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with speaker, Dr. John Baker:

Dr. John Baker is Distinguished Scholar in Residence at the Catholic University of America Law School. He is Professor Emeritus of Law, and previously the Dale E. Bennett Professor of Law, at Louisiana State University Law School. He has also taught for Georgetown University Law School, Tulane Law School, George Mason Law School, Pepperdine Law School, New York Law School, Hong Kong University, and the University of Dallas. He has been a Visiting Professor at the University of Lyon III (France) since 1999 and has lectured at universities and research institutes in Argentina, Austria, Brazil, Croatia, Slovenia, Vietnam, and the Philippines, where he was a Fulbright Fellow (2006). Baker has taught over a dozen different subjects, mostly in the area of public law. His main areas of interest are Constitutional Law, Criminal Law, Anti-Terrorism Law, International Law, Health Care Law, Mediation, and Comparative Law.

program overview:

The program will cover conflicts which have been arising in international litigation between the US and other nations. In the just completed term, the Supreme Court addressed the issue of using state long-arm statutes to obtain jurisdiction over foreign defendants. Meanwhile, tort cases filed in U.S. courts by non-U.S. plaintiffs against U.S. multi-national corporations have been regularly dismissed under the doctrine of forum non conveniens (FNC). These dismissals have come where the court actually had jurisdiction, but nevertheless dismissed the case. They have come under circumstances in which a similar suit by a U.S. plaintiff would have been transferred to another court in the U.S. A number of Latin American nations have reacted with laws designed either to force U.S. courts to retain the litigation, or more significantly, to result in large American-style judgments in their own courts, which they then seek to enforce in the United States.

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