

**Law and Economics Seminar**  
**Harvard Law School**  
**Fall 2004 (Course #96200-11)**

**Meetings will be on Tuesdays in Pound 201 from 4:30-6:00 pm\***

- Sep. 14      **Steven Shavell** (HLS) Introduction: Economics of Litigation (Chapter 17 of Foundations of Economic Analysis of Law) (*students only*)
- Sep. 21      **George Triantis**\*\* and **Robert Scott** (University of Virginia), Embedded Options and the Case Against Compensation in Contract Law
- Sep. 28      **Robert Bone** (Boston University School of Law), Enforcement Costs and Trademarks
- Oct. 05      **Lucian Bebchuk**\*\* (HLS), **Alma Cohen** (Analysis Group), & **Allen Ferrell**\*\* (HLS), What Matters in Corporate Governance
- Oct. 12      **John de Figueiredo**\*\* (MIT / Princeton) & **Elizabeth Garrett** (University of Southern California), Paying for Politics
- Oct. 19      **Richard Posner** (US Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit), The Law and Economics of Contract Interpretation
- Oct. 26      **FLY-OUT WEEK**
- Nov. 02      **Steven Shavell**\*\* (HLS) & **A. Mitchell Polinsky** (Stanford), Punitive Damages: An Economic Analysis and Mathias vs. Motel 6 (*students only*)
- Nov. 09      **Alan Sykes**\*\* & **Eric Posner** (University of Chicago), Optimal War and Jus Ad Bellum
- Nov. 16      **Theodore Eisenberg** (Cornell, visiting HLS Fall 2004), Class Actions: Myth and Reality
- Nov. 23      **Steven Shavell** (HLS), Canadian Law Case (on welfare fraud) and Foundations of Economic Analysis of Law, Chapters 20 & 21 (*students only*)
- Nov. 30      **Steven Shavell** (HLS), The Law as Remedy for the Problem of Contractual Holdup
- Dec. 07      **Louis Kaplow** (HLS), Optimal Income Transfers

Also, two evening sessions\*\*\* for students only will be held in Pound 201 on Monday, October 18<sup>th</sup> and Thursday, November 18<sup>th</sup>. Each will commence at 6:00 p.m. and end by 9:00 p.m. Pizza will be served for dinner.

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\*For those not enrolled in the seminar who need copies of a paper, please visit the course website at: <http://courses.law.harvard.edu:8080> Log in using “guest” for your log in name and password, click on “courses” tab, enter “Sem: Law and Economics” in the search box), or contact Karl Coleman (496-1670, [kcoleman@law.harvard.edu](mailto:kcoleman@law.harvard.edu).)

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\*\*\* Evening session papers can be found on the next page

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- Oct. 18      Presentation #1, **Katie Kerr**, Making Peace with Criminals: An Economic Approach to Assessing Punishment Issues in the Colombian Peace Process
- Oct. 18      Presentation #2, **Steven Shavell** (HLS), Basic Theory of Litigation (Chapter 17 of Foundations of Economics Analysis of Law, Harvard University Press, 2004)
- Nov. 18      Presentation #1, **Yuval Procaccia**, Optimal Promises and Optimal Reliance in Precontractual Negotiations
- Nov. 18      Presentation #2, **Daniel B. Kelly**, The Law and Economics of “Public Use” in Eminent Domain