The Henry Morris Lecture in International & Comparative Law

Which People?
Whose Constitution?
A Comparative Look at Constitutional Founding in Korea and Japan

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Prof. Hahm’s lecture will examine the process of constitutional founding in South Korea and Japan after World War II. By revisiting a number of legal and political issues that were hotly contested by the drafters at the time, it will seek to highlight a more general theoretical problem confronting efforts to establish a democratic constitutional order for the first time. It will raise questions about our received understanding regarding a number of issues including: our ideas about the legitimacy of a constitution, our assumptions regarding the identity of the sovereign people, and the role of the past in the creation of a new constitutional order.

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This program is funded through the Henry Morris Endowment. An 1889 graduate of the Chicago-Kent College of Law, Henry Crittendon Morris (1863-1948) enjoyed a distinguished career as an international lawyer and diplomat. During 25 years of foreign service prior to World War I, Mr. Morris served as the United States Consul in Ghent, Belgium, and as secretary to Chief Justice Fuller at the Permanent International Court at the Hague. When the war broke out, he returned to Chicago to coordinate Red Cross and Liberty Loan campaigns on behalf of the American war effort.

Mr. Morris was a member of the American Society of International Law and a number of other organizations devoted to improving international relations. He was the author of The History of Colonization from the Earliest Times to the Present Day (1906). The French government made him a chevalier of the French Legion of Honor in 1937.

Program Details

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