Law and Development in the Middle East and North Africa:
Identifying New Directions for Research

September 11-12, 2009
**Friday, September 11**

**Cornell Law School, Room G85, Myron Taylor Hall**

4:00 P.M. **Islam, Liberalism and Democracy**  
Mohammad Fadel, University of Toronto Faculty of Law  
*Commentator:* David Patel, Cornell Department of Government  
*Chair:* David Powers, Cornell Near Eastern Studies Department  
*Welcoming Remarks by Dean Stewart Schwab*  
THE PUBLIC IS INVITED

**Saturday, September 12**

**A.D. White House, Cornell University, 27 East Avenue**

8:45-9:15 A.M. **Coffee and Welcoming Remarks**

9:15-10:45 A.M. **Prospects for a Comparative Law of Development**  
*Law and Development in the Islamic World*  
Amr Shalakany, American University in Cairo  
*Law and Development: Perspectives on/from Latin America*  
Alvaro Santos, Georgetown University Law Center  
*Commentator:* Annelise Riles, Cornell Law School  
*Chair:* Mitchell Lasser, Cornell Law School

10:45-11:00 A.M. Coffee Break

11:00 A.M.-12:30 P.M. **Roundtable on Law and Development in Palestine**  
*Roundtable Participants:*  
Asem Khalil, Birzeit University Faculty of Law and Public Administration  
Linda Mansour, National Lawyers’ Guild  
Zinaida Miller, Fletcher School of Law & Diplomacy, Tufts University  
Raef Zreik, Georgetown University Law Center  
*Chair:* Chantal Thomas, Cornell Law School

**12:30-1:30 P.M.**  
Lunch ~ Please R.S.V.P. to Dawne Peacock (607) 255-5978, dawne-peacock@lawschool.cornell.edu

**1:30-3:00 P.M.** **The “Global City” as a Paradigm for Development Discourse**  
*Tehran as the “City of Protests”*  
Shiva Balaghi, Brown University  
*The City and the World: The Case of Tel Aviv / Jaffa*  
Yishai Blank, Tel Aviv University and Cornell Law School  
*Commentator:* Jerry Frug, Harvard Law School  
*Chair:* Ziad Fahmy, Cornell Near Eastern Studies Department

3:00-4:30 P.M. **Towards an Analytical Framework for Law and Development in the Middle East and North Africa: Reports from the Field**  
*“Human Security” and Human Development*  
Adel Abdellatif, Chief of the United Nations Development Programme’s Regional Programme Division for the Regional Bureau of Arab States  
*Enhancing the Rule of Law, Globally, Through Training*  
Yassin El-Ayouty, Center for the Study of United Nations Systems and the Global Legal Order  
*Commentator:* Aziz Rana, Cornell Law School  
*Chair:* Sital Kalantry, Cornell Law School

4:40 P.M. **Bus departs for Cayuga Inlet**

5:00-8:00 P.M. **Dinner Cruise, Cayuga Lake Cruises, 708 West Buffalo St., Ithaca, NY 14850**

8:00 P.M. **Bus departs dinner cruise for Statler Hotel**