PEKING UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF TRANSNATIONAL LAW (STL) is unique in China and unique in the world. STL offers an American-style J.D. degree taught in English alongside a Chinese J.M. degree as well as an LL.M. degree taught in English. These degree programs are rich in courses emphasizing transnational law and practice, Chinese law and legal traditions, and other cutting-edge courses designed to equip STL graduates of all nationalities for leadership in the 21st century.
We welcome your interest in the Master of Laws (LL.M.) Program at Peking University’s School of Transnational Law (“STL”) on PKU’s stunning graduate campus in Shenzhen, China.

In 2007, the State Council of The People’s Republic of China authorized Peking University, one of the world’s great research universities, to undertake a bold and forward-looking experiment in legal education: the creation of a post-graduate law school offering both a common law Juris Doctor (J.D.) degree and a Chinese Juris Master (J.M.) degree. The next year saw the establishment of Peking University’s School of Transnational Law (“STL”) on PKU’s new graduate campus in Shenzhen, China. Starting in 2015, we will welcome our inaugural class of students for our Master of Laws (LL.M.) Program. Our LL.M. is taught entirely in English by our multinational faculty of expert scholars and practitioners in Chinese and Western law and legal traditions.

STL’s LL.M. program is unique in China and in the world. It combines courses in transnational law, Western and Chinese law and legal traditions, complex transnational business transactions, and dispute resolution. Studying in Shenzhen, with its close proximity to Hong Kong, offers students the opportunity to study in the world’s fastest growing transnational economy and in the only metropolitan area where the world’s great legal systems--Chinese, civil law, common law, Communist traditions--are meeting and merging in ways likely to influence the next century of transborder conduct.

STL graduates are highly sought after for positions with leading domestic and multinational law firms, corporations, and NGOs as well as in government positions. LL.M. graduates will gain knowledge and skills that will equip them for transnational scholarship and practice and to be leaders in 21st century China and their home countries.

We look forward to welcoming you to the STL community if you feel capable and ready to experience our rigorous program and join this elite group. Importantly, although our educational program is demanding, our community is friendly, with accessible professors and students who value a mutually supportive community.

Philip J. McConnaughay
Dean, Peking University School of Transnational Law
Vice Chancellor, Peking University Shenzhen Graduate Campus
STL is located in Shenzhen in Guangdong Province’s Pearl River Delta, a region that boasts China’s fastest-growing economy. Within Shenzhen, we are situated in the picturesque neighborhood of University Town in the Nanshan District of Shenzhen. Fronted by Tanglang Mountain and shaded by countless varieties of trees native to Guangdong Province, our campus is set amidst a beautiful landscape of tropical foliage. We are roughly twenty minutes away from downtown Shenzhen with its glittering central business district and modern Civic Center. Geographically and economically, Shenzhen is also closely integrated with Hong Kong, with which it shares a border. Extensive public transportation options links the two cities – from downtown, one may visit Hong Kong via bus, metro, and ferry. With a combined GDP of more than $650 billion, the Shenzhen-Hong Kong region is one of the largest metropolitan areas in the world.

SHENZHEN
A fast-growing metropolis of 12 million people, Shenzhen has been on a steady rise since it was established as China’s first Special Economic Zone in 1979. Now, Shenzhen is not only a major commercial hub of China’s most populous province, Guangdong, but also a market leader within all of China. The city is a lodestar for the biotechnology, logistics, Internet, and new energy industries of China, and innovating companies such as Huawei, BYD, and Tencent are headquartered here. As an innovative and pioneer city, Shenzhen is never satisfied with its past achievements. The city newly launched a revolutionary project known as the Qianhai Shenzhen-Hong Kong Modern Service Industry Cooperation Zone, to become China’s next global financial services hub.

HONG KONG
Hong Kong is closely connected with Shenzhen. Hong Kong ranks the third most important leading international financial center, after London and New York City, and it has a major capitalist service economy characterized by low taxation and free trade, and the currency, Hong Kong dollar, is the eighth most traded currency in the world. The lack of space caused demand for denser constructions, which developed the city to a center for modern architecture and the world’s most vertical city. Hong Kong has one of the highest per capita incomes in the world. Extensive public transportation options link the Shenzhen and Hong Kong – from downtown, one may visit Hong Kong via bus, metro, and ferry, although a customs and immigration inspection is required.
Peking University (PKU) was founded in 1898 and was the first national university to cover comprehensive disciplines and has been a leading institution of higher education in China since its establishment. Today, PKU is one of the most distinguished research universities in the world. The Times of Higher Education has named PKU the number 1 university in China, the number 1 university in all BRICs nations, the number 4 university in all of Asia, and the 46th most academically renowned university in the world.
STL’s signature J.D./J.M. dual degree program and LL.M. program are innovative and rigorous. The J.D. curriculum, which is taught entirely in English, is similar in content to the J.D. curriculums of the best U.S. law schools, with additional depth in Chinese legal history and law. The J.M. curriculum provides core Chinese law courses and is taught largely in Chinese. Most Chinese students enroll in STL’s dual degree J.D./J.M. program; most international students enroll in STL’s three-year J.D. program. The LL.M. program for foreign students consists of full-time study that provides students with deep knowledge and understanding of Chinese and Western law and legal traditions and with the practical skills necessary for cross-cultural success.

These curricula emphasize lawyering skills and knowledge for the 21st century: (i) transnational law and practice, (ii) cross-cultural competence, and (iii) the professional responsibilities of lawyers in these contexts. No law school anywhere better equips graduates for private sector, public sector, or public interest legal work in China, the United States, the United Kingdom, or British Commonwealth nations.
SELECT COURSE LISTINGS

INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL ARBITRATION
The course starts with an overview addressing the concept of international commercial arbitration and other ADR methods, the history of arbitration, and the various arbitral institutions that are active at the international level. It then deals with the agreement to arbitrate, applicable law, the establishment and powers of the arbitral tribunal, the conduct of arbitral proceedings, and the role of national courts. The course concludes with a discussion of the arbitral award, the challenge and setting aside of an award, and the recognition and enforcement of an award in other countries.

ECONOMIC ANALYSIS OF CORPORATE LAW
In this course, students learn how law, economics, and finance can explain the real world and propose norms that society should follow. Topics include the efficient market hypothesis, behavioral finance, law and economic development, issues related to Delaware incorporation, M&A, large business groups, financial crisis, and securities markets.

TRANSNATIONAL REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS
The class presents a series of problem simulations built around diverse, realistic business situations for mock clients. These exercises are designed to promote skills in forming questions, identifying issues, and developing responsive strategies for each project scenario. Topics may include structuring, transactional goals, due diligence, letters of intent, memoranda of understanding and similar preliminary documentation, and deal implementation.

DRAFTING BILINGUAL CONTRACTS
The course reviews and discusses many specific examples of ambiguity. Students will learn to identify the various forms of ambiguity in bilingual contracts (and English-only contracts) and how to eliminate them.

CROSS CULTURAL NEGOTIATION
In this course we will review the theory related to negotiation, develop skill in using a context sensitive model of preparing for and conducting negotiations, and work through exercises and mock negotiations that allow the students to put into practice what they have learned.

INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS LAW
This course examines the primary instruments and international jurisprudence undergirding international human rights law, with a deliberate sociological and contextual reference to the development of numerous multilateral and regional institutions, plural ideologies and political theories, as well as the idiosyncratic practices of this particular specialized regime within the general normative trajectory of modern international law.

THE WTO & CHINA
This course examines the structure and process of accession, China’s WTO rights and obligations, participation in the WTO, notably in the dispute settlement mechanism, implementation and impact of WTO law, and implications for international trade and global trade governance. It combines analysis of many WTO cases involving China, other country case studies, and a focus on the major dilemmas of law today.

EUROPEAN UNION LAW
This course provides a thorough introduction to EU law and institutions and key EU policies, including external relations. Topics include: the development of European integration; the EU single market and the free movement of goods, persons, services and capital; competition law; economic and monetary union; citizenship and human rights; equal treatment of men and women; environmental protection; so-called ‘new governance’; external relations; foreign policy; relations between the EU and the WTO; and relations between the EU and China.

CLIENT-LAWYER INTERACTIONS
The goal of the course will be to put the students through several “real life” experiences and situations of lawyer/client interaction. Students might initially be destabilized by the apparent unpreparedness of both clients and lawyers, the fact that clients might not be transparent or even reliable in their description of facts, circumstances or intentions. This will certainly be the case for “external” clients, but also for internal ones.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE FROM A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE
In order to understand the complicated world economy, it is the first step to understand a very modern organization, i.e., a corporation. Corporate governance is the subject that studies the conflict between managers and directors, shareholders, and other stakeholders.

The academic experience at STL does not simply start and end with our course catalog. Campus life at the School of Transnational Law is always full of engaging and educational activities. STL boasts a vibrant scholarly environment with regular events at STL featuring dynamic guests and speakers, and more than 35 student organizations and academic societies flourish on campus, catering to a broad range of subjects and interests.
STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

Intellectual Property Association (IPA)
IPA is a non-profit students’ association and professional organization that provides a great platform for communication for IP professionals and students who are interested in this field. IPA has built sound relationships with large and medium-size enterprises from Guangdong and Hong Kong, as well as local government and law firms.

Society of Women in Law (SWL)
SWL is born with the mission to promote the interests of STL students, both women and men, and also strives to exert a positive influence on campus for all students. As a career-oriented organization, SWL works on a bilingual basis, and explores ways for members to practice their soft skills through well-designed projects and high standards of work.

Public Interest Law Foundation (PILF)
PILF is dedicated to facilitating access for STL students to engage in public interest work, while in law school and after graduation, in all capacities. PILF promotes its goals by fundraising and sponsoring public interest events to educate STL students about the rewarding career possibilities in public interest law.

STL itself means diversity and unlimited possibilities. It inherits Peking University’s glorious traditions, but it also commits itself to innovation, reform and internalization. These diverse and advanced academic ideals create unlimited possibilities: students here are exposed to the advanced teaching methods, interdisciplinary studies and transnational culture.

Tianyuan Zheng, Class of 2015

RENOVED SPEAKERS

• Anthony Kennedy, Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court
• Sang-Hyun Song, President of the International Criminal Court
• Jon Huntsman, former U.S. Ambassador to China
• Harry Edwards, Former Chief Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit
• William Fletcher, Judge of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit
• Judy Chu, U.S. Representative for the 27th District of California
• Kemal Bokhary, Judge of the Hong Kong Court of Final Appeal
• John Sexton, President of New York University
• Swithin Munyantwali, Executive Director of the African Centre for Legal Excellence
• Paul Demaret, Former Rector of the College of Europe
• Michael Posner, Former U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human Rights, and Labor
• Michael Greco, Former President of the American Bar Association
• Mark Rosenbaum, Legal Director of the ACLU of Southern California
DISTINGUISHED FACULTY

The law school’s multinational faculty includes world-renowned scholars and practitioners from China, the U.S., the E.U., and elsewhere. STL’s faculty consists of full-time resident academic faculty with diverse legal experiences and expertise and varied academic interests; faculty members and visiting professors whose professional background have been primarily in the practice of law and have worked in transnational law firms; and visiting professors who teach at prestigious universities from all over the world.

At STL, we do research to provide the understanding and wisdom to solve the challenges facing China and the world. STL aims to lead in transnational and Chinese legal studies.

THE CENTER FOR LEGAL RESEARCH

The Center for Legal Research is committed to be a world-class research center supporting the unique STL curriculum and the scholarship and teaching of STL faculty. The collection has a special emphasis on transnational, U.S. and Chinese law, and consists of thousands of volumes available in print or accessible through electronic databases. Our faculty and students have access to major databases such as Westlaw, LexisNexis, ChinaLawInfo, CNKI, Oxford Journals Collection and HeinOnline both on campus and off-campus. The Center also explores innovative technologies to deliver information, such as e-books. The Center offers research assistance and instruction to all its patrons though workshops and courses on legal research.

THE CENTER FOR RESEARCH ON TRANSNATIONAL LAW (CTL)

CTL is the first university based research center, not only in China, but in the whole of the Asia-Pacific Region that is dedicated to the study of Transnational Law. International and regional economic integration and trade, the information technology and communications revolution, the internationalization and fragmentation of production, and the increasing movement of goods, people and services, intellectual property, and investment have created new regulatory needs and posed challenges to traditional legal thinking and categorizations of law, legal institutions, and legal processes. Transnational Law serves as a concept to overcome the traditional limitations of perspective in legal scholarship and policy research.
**STL GRADUATES** are highly sought after for positions with leading multinational law firms and corporations, leading Chinese law firms and corporations, major state owned enterprises, and leading international NGOs. They emerge from their years of study as lawyers uniquely equipped for leadership in today’s inter-connected world, with deep knowledge and understanding of Chinese and Western law and legal traditions and with the practical skills necessary for cross-cultural success. In 2013, 96% of our graduates were employed or enrolled in an advanced degree program.

Studying at STL helped me greatly in looking for working placements abroad. The cutting-edge curriculum developed by STL, such as International Business Transaction, International Project Finance, Cross-Cultural Negotiation and Intercultural Competence for Lawyers, has prepared me not only as a competent transnational lawyer, but also ‘a citizen of the world.’

*Derek Zhaoke Zhu, Class of 2014*
Earn a Master of Laws (LL.M.)
that offers deep expertise in China Law and transnational law at one of the world’s leading universities, in one of the world’s most vibrant and innovative economies, where China law, civil law and common law meet and the nature of legal services is changing and expanding dramatically in novel ways: Peking University’s School of Transnational Law in Shenzhen, China.

Experience

- an English language curriculum taught by a distinguished multinational faculty
- a curriculum rich in China, U.S., E.U. and transnational law
- a tuition and cost of living that are low in comparison to other leading law schools
- PKU’s beautiful Shenzhen Graduate Campus, just a few miles from Hong Kong
- a prestigious degree from the #1 university in China, the #4 university in Asia, and one of the top 50 universities in the world.
COURSEWORK

Like the LL.M. programs offered by the best U.S. law schools, PKU STL's LL.M. program for foreign students will consist of one year of full-time study. The curriculum will be designed to emphasize skills and knowledge for the 21st Century: (i) transnational law and practice; (ii) cross-cultural competence; and (3) the professional responsibilities of lawyers in these contexts.

LL.M. courses will be offered on the basis of PKU STL’s pre-existing English language J.D. and J.M. courses. Because LL.M. candidates will already have first degrees in law and professional interests that are likely more focused than J.D./J.M. candidates, each LL.M. candidate is likely to tailor his or her course selection according to their particular interests. Specialized offerings in Chinese legal history and law will enable students to acquire a deep understanding of the cultural traditions and modern developments of China today.

ADMISSIONS

Application procedures and announcements can be found online at http://www.stl.pku.edu.cn.

APPLICATION DEADLINE
The application for fall 2015 admission will be available from September 2014 and the deadline for application submission for Fall 2015 registration is April 15, 2015.

APPLICATION FEE
The application fee is 800 RMB. Please note that that application fee is waived for the inaugural LL.M. class that begins in August, 2015.

TUITION FEE
The tuition for the whole program is 176,000 RMB. STL is committed to making the program accessible for qualified candidates and there are a limited number of international fellowships available. Applicants are also encouraged to consider scholarships for which they are qualified.