of Economic and Housing Development. During this time, she advised the city's senior economic development staff on strategies related to urban and regional industrial retention, redevelopment and innovation. From 2009 to 2014, Mistry served in successive roles with the Brookings Institution’s Metropolitan Policy Program, including Nonresident Fellow (2012-14), Mayor’s Office Fellow with the Office of Mayor Cory A. Booker, City of Newark (2012-13) and Lead Project Consultant (2009-2011), and authored urban policy papers for the Brookings Institution. Following law school, Mistry worked in the Civil Division of the Legal Aid Society of New York City. She is licensed to practice law in New York State and holds a M.Sc. With Distinction in City Design & Social Science from the London School of Economics, a J.D. from Northeastern University School of Law, and a B.A. from Barnard College, Columbia University. Mistry is a native New Yorker and speaks Gujarati, Hindi and German.

**Juliet M. Moringiello** is a Professor at Widener University School of Law in Harrisburg, PA, where she teaches Bankruptcy, Secured Transactions, Property, Payment Systems, Sales and a seminar on Cities in Crisis. She is the Vice-Chair of the Pennsylvania Bar Association Business Law Section, a member of the American Law Institute and a Uniform Law Commissioner for Pennsylvania. In the Spring Semester of 2010, she was the Robert M. Zinman Resident Scholar at the American Bankruptcy Institute. Professor Moringiello has been a frequent commentator in the local and national media on municipal bankruptcy issues and has testified before the Pennsylvania legislature about the impact on cities of Chapter 9 of the Bankruptcy Code. Her recent articles include *When Does Some Federal Interest Require a Different Result?: An Essay on the Use and Misuse of Butner v. United States*, 2015 University of Illinois Law Review 657, *Chapter 9 Plan Confirmation Standards and the Role of State Choices*, 37 Campbell Law Review 71 (2015), and *Goals and Governance in Municipal Bankruptcy*, 71 Washington & Lee Law Review 403 (2014). Professor Moringiello earned her B.S.F.S. from Georgetown University, her J.D. from Fordham University and her LL.M. from Temple University.

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Her research focuses on land use law and regulation, on public contracts and on economic regulations. She has published papers in various French law journals and taken part in collective works, in France and abroad. She is the co-author of a textbook on Planning and Construction Law, the co-author of a textbook on Public Property Law and the co-author of a textbook on Local Government Law. Professor Noguellou also co-edited a book on "Comparative law on public contracts."

Tracy Hresko Pearl is a Visiting Assistant Professor at Texas Tech University School of Law. She teaches environmental law, criminal law, and criminal procedure. Her current scholarship focuses on how courts treat novel societal issues. After receiving an A.B. in Public Policy Studies from Duke University and M.Sc. from Oxford University in Comparative Social Policy, Professor Pearl received her Juris Doctorate from Boston College Law School where she was awarded the Frederick N. Halstrom Oral Advocacy Award and membership in the Order of the Coif. Following law school, Professor Pearl served as a law clerk to the Honorable Stephanie K. Seymour of the United States Court of Appeals for the Tenth Circuit and to the Honorable Richard Williams of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Virginia. Upon completion of her clerkships, she worked as a litigation associate at Hogan Lovells LLP in Washington, DC, where she litigated a wide variety of cases at both the trial and appellate levels. Prior to arriving at Texas Tech, Professor Pearl was a Visiting Assistant Professor at FIU College of Law where she was the 2013-14 Professor of the Year as well as the 2013-14 Pioneer Award winner.

David Renders is a Professor at the University of Louvain and a Member of the Brussels Bar. He is an honorary Vice-Dean of the Faculty of Law and current Director of the Centre Montesquieu d’études de l’action publique. He teaches General Administrative law, Administrative Litigation, Public Policies law and Administrative law related to European Integration. He is the author or the co-author of over one hundred and fifty books and contributions published in Belgium, Europe, Canada and Brazil. Among other things, he published in French language his Ph.D. on Legislative Consolidation of the Unilateral Administrative Act, an Administrative Litigation Treaty, a book on Administration Properties and a Handbook of General Administrative Law. Professor Renders has also been a member of numerous examination boards including that of the University Institute of France, a Ph.D. supervisor for various subjects and has been asked to serve on several Belgian Public Institutions. He was previously a Visiting Professor at two French Universities, a lecturer at other institutions, Secretary-General of the International Association for Planning Law, and has also been consulted as an expert by Belgian Parliaments and Government Members in addition to serving on several editorial boards of Belgian scientific journals.
Daniel B. Rodriguez was appointed Dean and Harold Washington Professor at Northwestern Law in January 2012. He is also currently serving as President of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS). A nationally prominent law teacher and scholar, Rodriguez’s principal academic work is in the areas of administrative law, local government law, statutory interpretation, and state constitutional law. He also has a special interest in the law-business-technology interface and its impact on the future of legal education. He is a leader in the application of political economy to the study of public law and has authored or co-authored a series of influential articles and book chapters in this vein. Dean Rodriguez has served in various professional leadership roles. He recently completed his term as 2014 President of the Association of American Law Schools (AALS) and is currently serving as a council member of the American Law Institute and as a member of the newly created ABA Commission on the Future of Legal Services. Rodriguez also serves on the Board of Directors of the American Bar Foundation. He received his J.D., cum laude, from Harvard University.

Frédéric Rolin is a Professor of Public Law at L’Université Paris Sud and a Partner with Atys Société d’Avocats. He serves as a Member of the Conseil National de la Formation des Elus Locaux.

Nadav Shoked joined the Northwestern faculty in 2012 as an Assistant Professor of Law. Previously, he was a Visiting Assistant Professor at the University of Texas School of Law. His work focuses on the law and theory of property, on local government law, on land use, and on American legal history. His most recent publications include “Two Hundred Years of Spite” (Northwestern University Law Review), “The Duty to Maintain” (Duke Law Journal), “The New Local” (Virginia Law Review), and “Quasi-Cities” (Boston University Law Review).

Kenneth Stahl is a Professor of Law and the Director of the Environmental, Land Use, and Real Estate Law certificate program at Chapman University Fowler School of Law. He teaches courses in local government law, land use regulation, election law, and real property. His scholarly work focuses on local politics and the relationship between the local political process and judicial doctrine in land use and local government law. His research combines doctrinal analysis with insights from disciplines including urban sociology, geography, economics, and the humanities. Professor Stahl's works have appeared in journals including The University of Pennsylvania Law Review, the Harvard Civil Rights-Civil Liberties Law Review, and Cardozo Law Review, among others. He was selected as a participant at the 2012 Junior Faculty Forum at Harvard Law School. Before joining Fowler, Professor Stahl spent four years as an Assistant United States Attorney in the Eastern District of New York. Professor
Stahl earned a B.A. with Highest Honors and Highest Distinction from the University of Michigan, and a J.D. from Yale Law School. At Yale, he served as a Notes Editor of the *Yale Law Journal* and an editor of the *Yale Journal of Law and The Humanities*.


**Jimena Suarez** studied law at the Instituto Tecnológico Autónomo de Mexico (ITAM). Throughout law school she participated in *pro bono* cases, assisting attorneys helping defendants who had their fundamental human rights violated. She worked for the National Institute of Criminal Science (INACIPE) as the founder and coordinator of the Museum for the Criminal Science. After obtaining her law degree, she was a research and teaching assistant at the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM). Her research addressed the relationship between judicial transparency and the promotion of human rights in Mexico. Suarez obtained an LL.M. at UC Berkeley School of Law, specializing in topics concerning environmental justice and human rights. As part of her Master’s dissertation, she studied the phenomenon of social and economic inequality as reflected in urban segregation. She conducted research on the distribution of public goods and services in Mexico City’s metropolitan area from a sociological perspective. Her work includes investigating how animal welfare and social justice are intimately intertwined in spatially segregated and marginalized neighborhoods in Mexico City. The work’s primary objectives are to develop an understanding of how urban segregation in her home city has resulted in poverty and inequality as an intrinsic characteristic of society.

**Patrick Thieffry** is a partner and co-founder of Thieffry & Associés. He is the author of both *Droit de l’environnement de l’Union européenne*, Bruylant, 2nd ed., 2011 and the most recent *Manuel de droit de l’environnement de l’Union européenne*, Bruylant, 1st ed., 2014. He assisted businesses and administrations for more than three decades in their relationships with the European Commission. He has been acting as Counsel, Sole Arbitrator and Chairman of *ad hoc*, AAA and ICC Arbitral Tribunals since the 1980’s. He received a degree in economics and law from Paris 2 *Panthéon-Assas* University before obtaining a Master of Economics and a Master of Laws. He then practiced in the United States for five years. Upon returning, he successfully presented a Ph.D. thesis on the New Instruments of
Environmental Law. Thieffry is an Associate Professor at the Sorbonne School of Law (Paris 1 University) where he teaches Environmental Law. He is a member of the Sorbonne’s doctoral school in International and European Law, of its Center for Studies and Research in environmental, zoning and tourism law (SERDEAUT) and of the Board of Trustees of the Academy of European Law in Trier.

Chen Hung-Yi is a Ph.D. student of Law School at Nagoya University in Japan. He is the project organizer of “An Internet Financial System Regulation Study – Based on Peer to Peer Lending” and will hold an academic conference sponsored by Nagoya University. He also received a research stipend for three years (2014-2017) from the Japanese Government and an internship scholarship from Nagoya University (2014-2017). Mr. Chen received his LL.B. degree from National Taipei University in 2012 and his LL.M. degrees from National Chung Hsing University in 2014. His research focuses on Internet Financial Regulation, especially in crowdfunding, peer-to-peer lending and online payment. Recently, he has researched crowdfunding and its influences of the urban governance regimes in Asian countries.