

Legal Scholar teaches at the Hague Academy of International Law

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Professor Wang Guiguo, Dean, School of Law, lecturing at the Hague Academy of International Law.

The Hague Academy of International Law (Academy) has played an important role in the promotion and development of international law since 1923. The Academy has long built up a reputation in both education and research in international law. Its Summer Programme is the principal and best-known event of the Academy. Course materials are published in the internationally widely known series *Collected Courses of The Hague Academy of International Law*.

Professor Wang Guiguo, Dean of School of Law, City University of Hong Kong, was invited to give a special course on “Radiating Impact of WTO on Its Members’ Legal System – The Chinese Perspective”. Professor Wang is one of the leading scholars in the area of international law. He has been actively conducting research in the area of international economic law, WTO law, and international investment law. His research provides solid foundation to both theoretical and application of the laws in concerned areas. Apart from his immense education activities, he has been actively involved in the promotion of international law in both China and globally.

Professor Wang elaborated the subject from five main aspects: (1) law in globalization, (2) distinctive features of the WTO scheme, (3) the WTO services scheme and its implication, (4) the intellectual property scheme – penetration of international norms into national laws, and (5) directions of the international trade regime and their implications. Throughout the special course, Professor Wang examined the subject with three main theoretical approaches. First, the impact of globalization on traditional state sovereignty; second, the role of WTO in the globalization process

and its inherent challenges; and third, the impact of WTO against the background of globalization on the legal systems of nation states: China as an example. Professor Wang enthusiastically shared his in-depth knowledge and experience with the participants. He did not only include the hot topics of the issues into the course, but also provided his forecast and alternatives for resolutions. Students gained a lot from his course.



The Summer Programme has been running for more than 80 years. The programme comprises of two sections, namely public international law and private international law. Students all over the world are given an opportunity to meet with outstanding academics, diplomats and practitioners, and to benefit from their viewpoints and ideas of the master minds. In 2010, other renowned scholars to teach in the programme included Professor William J. Davey, Guy Raymond Jones Professor Emeritus of the University of Illinois, USA, lecturing on *The Non-Discrimination rules of the World Trade Organization*; Judge Jiri Malenovsky, Court of Justice of the European Communities, lecturing on *The Independence of International Judges*; and Professor Luigi Condorelli, Professor at the University of Florence, Italy, lecturing on *Teaching International law: an Attempt at Inductive Narration*.

Professor Wang had shared his latest research results and insights on international economic law, as well as provided accelerated learning for students to consider several core issues of the subject matter. His lecture was widely welcomed by students who approached him warmly after class. Scholars having similar research interests attended Professor Wang's lectures as well.

As stated by a participant, the course offered by Professor Wang was "most precious" that it represented a distinctive view and a voice from China.

