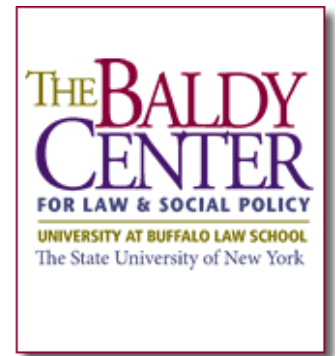


The Baldy Center Working Group on
International and Comparative Legal Studies
Invites you to a

Work-in-Progress luncheon presentation

Wednesday, February 14, 2007

12:00 – 2:00 pm, 509 O'Brian Hall



Claude Welch

UB Political Science

Linking National and International Human Rights Networks: India's Dalits ('Untouchables')

The 150+ million Dalits ('broken people', formerly known as 'Untouchables') of India constitute a largely unseen group whose members have suffered from innumerable human rights abuses for centuries. Dalit groups aiming for change have benefited significantly from networking with international human rights organizations. Professor Welch's work examines the National Campaign for Dalit Human Rights, launched in 1998 in honor of the 50th anniversary of the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, and its links to other domestic and global groups. In particular, he will explore what strategies have proven most effective in altering the constraints under which Dalits live. Attention will also be given to ICERD (The International Covenant on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination), which bars discrimination based on descent, and whose supervisory committee has declared caste a violation of human rights.

Professor Welch, an authority on global and comparative human rights, is the convener of one of the Baldy Center's longest-standing research groups, International and Comparative Legal Studies. He was awarded TIAA-CREF's first Lifetime Achievement Award in May 2006.

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