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The Role of Comparative and Foreign Law in Domestic Legal Issues
Using Contemporary Labor Law

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DATE: February 26, 2015
TIME: 3:30 pm
LOCATION Room 254

Synopsis:

This talk will focus on the role and significance of comparative and foreign law in solving compelling issues facing Japan and the business world today. With labor laws as his central focus, Professor Hanami plans to illustrate the traps of parochialism, language, terminology, and ethnocentrism, and will discuss whether foreign law could or should be used in resolving domestic dispute issues. Questions to be raised and discussed in this talk include:

1) Is there convergence or divergence on key issue like ADR or human/labor rights, or are "universal standards" just a contrivance of Western hegemony?
2) Can cross-border business accompanying globalization be regulated without a global understanding of legal and non-legal approaches used in regulation?

RSVP By Wednesday, 2/25/2014. Refreshment will be provided if RSVP received by this date. RSVP to: Dana Lum (denokawa@hawaii.edu)

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