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Eric Au Memorial Lecture

**New Directions in
Comparative Legal Education**

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Room LG105, LG1 Floor, KK Leung Building, University of Hong Kong

Many law schools around the world are now assessing the consequences of globalization on the training of the next generation of lawyers. In areas where different legal cultures are constantly interacting, such as Canada and China, this is both an old and urgent issue. The increased mobility of people, business and legal services now requires programs of legal education that explore and account for the diversity of legal cultures, languages and traditions. In a research-intensive institution, this emerging paradigm also points to a critical understanding of legal phenomena that is not bound by geography or jurisdiction. The presentation will explore different models for a comparative legal education, including the novel and ambitious McGill Program, in which civil law and common law are taught together from the first year of law school, in a bilingual setting.

Daniel Jutras is Wainwright Professor of Civil Law and Dean of the Faculty of Law at McGill University, where he has taught since 1985. An expert in the comparative study of the Law of Obligations and Civil Procedure, Dean Jutras holds law degrees from University of Montreal and Harvard University. Between 2002 and 2005, Daniel Jutras was on leave from McGill University, and served as principal secretary to the Chief Justice of Canada. Ten years ago, he was one of the key actors in the curricular reform that led to the shift of the McGill Program towards integrated and comparative legal studies.

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