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*invite you to study international law and  
comparative law at Charles University Law Faculty*

# prague

Czech Republic



SESSION ONE • JUNE 1-29, 2012

SESSION TWO • JULY 1-7, 2012

*Application Deadline • March 19, 2012*

## 🌀 overview

Orientation will take place on Friday, June 1, 2012. Each class in Session One will meet for 13 class periods on the following dates: June 4-8; June 12-14; June 19-22; and June 25-27, 2012. Final exams for Session One will be held June 29. Session Two classes will meet for seven class periods on the following dates: July 1-7, 2012. Final exams for Session Two will be take-home exams. Coursework is intensive during the week, and students are expected to attend all regularly scheduled classes.

“The Magical City,” “The City of a Hundred Towers,” and “The Paris of the East” are some of the common descriptions of Prague. Lying proudly along the banks of the River Vltava, Prague offers a wealth of artistic and cultural treasures, and possesses an individual charm with its many buildings of spectacular architectural form and proportional harmony. During his reign from 1346-1378, Charles IV made Prague the capital of the Empire and founded Charles University in 1348. Prague grew into one of the largest cities in Europe and acquired many of its Gothic landmarks, including the Charles Bridge and St. Vitus Cathedral, during this period.



Along with its fascinating history, Prague remains a bustling city of sights, sounds, and culture not to be missed. A member of NATO, the Czech Republic has moved toward integration in world markets, a development that poses both opportunities and risks. The Czech Republic is a member of the European Union (EU).

## 🌀 courses

Classes will be held at the Charles University Law Faculty Building located in the Josefov section of Prague. All courses are taught in English, and assessment of student performance uses the same criteria employed in upper-division elective courses, including written final examinations, graded projects and presentations.

Courses in Session One are: *Legal Profession in a Global and Comparative Context*; *Cross-Cultural Negotiation and Dispute Resolution*; *International Environmental Law* and *Comparative Monetary Systems for Financing Government*. Students choose two of the courses offered in Session One for a total of four (4) semester hours credit. Students may earn two (2) additional credits during Session Two from July 1-7, 2012, by choosing either *Comparative Constitutional Law* or *Comparative Criminal Law: Post Conviction*. Final exams for Session Two will

be written take-home exams. Students may enroll in Session One, or in both sessions, for a total of six (6) credits.

In order to complement the summer curriculum, two class days during Session One will be spent visiting legal institutions, including the Higher Court in Prague. A trip to the Terezin Concentration Camp will also be organized as part of program costs. Attendance at orientation, all class sessions, enrichment lectures, and visits to governmental agencies and courts is mandatory. **Students should bring a business suit for the court visit.**

## 🌀 Session One June 1-29, 2012 Choose one course from each time slot.

🌀 Daily 9:00 a.m. to 10:50 a.m.

**LEGAL PROFESSION IN A GLOBAL AND COMPARATIVE CONTEXT**

🌀 Two semester hours credit 🌀 Professor Katerina Lewinbuk, South Texas College of Law / Houston

This course is intended to expose students to various types of regulation of lawyers in different parts of the world. It will comparatively examine the structure and ethical framework of the legal profession in the United States, European Union and in a few selected countries, including the recourse that may be taken

against attorneys for misconduct and professional malpractice. Other topics to be covered will include a range of accompanying ethical and legal issues, such as the role of lawyers and judges, beginning and ending of the attorney-client relationship, globalization of the legal profession and the image and expectations of lawyers in different parts of the world. The course will also address various aspects of litigation and comparative trial practices in selected countries and analyze the reasons behind established traditions and practices in various legal systems.

OR

**CROSS-CULTURAL NEGOTIATION AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION** 🌀

Two semester hours credit 🌀 Professor Eileen Scallen, William Mitchell College of Law

This interactive course examines negotiation and mediation theory and practice in a cross-cultural context. A variety of readings, exercises and role-plays will be employed to encourage rigorous analysis of ADR concepts and critical assessment of the application of these concepts in practice. Topics to be covered include conflict and negotiation theory, stages of the negotiation and mediation processes, ethical and legal issues in negotiation

and mediation, reaching agreements and issues surrounding their enforceability, addressing power imbalances, and variation in the lawyer's role at all stages of negotiation and mediation. Students will participate in exercises and simulations focusing on various stages of these processes. The course will also address recent research examining causes of impasse as well as the impact of diverse cultural backgrounds on facets of both negotiation and mediation.

AND

☞ *Daily 11:00 a.m. to 12:50 p.m.*

**COMPARATIVE MONETARY SYSTEMS FOR FINANCING GOVERNMENT**  
☞ *Two semester hours credit* ☞ *Professor Kevin M. Yamamoto, South Texas College of Law/Houston*

This course examines basic principles of government finance under various taxing systems. The topics which may be discussed include jurisdiction to tax, the tax base, sources and character, relief from multiple taxation, effects of organizational structure, differences in treatment of inbound and outbound transactions, the role of tax treaties, and other matters. The class will help students understand the underlying policies and different systems

☞ *Session Two*

*July 1-7, 2012*

☞ *Daily 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.*

**COMPARATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL LAW** ☞ *Two semester hours credit* ☞ *Professor Charles W. ("Rocky") Rhodes, South Texas College of Law/Houston*

Constitutional courts, including the United States Supreme Court, are using and citing precedents from other constitutional courts across the globe. This practice makes understanding the different structures in developed nations for organizing a government and protecting the rights of individuals against the government imperative even for attorneys practicing exclusively in the United States. *Comparative Constitutional Law* will examine the various judicial and legal systems employed in developed nations to police the proper boundaries of government; protect the rights of racial, religious, or other minorities within the state; ensure religious freedom; and protect the right of free expression.

OR

**COMPARATIVE CRIMINAL LAW: POST CONVICTION** ☞ *Two semester hours credit* ☞ *Professor Roberta ("Bobbie") Thyfault, California Western School of Law*



which governments use to finance their activities. No prior tax classes are required, and this course should help with any code class taken in the future.

OR

**INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW** ☞ *Two semester hours credit* ☞ *Professor Stan E. Cox, New England Law | Boston*

International environmental disputes arise because most environmental problems do not recognize national boundaries, because many environmental problems are global in nature, and because those affected by environmental concerns sometimes claim international rights. This course assumes no knowledge of public international law, nor of environmental law; however, students who have had either of those courses will find concepts reinforced in this course. The course focuses on specific international problems ranging from climate change to species and habitat stress to spread of toxins or other pollutants. Throughout, students are asked to evaluate whether the current international law regime makes environmental problems worse or better.

This course will compare post-conviction remedies available to persons convicted of crimes in the United States and the European Union. The course will begin with an overview of the basic constitutional and statutory post conviction rights available in the United States and countries in the European Union. It will also explore the rights available through international tribunals. The course will use the appellate proceedings before the Italian court in the Amanda Knox case, among other cases, to explore the different approaches countries take to providing post conviction remedies.

☞ *faculty*

STAN E. COX, Professor of Law at New England Law | Boston, has taught International Environmental Law at New England, in numerous summer abroad programs, and to Czech and EU students at Charles University, Prague. He also coaches his school's environmental moot court team. Prior to joining the New England faculty in 1992, Professor Cox worked as an environmental litigator and lobbyist for the Kentucky Office of Attorney General. He helped develop a statewide criminal environmental enforcement program and also advised on

environmental legislation and civil environmental matters. In prior private practice, Professor Cox litigated on behalf of toxic tort victims and represented environmental citizens groups. Professor Cox earned his A.B. from Harvard University, M.A.T. from Duke University and J.D. from University of Kentucky College of Law. Professor Cox will teach *International Environmental Law*.

KATERINA LEWINBUK is an Associate Professor of Law at South Texas College of Law / Houston. Prior to joining the faculty at South Texas, Professor Lewinbuk taught and served as Legal Research and Writing Program Director at the International Law Institute in Washington, D.C. As a two-time recipient of a Fulbright Senior Specialist award, she taught *Survey of U.S. Business Law* at the Facultad Libre Derecho de Monterrey in Monterrey, Mexico, and most recently at Charles University Faculty of Law in Prague. She also taught *American Legal System & Lawyering Skills* in Moscow and Istanbul. She writes and lectures on issues of legal ethics and malpractice. Professor Lewinbuk will teach *Legal Profession in a Global and Comparative Context* and serve as program director in Session One.

EILEEN A. SCALLEN received her M.A. in Communication Studies from the University of Minnesota, focusing on legal argumentation and persuasion. Following graduate school, she received her J.D. *magna cum laude* at the University of Minnesota Law School, where she served as Editor-in-Chief of the *Minnesota Law Review*. After law school, she clerked for a federal judge in Los Angeles; worked in the litigation department of Latham & Watkins; and began her teaching career at the University of California Hastings College of the Law in San Francisco, where she later served as Associate Academic Dean. Now a Professor of Law at William Mitchell College of Law, Professor Scallen's teaching and research interests include evidence, civil and criminal procedure, communication in legal organizations, and argumentation and persuasion theory. She is an award-winning teacher, has published a number of works in her areas of expertise, and is in high demand as a speaker to audiences of lawyers and judges, as well as law professors and other academics. Professor Scallen will teach *Cross-Cultural Negotiation and Dispute Resolution*.

ROBERTA ("BOBBIE") THYFAULT, Legal Writing Professor of Law at California Western School of Law, graduated *magna cum*



CHARLES W. ("ROCKY") RHODES is the Godwin Ronquillo PC Research Professor and Professor of Law at South Texas College of Law / Houston, where he teaches *Constitutional Law, First Amendment Law, State Constitutional Law, Civil Procedure, and Complex Litigation*. He is the co-author of two textbooks on constitutional law, and his writings include more than 15 journal articles and book chapters on a wide variety of constitutional and procedural issues. Professor Rhodes earned his undergraduate degree *summa cum laude* from Baylor University before enrolling at Baylor Law School, where he was Editor-in-Chief of the *Baylor Law Review* and valedictorian of his graduating law school class. Before becoming a professor, he served as a briefing attorney for Justice Raul Gonzalez and as a staff attorney for Justice Greg Abbott at the Supreme Court of Texas, practiced appellate law at a national law firm, and earned his board certification in Civil Appellate Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. Professor Rhodes will teach *Comparative Constitutional Law* and serve as program director in Session Two.

*laude* from California Western. Before and during law school she worked with domestic violence victims charged with murder and attempted murder of their abusers. Following law school graduation, Professor Thyfault clerked for the Chief Judge for the District of Colorado, and a Ninth Circuit Court Judge. She practiced law as a criminal defense appellate attorney, first at Appellate Defenders, Inc., and then at her own solo practice. Professor Thyfault has presented on legal skills topics at conferences in Azerbaijan, Turkey, and South Africa. She has also lectured in Santiago, Chile, in a program jointly sponsored by the University of Heidelberg, the University of Chile, and California Western School of Law. She has published in the areas of the admissibility at trial of expert witness testimony on domestic violence and on using interactive group learning techniques to teach legal writing to international students.

KEVIN YAMAMOTO, Professor of Law at South Texas College of Law/Houston, teaches all levels of income, estate, and corporate tax. He is the co-author of a number of books, including the law student's staple *Black Letter on Federal Income Taxation* and the *Black Letter on Federal Wealth Transfer Taxes* published by West.



2012 Summer Law Study Abroad Program in Prague, Czech Republic

THE CONSORTIUM FOR INNOVATIVE LEGAL EDUCATION

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Application for Admission
(must be received by March 19, 2012)

G NUMBER OR SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER DATE OF BIRTH MM/DD/YYYY

E-MAIL ADDRESS PASSPORT NUMBER

FULL NAME

LAST NAME FIRST NAME MIDDLE NAME

MAILING ADDRESS

STREET CITY STATE ZIP CODE

WORK PHONE HOME PHONE CELL PHONE

EMERGENCY CONTACT

FULL NAME RELATIONSHIP PHONE

EDUCATION NAME OF INSTITUTION LOCATION GRAD. DATE

Law School

Year of law school completed by June 1, 2012: First Second Third

INSTRUCTIONS

An applicant from a law school other than South Texas College of Law / Houston must submit a written statement from the dean or other appropriate official of his or her law school certifying that the applicant is in good academic standing and is not on probation for disciplinary or other reasons. The statement should also indicate that the applicant's law school will accept the credit earned from the 2012 Prague Summer Law Study Abroad Program. The application will not be complete until this statement is received. Call 713-646-1825, fax 713-646-2929, or e-mail wmmorrow@stcl.edu.

If accepted, I plan to enroll in the following courses and sessions:

Session One: June 1-29, 2012 (choose one course per time slot)

9:00 a.m. - 10:50 a.m. Legal Profession in a Global and Comparative Context OR Cross-Cultural Negotiation and Dispute Resolution

AND

11:00 a.m. - 12:50 p.m. Comparative Monetary Systems for Financing Government OR International Environmental Law

Session Two: July 1-7, 2012 (must also enroll in Session One)

9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Comparative Constitutional Law OR Comparative Criminal Law: Post Conviction

RETURN THIS FORM AND A CHECK OR MONEY ORDER FOR \$200 MADE PAYABLE TO SOUTH TEXAS COLLEGE OF LAW TO:

South Texas College of Law / Houston, Attention: Wanda Morrow-Assistant Dean, 1303 San Jacinto, Houston, Texas 77002-7006

The \$200 deposit is refundable only if you are not accepted into the program, or if the program is canceled. The sponsoring schools reserve the right to cancel this program in the event of compelling circumstances. In such event, all monies, including the \$200 would be refunded. The program is open to students of any race, color, national or ethnic origin and does not discriminate on the basis of sex, sexual orientation, age, race, color, religion, national and ethnic origin, or disability in administration of its educational policies, admission policies, scholarship policies and loan programs or other school-administered rights, privileges, programs or activities generally accorded or made available to students at the school.

PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING, THEN SIGN AND DATE: I affirm that the information I have provided on this application form and on any other materials submitted by me is complete, accurate, and true to the best of my knowledge. I authorize each college or school I have attended to release academic and personal information related to this application upon request by South Texas College of Law / Houston. I agree to submit other material, if requested, for this application. I understand that furnishing false or incomplete information may result in cancellation of admission.

SIGNATURE DATE

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His next book, *Quick Review for Federal Income Tax*, is currently in production. Yamamoto taught a variety of tax-related courses as a visiting professor at the University of Florida, University of Montana, University of San Diego and Chapman University schools of law. Before teaching, he practiced law in San Diego and clerked for U.S. District Court Judge Irving Hill of the Central District of California. He earned his LL.M. in Taxation from the University of Florida, and J.D. from the University of San Diego.

**housing** Students make their own housing arrangements for Prague. An internet search for “apartments in Prague” provides multiple links to companies that provide short-term rentals. The law school is located near Old Town (Stare Mesto) in Josefov, right on the river at the Cechuv “Most” (“Most” means bridge). Students are provided transport passes that are valid on all forms of public transportation in Prague, so it is not necessary to live in the immediate vicinity of the law school.

The college does not endorse any particular housing agents, but past students have made positive comments about their experiences with housing agencies in Prague such as: [www.vrbo.com](http://www.vrbo.com) (select Europe, Czech Republic, then Prague), [www.prestigeapartments.cz](http://www.prestigeapartments.cz), and [www.lovingprague.com](http://www.lovingprague.com).

**transportation** Arranging air and ground transportation to and from Prague is the student’s responsibility. Several airlines serve Prague through European hub cities such as Amsterdam, Paris and London. Locally, transportation to most areas of the city by tram, trains (Metro) and bus is inexpensive, reliable and easy to navigate. A transport pass valid for the duration of the program is included in program costs.

**accessibility** Facilities in Europe are not as accessible to individuals with disabilities as American facilities are. Individuals with special needs should contact the program at 713-646-1825 by March 19, 2012.

**academic credits** Students should consult their home schools about transfer of credits and about their schools’ grading requirements for transfer of course credits. It is unlikely that participation in foreign summer programs may be used to accelerate graduation. Students interested in acceleration of graduation should consult their home school about this possibility.

**enrollment** Fifty-two students representing six U.S. law schools attended the 2011 program in Prague. Expected enrollment for 2012 is 60 students.

**applying** Admission is open to any law student at an ABA-accredited law school who is in good academic standing and who has completed the first year of full-time study or its equivalent in part-time study. Applicants should submit: 1) an application for admission along with \$200 application fee; and 2) a letter of good standing from his or her law school. The application and \$200 application fee are due by March 19, 2012. The remaining balance of the tuition is due May 23, 2012. Enrollment is limited; therefore, early application is encouraged. Should an application not be accepted, South Texas will return this application fee within 20 days. The application fee will be applied to the tuition and program expenses such as orientation, opening reception, and closing dinner and visits to courts and governmental agencies.

Tuition for Session One is \$2,480 for up to four (4) credits. Tuition for both Sessions is \$3,720 for six (6) credits. Tuition includes the orientation program, transport pass, trip to Terezin Concentration Camp, court or government visits, use of facilities at the law library of the Charles University Law Faculty, and course materials supplied by the professors. It does not include airfare, medical insurance, traveling expenses, costs associated with optional tours or field trips to areas outside the home campus, housing, meals, or books.

Financial aid loans are generally available to students participating in this study abroad program. Students interested in obtaining loans for the study abroad program should contact the Financial Aid Office at their home school.

**cancellation** The sponsoring schools may cancel the summer program in the event of compelling circumstances, including unrest or instability in the host country, or insufficient enrollment. The Prague program has never been canceled. In the event of cancellation, all monies, including the \$200 application fee, would be returned within 20 days after the program is canceled. Individual courses in any program may be canceled if they are under-enrolled. The \$200 application fee is non-refundable unless you are not accepted into the program or the program is canceled.

**responsibility and modifications** The sponsoring schools will not be responsible for personal injury or for loss or damage to personal property. Students are expected to maintain or obtain medical insurance coverage for accidents or illness that may occur during their participation in this program, including repatriation expenses.

The sponsoring schools reserve the right to change any aspect of the program which circumstances make necessary or desirable. Participants will be notified of material changes or cancellation of the program.

Student and faculty conduct in the Prague program is governed by the rules on attendance, plagiarism, and sexual harassment of South Texas College of Law / Houston. Any student who has questions about any aspect of this policy should contact the program director or Assistant Dean Wanda Morrow at South Texas College of Law / Houston.

**questions** All inquiries, forms and correspondence about the program should be directed to:

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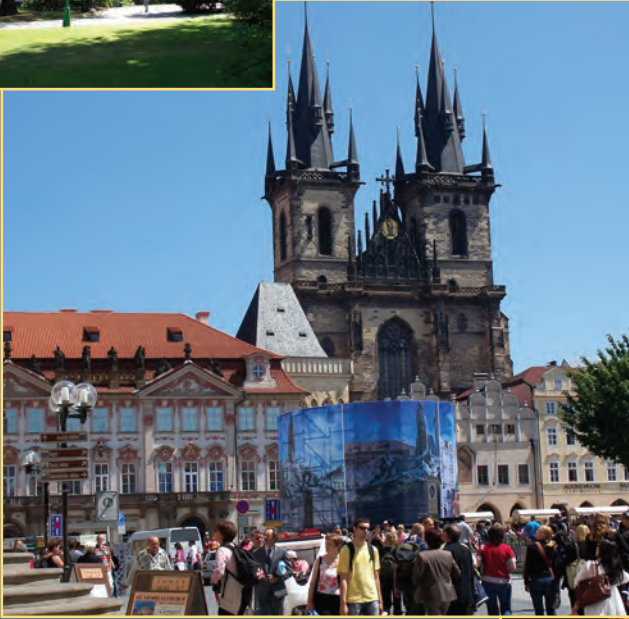
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