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HLS PROFESSOR DAVID W. KENNEDY DISCUSSES GLOBAL GOVERNANCE IN RENMIN LAW SCHOOL

David W. Kennedy, a leading expert of international law at Harvard Law School (HLS), visited Renmin University of China from January 15 to 17, 2020 to discuss the role of law in global governance. He is Manley O. Hudson Professor of Law and Director of the Institute for Global Law and Policy at Harvard Law School. As the founding and leading figure of a critical school in international law in the United States, through his scholarship and his supervision of graduate students, Professor Kennedy calls for strengthening scholars from developing countries to criticize the Euro-centric international legal order. He is also a leading U.S. theorist criticizing the human rights movement and the liberal economic order.

From January 15 to 17, Professor Kennedy delivered the inaugural Global Law and Strategy Annual Lecture titled "Law in Global Political Economy," a talk on the intellectual history of international law, and a keynote speech in a symposium on struggle and law in global governance. The event has drawn attention across disciplines and beyond academia. Over 200 audiences across the country and the globe attended the lecture and symposium.

On January 15, in a conversational style, Professor Kennedy discussed how the United States positions itself in the 21st century as a designer of the global governance scheme and its implication on the intellectual history of international law, and relatedly, how it carries him to the current project of his book titled *A World of Struggle: How Power, Law, and Expertise Shape Global Political Economy*. On January 16, in his lecture titled "Law in Global Political Economy," Professor Kennedy called international lawyers to pay attention to the question of distribution in global affairs and to think international law's lack of response to the inequality but also as part of this problem. CUI Zhiyuan, a political economist from Tsinghua University, and international law experts CAI Congyan from Xiamen University, LIAO Fan and SUN Shiyan from Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, and ZHU Wenqi from Renmin Law School offered thoughtful comments, reflecting their understanding of international law and its relationship to the invisible politics in law.

On January 17, in a full-day symposium dedicated to his book *A World of Struggle: How Power, Law, and Expertise Shape Global Political Economy*, Professor Kennedy joined the discussion of 23 scholars on the theoretical account on struggles in law, the

mechanism of expertise in governance, and the pressing challenges in the economic and technological affairs. A group of junior international legal theorists, including CHEN Yifeng from Peking University and HE Chi from Soochow University, validated Kennedy's analysis by providing empirical observation from China's perspective. LI Junpeng, a sociologist, advanced the research agenda on knowledge. In contrast, other scholars, such as LIU Yang from Renmin Law School and Anthony Carty from Beijing Institute of Technology, offered critiques of Kennedy's work and proposed alternative approaches to addressing the distribution based on a better understanding of China. In the economic field, senior scholars, including KONG Qingjiang, Dean of School of International Law at China University of Political Science and Law, and YANG Guohua, an international trade law professor at Tsinghua University, talked about trade law order construction. TANG Yingmao, an international financial law expert from Peking University, discussed Panda bonds and the Belt and Road Initiative. CHE Luyao, an expert in trade law, asked whether non-market oriented policies should be regulated. In the field of technological competition, WANG Qinghua, a professor at Beijing Normal University, discussed cyber field separation. ZHANG Jiyu, Executive Director of Law and Technology Institute at Renmin Law School, led a discussion on global competition and cooperation on the regulation of algorithms.

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