

The First Time for China to Host 2017 International Symposium on Global Health Law in Guilin



The delegates at the 2017 International Symposium on Global Health Law took a group photo on July 2nd, 2017, in Guilin city, China.

In order to further promote the level of global health governance and encourage the global health law research, the 2017 International Symposium on Global Health Law was held in Guilin city, China from July 2nd to July 3rd, 2017. The organizer of the symposium was Central South University, China. The symposium was jointly hosted by Institute of Medical and Health Law of Central South University, O'Neill Institute for National & Global Health Law of Georgetown University, and the Global Health Law Research Centre of the University of Groningen (GHLG). The theme of this symposium was "Global medical health and relevant legal issues". Altogether over 80 academic papers were accepted, and more than 80 experts from the colleges and universities, research institutes, and law practice departments in the world attended the symposium and made a comprehensive discussion on the theme listed above. The experts were from Central South University, China; Georgetown University, US; Groningen University, the Netherlands; Yale University, US; Harvard University, US; Temple University, US; Hokkaido University, Japan; Taiwan University, China; Tsinghua University, China; Peking University, China.



The opening ceremony of the symposium
on the morning of July 2nd , 2017

The opening ceremony was the first stage of the symposium which was held on the morning of July 2nd. Leaders and guests present at the opening ceremony were as follows: Xiang He, member of the Standing Committee of Guilin Municipal People's Congress, vice mayor of Guilin city; Yi Bai, the director of Office of International Cooperation and Exchange in Central South University; Prof. Lawrence Gostin, the founder and director of O'Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law, the director of World Health Organization Collaborating Center on Public Health Law & Human Rights, Georgetown University Law Center; Prof. Brigit Toebe, Groningen University; Prof. Gil Mor, the division director of the Reproductive Science Division at the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, Yale University School of Medicine; Dafang, Huang, Chairman of Guilin Fuhui Health Industry Investment Co., Ltd. Prof. Yunliang Chen, the dean of Law School and the director of Institute of Medical and Health Law of Central South University, hosted the opening ceremony.

The founder and director of O'Neill Institute for National and Global Health Law, the director of World Health Organization Collaborating Center on Public Health Law & Human Rights, Georgetown University Law Center Prof. Lawrence Gostin said in his speech that the global health law research was absolutely vital for providing solutions to international health and wellness problems, along with his sincere gratitude to the sponsor and organizers of this symposium. And he wished he would have more opportunities to communicate with the Chinese health law scholars in the future.



Georgetown University Law Center
Prof. Lawrence Gostin

The director of the Office of International Cooperation and Exchange Yi Bai stated in his address that 2017 was an important year to carry out the theme

of National Health and wellness Conference and to carry through the “13th five-year plan” of deepening the health care system reform in China, and also the key year to construct the basic frame of medical care and health system and to accomplish staged tasks of reforming the pharmaceutical and health care system in China; and it could be predicted that holding the first International Symposium on Global Health Law would promote the development of global health law research in China.



The director of the Office of International
Cooperation and Exchange Yi Bai

The vice mayor in Guilin city Xiang He said in his remarks, holding the symposium was the accumulation of wisdom and hard work from the health law scholars and experts in the world, and would contribute the wisdom to reforming pharmaceutical and health care system and to implementing global health governance strategy in China. He also said health care industry had become an important developing direction of Guilin city and he hoped the participating experts and scholars could offer beneficial suggestions for medical and health services in Guilin city.



The vice mayor in Guilin city Xiang He

The chairman of Guangxi Bilian Investment Co., Ltd and Guilin Fuhui Health Industry Investment Co., Ltd , Dafang Huang delivered a welcome speech to participants and declared that it was an important measure for the enterprises assuming social responsibility to take an active part in building a

platform of academic communication and it was a great honor to co- sponsor the symposium.



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After the opening ceremony, the symposium had been divided into two parts: keynote speech and Panel Speech. Three professors including Prof. Zheng Xie from Peking University, Prof. Guoqing Hu from Central South University, and Prof. Brigit Toebes from Groningen University hosted the keynote speeches part respectively; and ten guests in all delivered the keynote speeches.



Peking University Prof. Zheng Xie

Georgetown University Law Center Prof. Lawrence Gostin discussed the development of public health law in the 21st century from the perspective of right-to-health.



Georgetown University Law Center
Prof. Lawrence Gostin

Yale University School of Medicine Prof. Gil Mor explored the evolution of cancer all over the world. From the perspective of global health governance, he proposed the ideal path of cancer prevention and treatment.



Yale University School of Medicine Prof. Gil Mor

Groningen University Prof. Brigit Toebes analyzed the significance of international Law for protection of health and pointed out it was necessary to strictly implement the content related to protection of health in international law.



Groningen University Prof. Brigit Toebes

Temple University Prof. Scott Burris analyzed the research methods of trans-disciplinary public health Law and pointed out that doing trans-disciplinary behavior was the gateway to the public health law researches.



Temple University Prof. Scott Burris

Central South University Prof. Yunliang Chen analyzed the situation of global health governance, and pointed out that the efficient global health governance framework had not been formed yet, and China would take a more important role in global health governance for its special advantages.



Central South University Prof. Yunliang Chen

Tim Xiaoming Hu, a researcher in Assisted Reproduction Center of Harvard University, introduced the cutting-edge gene detection techniques, cancer detection techniques and high quality prenatal and postnatal care techniques and their influences; and he pointed out the key role of scientific approaches in assisted reproduction process .



Tim Xiaoming Hu, a researcher in Assisted Reproduction

Center of Harvard University

Taiwan University Prof. Maw-in Tsai discussed the advantages and disadvantages of the system of national health insurance in Taiwan, and he introduced some improvement methods.



Taiwan University Prof. Maw-in Tsai

Hokkaido University Prof. Yoshida Kunihiro made a comparative analysis of health care financing system in Japan, U.S and China, and pointed out the fundamental human right to medical care was the cornerstone of medical insurance system in all countries.



Hokkaido University Prof. Yoshida Kunihiro

Central South University Xiangya School of Public Health Prof. Guoqing Hu evaluated the effectiveness of drunk-driving law in China based on two open access data sources, and he pointed out the establishment of drunk-driving law in China should be based on legal principle analysis and scientific data.



Central South University Xiangya School of Public Health

Prof. Guoqing Hu

The panel speech part of the symposium started on the morning of July 3, 2017. Over 20 scholars and experts on health law made their speeches, specifically as follows: Shandong University of Traditional Chinese Medicine Prof. Xiju, Zhao; Shandong University of Politics and Law Prof. Yan Li; Southwest University of Political Science and Law A/Prof. Yi Wei; Shandong University, A/Prof. Xiuqin, Shen; Sun Yat-sen University A/Prof. Ruwei Hu; Tsinghua University Graduate School at Shenzhen A/Prof. Juan He; Jilin University A/Prof. Chang Liu, University of Macau Ass.Prof. Yixuan Xiao; East China University of Political Science and Law Ass.Prof. Xiaofu, Li; Groningen University, PhD Candidate Yi Zhang.

Sun Yat-sen University A/Prof. Ruwei Hu took the Belt and Road (B&R) perspective as theoretical analysis background and pointed out the new trend of Global health development under the influence of the relevant coordination mechanism, and also she did research on the functioning of soft law in the process.

Southwest University of Political Science and Law A/Prof. Yi Wei analyzed AFR assessment on China's new medical reform plan-making process and believed it was significant to build an accountable health policy-making process through Data assessment.

East China University of Political Science and Law Ass.Prof. Xiaofu, Li took the findings from a Survey in Chinese mainland courts as a basis, and pointed out it was necessary to further divide the criminal responsibility of post-traumatic stress disorder (ptsd) patients into different types and set up corresponding standards.

Shanghai University of Political Science and Law, A/Prof. Yinjian, Chen discussed the fragment of global health governance, and provided the ways of building an integrated global health governance regime with more comprehensive and holistic approaches.

Tianjin Medical University Lecturer Jing Hao talked about the prevention and control of non-infectious diseases with tobacco related trade cases under the multilateral trade system from the perspective of tobacco control; and she stated that the control of non-infectious diseases should rely on both strengthening domestic legislation regulation and achieving international coordination of relevant measures.

Graduate School at Shenzhen, Tsinghua University A/Prof. Juan He analyzed impact of TRIPS agreement on Indian patent system and pharmaceutical industry, and as a reference he claimed that China's pharmaceutical industry should pay more attention to the understanding of the TRIPS agreement, and then carried through the self-development of legal protection.

University of Macau Ass. Prof. Yixuan Xiao focused on the influences of the 3D bioprinting products-patent eligibility and discussed the influence of modern science on the development of drug industry.

Guangzhou Medical University A/Prof. Xirong Xu took a global view of the training mode of health legal talents in Anglo-American law system, and he suggested that the training modes of multi-disciplinary crossing, the combination of teaching and practice were the basic characteristics of the cultivation of health legal talents. Therefore, domestic universities should learn from the experience discussed above and improve the education model.

Groningen University PhD Candidate Yi Zhang evaluated progress towards universal health coverage(UHC) in China from the basic nature and characteristics of the right-to-health; and pointed out at present UHC needed to be improved to realize the right-to-health.

Dean of Guangxi University Law School, Prof. Chao Jiang, the Peking Union Medical College Prof. Suli Sui, Shandong University of Politics and Law Prof.

Aiyan, Zhang, Hubei University of Traditional Chinese Medicine Prof. Min, Zhao, Xiangtan University Law School A/Prof. Qingshan Zhou made wonderful comments respectively.



Meeting room 1



Meeting room 2

On noon, July 3rd, 2017, after a day and a half of heated discussion, the closing ceremony was held. Groningen University Prof. Brigit Toebe worked as the host. In her speech, she praised the huge success of the symposium, and she was greatly encouraged to see that many famous scholars from different countries were invited to attend the symposium, and over 80 professors assembled at the symposium to have an in-depth discussion of the global health law issues. She was inspired by the speeches of each experts, and accordingly made a wonderful comment on the symposium with ten questions to share with the delegates and to cast light for the future global health law research, as described next: (1) What is global health law, what are its scope and implications? (2) What are the role and position of human rights, ethics, governance, and other related disciplines in global health law? (3) What are the implications of global health law for domestic healthcare settings?(4) What can we learn from other countries like Japan, Taiwan, and the Netherlands when it comes to

domestic health law? (5) How can we measure the effectiveness of health laws in a transdisciplinary manner?(6) How do we balance care and prevention?(7) How to best organize health insurance? Public or private, or a mix? (8)Against the backdrop of an ageing population, the rising cost of medicine and care, and the increase in non-communicable diseases; how to reduce cost whilst maintaining equality in access to care?(9) How to reduce overconsumption of medical services? (10) How to encourage healthy lifestyle paying due attention to the autonomy, privacy and self-determination of individuals?

Central South University Xiangya School of Public Health Prof. Guoqing Hu made the academic summary of the symposium: on one hand, a real interdisciplinary crossing had been realized at the symposium with each paper having its special value; on the other hand, through taking advantage of every subject and international communication, new challenges and problems home and abroad had been explored.

Eight Young talent excellent papers had been awarded at the symposium. The dean of Central South University Law School, Prof. Yunliang Chen read out the titles of award-winning papers and their authors. The awards had been delivered to the recipients who then posed for a group photo. Finally, Prof. Yunliang Chen delivered a closing speech, and he concluded that a great power must participate in global health governance and the research on global health law was a major demand for China. He also wished the participants would strengthen Global health law research to promote global health governance in China.





The group photo of Prof. Yunliang Chen, Prof. Brigit Toebes, Prof. Guoqing Hu and the first prize winner Ass.Prof. Xiaofu, Li.

The First International Symposium on Global Health Law was a grand gathering of the foreign and domestic scholars and professors in the health law field. And it created an interdisciplinary global health law exchange platform for experts, professors, scholars, medical workers, and lawyers from the colleges and universities, research institutes, enterprises and public institutions in the world. The delegates discussed together the new issues of global health governance and the rule of law, which indicates the beginning of a new field of global health law in China and will definitely raise the global health law research level of China and the world.