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## **KOBE LL.M / GMAP IN LAW'S FALL SEMESTER 2015**

We are pleased to present to our readers the line up of lectures and workshops due for this fall semester of our programme:

### **Japanese Legal System I**

**By:** Professor Akira Saito

**Theme & Objective of the course:** This course is mainly designed for foreign exchange students who will attend the University for one or two semesters only. This course is not a comprehensive introduction to the Japanese Legal System. Rather, it tries to pick up recent important topics of Japanese Law, which shows the features in the context of the characteristics of Japanese cultures and societies including business activities. It is also useful for Japanese students to learn the legal terminology in English.

The topics are selected and explained by specialists of each legal area. Most of the lectures are delivered by the team of fulltime faculty members of the graduate school of law of Kobe University. Each topic is analysed from the

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viewpoint of comparative law, which makes this course valuable to both foreign as well as Japanese students. The participants are requested to read the materials indicated by the teachers before attending the class. Students are expected to learn how laws function in Japanese societies, as well as the basic structure of the judicial system in Japan.



**Introduction to Legal English 2**

**By:** Professor Keith Carpenter

**Theme & Objective of the course:** The aim of the course will be to develop Student's English language ability to: 1. Listen to and understand both native and non-native speakers' of English talking about legal matters in situations such as meetings, discussions, lectures and presentations;

2. Speak about legal matters in a variety of situations such as advising, negotiating, summarising, explaining complicated legal issues to both lawyers and non-lawyers; 3. Read and understand legal texts such as contracts, statutes, case reports, law journal articles, law text books and legal correspondence; 4. Write about legal matters in different ways such as email, letters and notes/memos.



**International Arbitration 1 (Theory)**

**By:** Professor James Claxton

the practice

**Theme & Objective of the course:** This course introduces students to of international arbitration and advocacy in arbitral proceedings. Students act as lawyers in successive steps in a mock case and thereby gain practical experience with arbitration procedure, written advocacy, and oral advocacy. Prior coursework in international arbitration is useful but not necessary. By the end of the course, students should have a good understanding both of international arbitration procedure and the work of international arbitration lawyers.

**International Arbitration 2 (Practice)**

**By:** Professor James Claxton

**Theme & Objective of the course:** This course surveys the theory, law, and practice of international investment arbitration. By the end of the course, students should have a good general understanding of the subject and especially of the work of lawyers practicing in this area.

**International Arbitration Institutions in Asia (A)**

**By:** Professor James Claxton

**Theme & Objective of the course:** This seminar provides an overview of work of leading international arbitration institutions in Asia including HKIAC, SIAC, CIETAC, KLRCA and JCAA. The structure, rules, and operations of these institutions are considered and compared. Participating students gain insight into the role of the institutions, arbitration procedure, and trends in international arbitration in Asia.

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**Strategic International Business Consulting**

**By:** Professor Akira Saito (main instructor) & Mr Jeff Leong (guest lecturer)

**Theme & Objective of the course:** This course is designed not only for future lawyers but also for students who would like to be businesspersons, dealing with the strategy of using corporate law for expanding businesses to overseas countries. The contents not only cover the legal aspect but also commercial interest. Also, the skills of negotiation and cross-cultural communication will be explained based on practical experience. Mr Jeff Leong, who has been working mainly in the M&A field, and other legal corporate-related practices in Asia will be presenting the lecture. He is also the former chairperson of the Business Law Section of LAWASIA (The Law Society of Asia and the Pacific).

**Presentation Workshop 1: Corporate Legal Practice**

**By:** Assistant Professor Cindy Cheong

**Theme & Objective of the course:** Using Malaysia's legal corporate practice as its base the aim of the course will be to equip students who wish to enter into corporate legal practice with the basic knowledge of the types of transactions that takes place in the business world including the attributes required of a good business lawyer. Since Malaysia is also known as a pot of melting cultures; the class will also touch on Malaysia's business and local culture. Students who are considering an internship in Malaysia will find this class beneficial for their future reference

**WTO Moot Workshop**

**By:** Professor Fujio Kawashima

**Theme & Objective of the course:** In this workshop, participants prepare for the ELSA Moot Court Competition (EMC2) 2015 and actually participate in it (the EMC2 is a simulated hearing of the World Trade Organization dispute settlement system. For more details, visit <http://elsamootcourt.elsa.org/about/about-emc2/>). It provides participants with the opportunity to obtain practical experience of trade litigations in English for students who wish to be active in international litigations. Its final goal is that participants understand: How the WTO dispute settlement procedures proceed; How the panels and the Appellate Body interpret the WTO agreements and how disputing members should develop legal arguments which would be persuasive to them.



Test your vocabulary! Pick the correct answer:

**1 Common Law**

A: Part of English Law that is derived from custom and juridical precedent rather than statutes; B: System of law predominant in the European continent historically influenced by that of ancient Rome; or C: System of law concerned with the punishment of offenders

**2 Impeach**

A: An exceptionally good or attractive person or thing; B: Summon by telephone; or C: call into question the integrity or validity of (a practise)

Answers:  
 (1) A – e.g. Malaysia's legal system is based on the common law system.  
 (2) C – e.g. there is no desire to impeach the privileges of the House of Commons

Please refer to **Page 4** for the application details on the **GMAP in Law Course**

# Application for the GMAP in Law Course

Students wishing to apply for the GMAP in Law Course, may find the details for the course and application procedures on the Kobe University Graduate School of Law & Faculty of Law website at

[http://www.law.kobe-u.ac.jp/kobe\\_univ\\_global/english/admission/graduate.html](http://www.law.kobe-u.ac.jp/kobe_univ_global/english/admission/graduate.html).

Admission requirements include the submission of your test score for an English proficiency test (e.g. TOEIC, TOEFL, IELTS etc.); a research plan of 1,500 words; and an interview (via Skype for foreign students).

Foreign students are welcome to apply for this programme!

## TOLES (Test of Legal English Skills)

We are pleased to announce that Kobe University has been appointed as an official TOLES test centre. The Graduate School of Law provides Legal English courses so students will have the opportunity to take exams on campus and obtain the internationally recognised TOLES legal English certificate.

For more information on TOLES please see the TOLES website at [www.toleslegal.com](http://www.toleslegal.com) or feel free to contact Professor Keith Carpenter at [keith@people.kobe-u.ac.jp](mailto:keith@people.kobe-u.ac.jp)

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