

INTRODUCTION TO THE JEROME A. COHEN
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This Issue of the NYU *Journal of International Law and Politics* is dedicated to the career, life, and scholarship of Professor Jerome A. Cohen. Professor Cohen, a leading expert on East Asian law, joined the NYU law faculty in 1990. He sits as an adjunct senior fellow for Asia Studies on the Council on Foreign Relations, and he is the co-director of the U.S.-Asia Law Institute. His many publications include *The Criminal Process in the People's Republic of China, 1949-1963: An Introduction* (Harvard University Press, 1968); *The Dynamics of China's Foreign Relations* (co-author) (Praeger, 1971); *China's Legal Tradition* (editor) (Princeton University Press, 1980); and *Investment Law and Practice in Vietnam* (Longman Group, 1990). He is also an influential public intellectual, writing extensively for new media in the United States and Asia. Over the years, Professor Cohen has been a tremendous asset to the NYU law faculty, a trusted advisor to this journal, and a friend and ally to students and alumni who pursue careers in international or Chinese law.

To honor this legacy, the *Journal of International Law and Politics* began soliciting papers for the Jerome A. Cohen Prize in International Law and East Asia, in advance of Professor Cohen's 80th birthday on July 1, 2010. We received several high-quality submissions on a variety of topics, reflecting Professor Cohen's wide-ranging influence as a scholar and practitioner. The winning essay was selected by a committee of journal staff members with experience and expertise in Chinese law, comparative law, criminal law, legal history, or the law of trade and foreign investment.

The winning essay—*Controlling Abuse to Maintain Control: The Exclusionary Rule in China* by Margaret K. Lewis—is published here. The article is followed by three comments from practitioners and scholars in the field, each drawing on their own expertise to develop, challenge, and embellish Professor Lewis's insights. The article is also preceded by a brief tribute

by Professor Cohen's colleague, Frank K. Upham. Thus, with this Prize, the *Journal of International Law and Politics* aims to honor an outstanding contribution to the field by connecting it to a broader discussion and debate, and by connecting it to the legacy of Professor Cohen. And we also honor Professor Cohen by demonstrating the lasting influence of his own groundbreaking work.