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On **March 5-6, 2010**, the Journal of Transnational Law and Contemporary Problems (TLCP) at the University of Iowa College of Law will hold its nineteenth annual international law symposium. The purpose of the two-day symposium is to provide a critical analysis of U.S. standing in the world. The TLCP invites interested persons to submit abstracts of papers relating to the themes of the symposium's four panels listed below. The **deadline** for abstract submissions is **July 19, 2009**. The papers will be published in the TLCP in the fall of 2010, and the journal will arrange for funding to cover transportation and lodging for the symposium's participants.

- **Human Rights:** In light of the policies and actions of the current U.S. Presidential Administration and the shift in understanding of and approach to human rights between the Bush and Obama Administrations, potential paper topics might focus on U.S. counter-terrorism, including torture, extraordinary renditions, and secret prisons; issues relating to the human rights of women such as the U.S. stance on CEDAW, Obama's rescinding of the global gag rule, and other so-called moral restrictions on foreign aid; humanitarian intervention; human trafficking; immigration and asylum; or issues relating to U.S. military actions.
- **Foreign Policy:** Papers for this panel might address questions of U.S. foreign policy and diplomacy in the Obama Administration, generally or with regard to specific countries and regions of interest. Examples might include relations between the United States and China, India, Russia, Cuba, or the European Union. Papers may address areas of public international law, foreign relations, or international trade and regulatory actions.
- **U.S. Geopolitical Power in Flux:** Papers submitted for this panel should address the changing position of the United States in the world in relation to economic, political, and military matters. Papers might examine the past, present, and future role of the United States in world affairs including questions of U.S. hegemony. Papers may take a variety of approaches; for example, they may be theoretical or grounded in the practical considerations of economic globalization.
- **U.S. Administrations and International Legal Theory:** Papers falling within the scope of this fourth area should focus on international legal theory and the stance toward international law among various U.S. Presidential Administrations. Papers might examine the words and actions of the Obama Administration regarding international law from a descriptive or prescriptive perspective. Papers might present arguments for or against an emerging global constitutionalism, fragmentation of the international legal system, the democracy deficit in supranational institutions, or other international legal theories, relative to the United States.

All abstract submissions should be emailed to the TLCP Editor in Chief, Rita Bettis, at rita-bettis@uiowa.edu by Friday, July 19, 2009. Selected authors will be required to submit drafts of their papers by Friday, October 30, 2009. Final drafts of the papers will be due Friday, June 11, 2010.

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