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UHLC's Frankel Lecture explores question of when the U.S. should intervene in humanitarian crises

Yale professor and former state department adviser will examine the "responsibility to protect"

Oct. 22, 2015 - When and for how long is it appropriate under U.S. domestic law for a president to send armed forces into another country to intervene in acts of aggression or humanitarian crises before Congress must declare war?

The 20th Annual Frankel Lecture sponsored by the Houston Law Review of the University of Houston Law Center on Nov. 6 will address this and other questions raised by the Responsibility to Protect (R2P) movement in the 21st Century.

In his Frankel Lecture, titled "The War Powers and Humanitarian Intervention," Harold Hongju Koh, the Sterling Professor of International Law at Yale Law School and a former legal adviser to the U.S. Department of State, will explore the tensions within and among the domestic and international law doctrines of war powers and humanitarian intervention, and suggest possible ways to reconcile them.

In particular, Koh will address three cases that brought tensions between U.S. and international law back into the public spotlight: the 1999 NATO intervention in Kosovo, the 2010 NATO intervention in Libya, and the recent debate over whether to use force in Syria.

Two commentators -- Dawn Johnsen, the Walter W. Foskett Professor of Law at Indiana University Maurer School of Law and a former member of the U.S. Department of Justice under President Bill Clinton; and Ashley Deeks, an associate professor at the University of Virginia Law School and a senior fellow at the Center for National Security Law -- will respond to Koh's remarks, which are based on a forthcoming article in the Houston Law Review.

Jordan Paust, the Mike and Teresa Baker Law Center Professor at UHLC and a renowned expert in international law, will serve as moderator.

The free lecture will be 8:30 to 11 a.m., Friday, Nov. 6, at the Hilton University of Houston, 4800 Calhoun Road, on the UH campus. Two hours of MCLE credit will be awarded to attendees.

For more information, visit HoustonLawReview.org; register by email, symposium@HoustonLawReview.org.

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