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2008-09 Human Rights and National Security Law Distinguished Lecture Series

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Free and all are welcome. All lectures are at the Law School.

For the first time, this year's lectures will be addressed to two themes: the interrelationship of human rights abuses to the war against terror, and the national security implications of climate change.

SEPTEMBER 10

"Privatizing Justice: Representing the Victims of Terrorism & Human Rights Abuses," a lecture by Allan Gerson, 5 p.m., room 124. Gerson is co-author (with Newsweek Senior Editor Jerry Adler) of the book THE PRICE OF TERROR: LESSONS OF LOCKERBIE FOR A WORLD ON THE BRINK. Co-sponsored by the George Taylor Ross Memorial Lecture Series.

SEPTEMBER 16

"Water Privatization Trends in the U.S.: Issues of Human Rights and National Security," lecture by Professor Tony Arnold, Boehl Chair in Property and Land Use of the Louis D. Brandeis Law School, 5 p.m., room 124.

OCTOBER 1

"An International Holistic Approach to Dealing with Global Warming," lecture by Pep Fuller, former Senior Representative for Oceana and Counselor for International Affairs at the EPA, 5 p.m., room 124.

OCTOBER 6

"Why Torture Does Not Work: A Military Perspective," a roundtable discussion co-sponsored by Human Rights First, of high-ranking military officers who have spoken out against the use of torture and coercive techniques of interrogation, 5 p.m. in room 120.

OCTOBER 27

In conjunction with the Campaign to Ban Torture, the lecture series will co-host an event at 7 p.m. in room 120 entitled, "American Values & National Security: Does Torture Keep Us Safe?" The event will feature a retired military leader, an intelligence expert and local faith leaders. The Campaign is organized by Evangelicals for Human Rights, the Center for Victims of Torture, and the National Religious Campaign Against Torture. Participants include Col. Lawrence Wilkerson (USA-Ret.) who served as Secretary of State Colin Powell's Chief of Staff (2002-05) and as Associate Director of the State Department's Policy Planning staff (2001-02). Prior to the State Department, Wilkerson served 31 years in the U.S. Army, including time as the Deputy Executive Officer and Special Assistant to Chairman Powell on the Joint Chiefs of Staff (1989-93), and as Director of the U.S. Marine Corps War College at Quantico, Virginia (1993-97). Wilkerson retired from active service in 1997 and has since worked as an advisor to General Powell. Lt. General Harry E. Soyster (USA-Ret.) served as the Director of the United States Defense Intelligence Agency, Commander of the United States Army Intelligence and Security Command, and as Deputy Assistant Chief of Staff for Intelligence, Department of the Army.

NOVEMBER 3

"The Current State of Negotiations between Greece and Turkey with respect to the Republic of Cyprus," address by the Honorable Ambassador Andreas S. Kakouris, Ambassador to the United States from the Republic of Cyprus, 6 p.m. in Room 120.

MARCH 2

"Diagonal Regulation and Climate Change," lecture by Professor Hari Osofsky, an Associate Professor at Washington and Lee School of Law who has authored and edited several articles and books on climate change litigation and law and geography, 5 p.m. room 119.

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