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24th IVR World Congress: Global Harmony and Rule of Law

September 15-20, 2009

Beijing, China

Formal Registration and Hotel Reservation online are available now.

1. Brief Introduction

XXIV World Congress of Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy will be held in Beijing on September 15-20, 2009. The main theme of the 24th IVR World Congress is "global harmony and rule of law". The concept of harmony has figured prominently in both eastern and western philosophical traditions, and can be interpreted to describe the developmental goals of many societies. Unlike the more often invoked concept of "globalization", "global harmony" captures many of our shared ideals concerning the relationships among countries, cultures, and legal systems, as well as between human kind and nature.By proposing to examine the role of the rule of law in promoting global harmony, the hosts of the 24th IVR World Congress hope not only to give greater voice to traditions and contemporary thinking in non-western cultures, but also to suggest new dimensions of collaboration among eastern and western scholars.



Although we particularly welcome papers related to the above main theme for the plenary sessions and special workshops, a majority of workshops and working groups will be formed to provide forum for discussion concerning other crucial topics in legal theory and social philosophy. We recognize that methodological inquiries and sustained discussion of standard scholarly topics are important to philosophical progress, and suggest the above theme only to expand, not to supplant, the usual scope of discussion in legal and social philosophy. (see suggested topics for workshops and working groups)

Besides Plenary Sessions, we will arrange Special Workshops and Working Groups similar to IVR congresses in th past. We hereby extend our invitation to IVR members in every country to submit proposals for Special Workshops. Following previous format for Special Workshops, we will apply the following criteria in reviewing proposals for acceptance:

** The proposal should contain at the minimum some background relating to the proposed topic, including, for example, whether previous workshops have been held on the same topic (and by whom they were organized);

**The proposal should also state which other scholars the person making the proposal intends

to invite to participate in the workshop;

**The person making the proposal must be prepared to act as a coordinator for the workshop; as the coordinator, he or she must be able to procure high-quality contributions on the workshop topic, supervise the exchange of draft papers for comments among participants prior to the workshop, and otherwise ensure the quality of the workshop papers and discussion.

Please send your proposal for special workshops and papers to both the following two persons:

Prof. Zhang Qi: ivrcongress24@gmail.com

Mr. Yin Baohu: papers@chinalawsoicety.com

2. Call for Papers

We hereby extend our invitation to scholars and experts in jurisdiction to submit papers for the Special Workshops and Working Groups.

The deadline for sending the abstracts of papers in English is June 15, 2009. Each abstract is proposed to have about 1,000 to 4,000 English words, which will be translated and printed in both Chinese and English as Congress documents. The deadline for submitting full papers in English is July 15, 2009.

All abstracts and papers for the Special Workshops and Working Groups will be published on the Congress website at www.ivr2009.com so that more time could be devoted to discussions rather than presentation at the Congress sessions of Special Workshops and Working Groups. If you disagree to publish your abstract and/or full paper on the website, please clarify this point when you make your submission.

The Congress language is English and Chinese. Simultaneous interpretation between Chinese and English will be provided for the plenary sessions.

Please send your papers and abstracts to the above-mentioned two persons of Prof. Zhang and Mr. Yin.

- 3. Confirmed Speakers for the Plenary Sessions
- Rights in the World Order Prof. Joseph Raz University of Columbia, U.S.A.
- Law and Balancing Prof. Robert Alexy Kiel University, Germany
- Diversity, Democracy, and Dialogue in a Human Rights Framework Prof. Carol Gould Temple University, U.S.A.
- Globalization and Cultural Prosperity Prof. Morimura Susumu Hitotsubashi University, Japan
- 5). The Early Chinese Legal Thought
 Prof. Chang Wejen
 Institute of History and Philology of the Academia Sinica, Taiwan, China
- 6). Prof. Xin Chunying Deputy Chairman of Legal Affairs Committee of National People's Congress, China Research Fellow of Chinese Academy of Social Sciences

- 7). Prof. Upendra Baxi University of Warwick, UK
- Rethinking the Philosophy of Law in the Beginning of the 21st Century Prof. loanna Kucuradi
 Maltepe University, Turkey
- Judges and the Creation of Global Law
 Mr. Antoine Garapon
 Secretary- General of the Institute of High Studies on Justice of France
- 10). Prof. Tu Weiming Harvard University, U.S.A
- 4. Congress Hotel Information
- 1) Introduction

The Congress sessions, workshops and working groups will be held in the Beijing Friendship Hotel.

Located in the central area of Zhong Guan Cun High-tech Garden, Beijing Friendship Hotel is at No. 1 South St. of Zhong Guan Cun in Haidian District, in which there are some famous site scenes like Summer Palace, Winter Palace, Xiangshan Hill, and some well-known universities including Beijing University and Tsinghua University. As the largest garden hotel in Asia, Beijing Friendship Hotel is recorded into World Architecture Annals published by Cambridge in UK for its large area and typical folk style. Its Chinese taste may be found in its garden architectures and the local art that could be discovered in its different buildings.

Please click here for further information of the hotel.

2) Room Rates

Building No.1(*****)

Price: Deluxe Single Room 780RMB net per room per night with one Buffet Breakfast
Deluxe Executive Room 1080RMB net per room per night with one Buffet Breakfast

Building No.2 (****)

Price: Standard Room (Single /Twin) 550RMB net per room per night with one Buffet Breakfast

Building No.4 (****)

Price: Standard Room (Single /Twin) 680RMB net per room per night with one Buffet Breakfast

Note:

- a) All the prices are preferential, containing the breakfast for one person only. 40RMB has to be paid for additional breakfast in Building No.2 and Building No.4; 80RMB for additional breakfast in Building No.1.
- b) All the hotel accommodation expenses have to be paid by RMB. If you pay by US dollars, it has to be converted according to the official exchange rate of the date you pay.
- 5. Secretariat of Congress

Formal Registration and Hotel Reservation online are available now. Please visit the website regularly for the latest news and updates.

Contact the Secretariat of Congress by the following details:

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