

Chibli Mallat with Peter Schuck

Introduction to Middle Eastern Law: A Conversation

Thursday, April 30th @ 5.30PM

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Labyrinth Books and the Yale Law School's Lillian Goldman Law Library invite you to a conversation between Chibli Mallat and Peter Schuck.

We will be honoring the publication of Professor Mallat's new book, an introduction to the laws of the Middle East, defining the contours of a field of study that deserves to be called "Middle Eastern Law". It introduces Middle Eastern law as a reflection of legal styles, many of which are shared by Islamic law and the laws of Christian and Jewish Near Eastern communities. Mallat offers a detailed survey of the foundations of Middle Eastern Law, using court archives and an array of legal sources from the earliest records of Hammurabi to the massive compendia of law in the Islamic classical age through to the latest decisions of Middle Eastern high courts.

Mallat begins with an exploration of the depth and variety of Middle Eastern law, introducing the concepts of shari'a, fiqh, and qanun, (which all mean 'law'), and dwelling on Islamic law as the 'common law' of the Middle East. His work provides a historical introduction to the contemporary Middle East, exploring political systems, constitutional law, judicial review, the laws of tort and obligations, and commercial law. Mallat examines legislative reform in family law and the position of women in the legal system.

CHIBLI MALLAT is Presidential Professor of Law at the University of Utah, the EU Jean Monnet Professor of Law at the Universite Saint-Joseph, Beirut, and has been Senior Fellow/Visiting Professor at Princeton University, University of Virginia Law School, Yale Law School, and the University of Lyon. In addition to his work in European law, he is a leading

scholar of Islamic and Middle Eastern law, a legal practitioner, and a Former Director of the Center of Islamic and Middle Eastern Law at the School of Oriental and African Studies of the University of London.

PETER SCHUCK is the Simeon E. Baldwin Professor of Law at the Yale Law School.

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