

“Measuring the Rule of Law”

University of Texas Law School Conference (co-sponsored by USC-Cal Tech Center on the Study of Law & Politics)

All programs are in the Eidman Courtroom, UT Law School, 2nd floor, CCJ 2.306

Friday, March 26

12:00 – 1:30 p.m. Lunch for participants

1:30 p.m. – 1:45: Introduction

1:45 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.: **Panel #1**

Mat McCubbins (USC Law & Business) & Dan Rodriguez (Texas Law), *“The Rule of Law Unplugged”*

Lydia Tiede (Houston Poli Sci) & Stephan Haggard (UCSD Internat’l Relations), *“The Rule of Law and Economic Growth: Where are We?”*

Discussants: Frank Upham (NYU); Georg Vanberg (UNC)

3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.: **Panel #2**

Tom Ginsburg (U. Chicago Law) & Zachary Elkins (Texas Gov’t), *“On the Interpretability of Law: Lessons from the Decoding of National Constitutions”*

Frank Cross & Stefanie Lindquist (Texas Law, Gov’t, & Business), *“Stability, Predictability and the Rule of Law: Stare Decisis as Reciprocity Norm”*

Discussants: Roger Noll (Stanford Econ) ; Rui de Figueiredo (UC Berkeley Business)

Saturday, March 27

8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.: Light breakfast

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.: **Panel #3**

Paul Horwitz (Alabama Law), “*Democracy as the Rule of Law*”

Jeff Staton (Emory Poli Sci), “*Judicial Independence and the Democratic Order*”

Discussants: Jack Knight (Duke Poli Sci & Law); Mitch Berman (Texas Law)

10:45 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.: **Roundtable**

John Ferejohn (NYU Law & Poli Sci), Larry Sager (Texas Law), Frank Upham (NYU Law)

Brief comments, followed by general discussion by conferees and audience

12:15: Lunch [in the Sheffield Room]