Director's Speaker Series

Kristen Stilt

“Constitutional Islam: Genealogies, Transmissions, and Meanings”

Thursday, April 11, 2013
12:10 p.m.
Faculty Lounge, 314 Drinko Hall
55 W 12th Ave, Columbus, OH 43210

To register for this event, please RSVP to Susan Edwards at edwards.633@osu.edu by Tuesday, April 9, 2013.

Kristen Stilt is professor of law at Northwestern University School of Law and an affiliated faculty member in the History Department. Her research interests are the historical development and practice of Islamic law as well as contemporary manifestations and applications of law that is presented as Islamic.

She is author of Islamic Law in Action: Authority, Discretion, and Everyday Experiences in Mamluk Egypt (Oxford University Press, 2011) and co-editor of the forthcoming Oxford Handbook of Islamic Law. Prior to joining Northwestern University in 2007, she was an assistant professor at University of Washington in the law school and the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations. One of her current projects, for which she was named a Carnegie Scholar, studies the constitutional establishment of Islam as the state religion in Morocco, Egypt, and Malaysia.

She received her law degree from University of Texas School of Law, where she was an associate editor of Texas Law Review and co-editor-in-chief of Texas Journal of Women and the Law. Her PhD (2004) in history and Middle Eastern studies is from Harvard University. After law school, she worked for three years as an associate at Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen and Hamilton in the Washington, DC, and Moscow offices, and also worked at the UN High Commissioner for Refugees office in Moscow.