LATIN AMERICA AND THE LAW

A colloquium to address the intellectual history of the Law in the Hispanic World, the “narco wars” against the state, and the rights of the original populations

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Arnulf Becker Lorca (Brown U): 'The Dark sides of human rights: the depoliticization of post-dictatorship Latin American international law'
S.J.D. from Harvard Law School. He is a visiting faculty member in the International Relations Program, Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs at Brown. He has also taught at Brandeis and King’s College London, UK. He is a Fellow at the Harvard Institute for Global Law and Policy. His book Mestizo International Law, A Global Intellectual History 1842-1933 was published by Cambridge University Press in the series Cambridge Studies in International and Comparative Law (2014).

Hernando Valencia (Colombia): "Colombia and Mexico: The Narco Wars and the Role of the Law"
J.S.D. from Yale Law School. He was the Colombian Assistant Attorney-General for Human Rights, and had to leave his country after threats to his life. He lives and teaches in Madrid and has given seminars in Latin America, Europe and the US. An expert on Transitional Justice, he is the author of Cartas de batalla (1987) and Diccionario de Derechos Humanos (2003). He has translated into Spanish John Rawls’s The Law of Peoples and Amartya Sen’s The Idea of Justice.

Jorge Arrate (Chile): "The Mapuche in the Political Map of the Law in Chile"
Has a Law degree from the Universidad Nacional de Chile and a Master in Economics from Harvard, where he completed doctoral studies. During Salvador Allende’s government he presided over the nationalization of the Chilean copper mines. After Pinochet’s coup, he lived for 14 years as an exile in Europe. During the democratic governments he was appointed secretary of mining (1972), education (1992) and labor (1994), and was Chilean ambassador in Argentina (2000). In 2009 he was presidential candidate for an alliance of left parties. He is the author of several works on political history. He also published his conversations with Mapuche leader Héctor Llaitul on their fight for autonomy and territorial jurisdiction in Weichan (2012).