

CENTER FOR TRANSNATIONAL LEGAL STUDIES

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The first-of-its-kind Center for Transnational Legal Studies opened in the 2008/2009 academic year, in the heart of London's legal quarter. It brings together faculty and students from over twenty of the world's premier law schools to study transnational legal issues in a multicultural and transnational setting.

Founding Institutions:

- Georgetown University Law Center
- Free University of Berlin
- ESADE Law School Barcelona
- Fribourg University Law School
- Hebrew University of Jerusalem
- King's College London
- University of Melbourne
- National University of Singapore
- University of Sao Paolo
- University of Torino
- University of Toronto
- Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico

Partner Schools:

Bucerius (Germany), Católica Global School of Law (Portugal), College of Management Academic Studies Law School (Israel), Diego Portales University (Chile), Moscow State University (Russia), National Law School of India University (India), Peking University School of Transnational Law (China), Queens University Belfast (Ireland), Sciences Po (France), Tecnológico de Monterrey (Mexico), University of Auckland (Australia) and Yonsei University Law School (South Korea).

The goal of the CTLS is to educate students for practice in the global legal environment. Students at the CTLS will gain new perspectives and understandings through a concentrated program of international, transnational, and comparative law in a truly multicultural setting, with students and faculty from many other legal systems.

In the increasingly globalised economy of the 21st Century, lawyers will need to understand law transnationally, across different legal systems and cultures. As the world shrinks, the importance of transnational and international law grows. Lawyers graduating today are likely to confront legal problems and opportunities that will take them beyond the borders of their home countries.

Students may attend the Center for either one or two semesters. They will come from the founding institutions, partner schools or as independent students. Each student will have completed his or her foundational legal studies and will be capable of advanced legal studies. All students must be fluent in English.

Location and Resources in London

The Center is located in the Swan House at 37-39 High Holborn Street at the head of Chancery Lane in the heart of London's legal quarter. A few minutes walk south on Chancery Lane, students and faculty will have privileges at the King's College Law Library.

Education

"Many of the participating law schools send faculty to teach at the Center. Each class will have students from a diverse set of legal and national backgrounds. Several classes are co-taught by professors from different countries, to facilitate comparative analysis and discussion. Professor Franz Werro and Professor Pascal Pichonnaz are teaching at the CTLS during the Fall of 2011. The program includes a core course focused on transnational legal theory, a weekly workshop featuring leading scholars and practitioners of international, transnational, and comparative law, and a participatory exercise to introduce students to each other and to the different perspectives that they bring to the Center." (<http://ctls.georgetown.edu/info/index.html#Newctrtranslegal>)

Selection of Topics

- Commercial and Corporate Law
- International Dispute Settlement
- Public International Law and Issues in Public Law
- International Health and Human Rights
- International Trade Law
- Comparative Law

Courses offered in 2012/2013

The curriculum of the CTLS has been developed under the direction of an Academic Council comprised of leading faculty from all the founding schools. The courses planned for the Fall 2012 and Spring 2013 are not available yet. They will be published on the homepage: <http://ctls.georgetown.edu/index.html>.

Participation in the classes

CTLS provides a rare opportunity to learn in a small-class environment where it is feasible to have active exchange among students and faculty. The purpose of this program is to provide a truly transnational term. Active class participation by students from all the different universities and distinct legal traditions is part of the CTLS' design.

At CTLS class participation counts for a significant portion of the course grade. Students will be expected to let their professors know if they must miss a class. Failure to attend a significant portion of classes can result in the student being involuntarily withdrawn from the class and receiving no credit.

We expect active and full engagement from the students throughout the school term.

Teaching Language: English

All CTLS students must be fluent in English.

Academic Calendar

- Fall semester: end of August through mid December, with local “bank holidays” and a mid-semester break.
- Spring semester: beginning of January until early May, with local “bank holidays” and a mid-semester break.
- Each semester, classes are held for thirteen weeks, with an examination period in the final fourteenth week.

Students are required to participate in the chosen classes from the first day of the semester until the very last day of the exams. No late arrival will be admitted. It means that the students must plan to arrive and settle in London at the latest the week prior to the start of the semester. It also may signify that the semester dates of the CTLS may overlap with the exam sessions in Fribourg. Students must organise their studies and particularly their participation at the exam sessions in order to avoid any overlapping. No exception will be accepted.

Certificate

At the successful completion of a semester of study at the Center, students will receive a Certificate of Completion of Academic Study from the Center. The Center will not grant any degree.

Recognition

The recognition principles decreed by the Equivalence Committee of the Fribourg University Law School apply for the recognition of the exams passed during the study period at the CTLS. However the grades of the CTLS courses recognised by the Committee will be converted into the Fribourg grading scale. Further information is available on the Law School’s website: www.unifr.ch/droit.

Accommodation

Students will be expected to find and pay for their own housing. It will be at London prices – that is: expensive (about 200 pounds per week) (subject to modification). The CTLS has identified a convenient student housing option in central London. Students are offered the opportunity to stay in single en-suite apartments with communal kitchen facilities in the Clerkenwell – Barbican area. Detailed information about this offer is available at: <http://ctls.georgetown.edu/info/index.html#accomodation> .

Additional information on the housing and a full list of amenities is available at:

<http://www.libertyliving.co.uk/residence.php?id=28&action=info>

If you do not apply for accommodation with Liberty Living, we will assume you will be finding your own housing in London. The underneath listed Internet addresses may help you in your accommodation search:

www.unite-group.co.uk/home.go

www.unite-students.com

www.nidolondon.com

www.britanniatravel.com/homestay.html

www.qantm.co.uk/admissions/living_in_london.php

Student Guide book

<http://ctls.georgetown.edu/documents/LondonStudentGuide201118082011.pdf>

Tuition Fees and Expenses

Fribourg students remain registered at the Fribourg University Law School while they are at the London Center. They will also apply for and, upon acceptance, enrol at the CTLS.

The students pay their regular tuition fees to their home institution. They pay additional SFr. 1'500 as tuition fees for one semester at the CTLS. Students at the Center are responsible for the costs of housing, travel, food, books, insurances and any other living expenses. A budget planner is proposed on the website of the British Council:

http://www.educationuk.org/pls/hot_bc/page_pls_user_article?x=871980472201&y=0&a=0&d=4420

Health Insurance and Civil Liability Insurance

All students participating in programs abroad must make sure that their health insurance and civil liability insurance provides them with a sufficient coverage while studying abroad. Students from Fribourg must ask their insurance company for the "European Health Card".

Visa

Students must check with the local British Representation or the UK Border Agency (<http://www.ukba.homeoffice.gov.uk/studyingintheuk/>) whether they need a visa or not. This should be made well in advance, as the visa procedure may last several months.

Application

Fribourg University School of Law students may enrol upon application, admission and payment of appropriate tuition at their home university. A maximum of seven students will be selected per semester. Students as independent applicants may also be enrolled upon application, admission, and payment of appropriate tuition at CTLS.

Application conditions

- Students must have achieved their Bachelor prior to the departure for the CTLS.
- Students must be fluent in English

Application deadline: beginning of January for the next academic year.



Application file: composed of

- application form (available at the Law School's Erasmus office and on the webpage www.unifr.ch/droit)
- curriculum vitae with picture
- statement of interest
- transcript of records
- language certificate (if no certificate is available the Selection Committee reserves the right to require an English proficiency test if necessary)
- Three copies (one original and two copies) of the application file must be sent to the School of Law's Erasmus and International Relations Office, 20, av. de l'Europe, 1700 Fribourg (MIS 4060)

Number of available places

Seven places per semester will be available for the Fribourg University Law School students. The Center aims to receive about 60-90 students per semester from all over the world.

Selection

A Selection Committee, composed of professors from Fribourg, and a representative of the assistants will select the students among all the received application files. The applicants will be invited to be interviewed by the Committee. The interviews generally take place in January. The date is subject to change and the candidates will be informed per email.

Predeparture forms

All accepted CTLS students must submit several information: To submit this information, students need to go to <https://georgetownlaw.studioabroad.com/?go=PartnerNomineesCTLS>. When clicking on this link, students will be asked to "apply now" to create an account and enter their information. Please note that this is just an initial step to allow students to enter the system; they are automatically accepted once they complete this step.

Further information

For further information contact Professor Pascal Pichonnaz (pascal.pichonnaz@unifr.ch) or Professor Franz Werro (franz.werro@unifr.ch)

Home page : <http://ctls.georgetown.edu/index.html>



COURSES

The selection of topics remains the same each year. However the courses will change from one year to the other, according to the professors who will teach during the given academic year. The program 2012/2013 is not available yet. It will be available on <http://ctls.georgetown.edu/index.html> Each student may freely choose among the offered courses. Registration for the courses is compulsory and takes place online from <http://ctls.georgetown.edu/index.html> . You will not be able to change your registration requests once the form has been submitted. You will be automatically enrolled in the Transnational Law Colloquium and the Core Course: Transnationalism in Theory and Practice.

COURSES OFFERED BOTH SEMESTERS (subject to modification)

Global Practice Exercise [All Faculty]

Each semester will begin with an intensive, multi-day exercise in transnational and/or comparative law. The exercise will provide an opportunity for the diverse students and faculty at CTLS to work together on a common legal problem. All faculty and students will participate in the exercise. The objectives are to give students and faculty a quick start working together, on a real legal practice problem, which will highlight the importance and challenges of communicating across transnational legal and cultural boundaries; to draw CTLS participants into active roles in their own learning and academic exchange; and to introduce students to the process of tackling real-world legal problems that transcend national boundaries, learning both transnational variations in substantive law and legal processes. 1 credit, required.

Transnational Law Colloquium [various Faculty]

This colloquium will meet weekly for presentations by leading academics and practitioners on topics of current international, transnational or comparative law interest. Each meeting will involve the presentation of a paper, brief comments, and a discussion with the author/presenter among all participants. Attendees will be the Center's students, faculty and invited guests. Students, who will be divided up and each assigned to attend a sub-set of the workshops, will be expected to write short responses to the papers in advance of the meeting. 1 credit, required.

Core Course: Globalization and Transnational Law

This course examines the complex and increasingly interconnected relationships among legal traditions, systems, and cultures in an era of globalization.

Drawing on studies of international law, comparative law, new governance and private law, it will examine different theories and approaches to global governance; the role played by international and multi-lateral institutions and private actors in the diffusion of the 'rule of law' and regulatory norms in a globalized world; and the range of mechanisms and institutions by which legal norms are now created, transformed, transplanted and enforced. The aim of the course is twofold: first, to provide students with a framework for the analysis of transnational legal issues; second, to explore the emerging transnational legal landscape through consideration of concrete issues in areas such as human rights, environmental justice, corporate social responsibility, economic development and problems of work. Throughout the course, we will consider the interaction of legal norms with social and political developments, the relationship between public authority and private power, as well as the challenges posed by new regulatory approaches to values such as sovereignty, distributive justice, and cultural diversity and autonomy. 3 Credits, required. Evaluation: Class Participation (20%), Final Exam (80%).

Students from Fribourg: why did they choose the CTLS?

" [...] In the main, London is an exciting place to live and study at! My year of attendance at the CTLS has been a key experience in my legal studies, involving professors and students from different sites across the globe. Hence, especially their viewpoint on conflict resolution, on the tension between security and privacy or common culture assets and intellectual property has contributed to great legal discussions and immensely widened my perspective on the matter. [...] Nevertheless, this cognition could only be achieved by being continuously involved in legal debates in class as well as by the means of so called written reaction papers, nudging us to question the issue and the legal answer to it. [...] The different approach of the course and the transnational dimension of the discussed topics provided me a much broader insight into some of the great legal issues the world currently faces. So you will not only return from this experience with amazing friendships from Sao Paolo to Melbourne, but hopefully also with a great new perspective of law!" **(Anne-Laure)**

"[...] What a unique type of exchange! [...] The lessons at the CTLS consisted mostly of theory, practical examples related to it and exchanging legal views with other students and teachers. [...] Besides, we had to work in teams and to do presentations of subjects related to the selected course. [...] The CTLS offered many social (but also facultative) events during both semesters. We had, for example, the opportunity to follow a trial at the House of Commons, to visit two out of the five leading law firms in the UK. [...] My nine months at the CTLS was a unique experience and I will always remember it!" **(Sabine)**

In a classical Swiss legal education, you spend your time studying OR, ZGB and StGB. Don't even bother taking these books with you to London, you won't need them. You will enter into a whole new world of legal reality. You'll treat things called the CISG, the INCOTERMS, Carllil vs. Carbolic Smoke Ball Company or the law of armed conflict. Not to forget, arbitration. These are (or can be) very important topics, given that you want to become an international lawyer; yet they are hardly ever treated at your alma mater. Also the culture of learning is quite a bit different. You will be expected to participate in class, discuss with your colleagues and do a fair share of reading even before you go to class. To be clear, the CTLS is hard work. If you are frightened by that: don't be. It will be worth the effort. During my time at the CTLS, I had the chance to study with some of the sharpest minds I have met, representing almost every corner of the world. You will meet exciting people and you'll get to live in one of the world's capitals. That, for itself, is worth going. London is just... breathtaking. They couldn't have placed it anywhere better. The only part of me that regrets having lived in London is my wallet.

(Beat)