OUTLINE OF TOPICS AND INITIAL SYLLABUS

This syllabus will give you an idea of what topics we will cover and in what order. There is also posted on BlackBoard an Introduction to the Course, which will give you the administrative details about exams, office hours, etc. The readings are subject to change as I find more appropriate or current material or I decide to bring in a guest speaker or student presentation. As changes are made, a revised syllabus will be posted so that by the end of the course, the posted syllabus will be an accurate record of what we have covered.

I have listed below and will post on BB more material than I will assign. In most cases, I have posted the entire text of articles even though we will discuss only the assigned portion. Some listed (and posted) reading materials may not be assigned at all, so please be attentive to the periodic specific assignments that I will provide by email well in advance of class. These assignments will also be posted on BB.

THEORETICAL FRAMEWORK

Class One, Thursday, January 24, 4-6 FH 118
Demsetz, Toward a Theory of Property Rights, pp. 1-15
Sanderson v. Pennsylvania Coal

Class Two, Thursday, January 31, 4-6 FH 118

**THE ENGLISH ENCLOSURE MOVEMENT**

*Class Three, Thursday, February 7, 4-6 FH 118*


*Class will not be held on February 14.*

*Class Four, Friday, February 21, 2-4 (Place TBD)*

Thompson, *Whigs and Hunters*, 245-70.

**19TH CENTURY AMERICAN INDUSTRIALIZATION**

*Class Five, Thursday, February 28, 4-6 FH 118*

*Palmer v. Mulligan*
*Parker & Edgerton v. Foote*

**TRANSITION TO MARKETS/CHINA**

*Classes Six to Eight, March 7, 14, and 28 4-6 FH 118*

1. Land Disputes
Liu Zhengyou, “I Am Telling the General Secretary and Premier the Truth,” April 2003 petition to General Party Secretary Hu Jintao and Premier Wen Jiabao.
Zigong land dispute chronology.
Excerpt from the constitution and property and land law-related laws and regulations (for reference).
2. The property law reform debate
Gong Xiantian, “A Property Law (Draft) that violates the constitution and basic principles of socialism. An open letter prompted by the annulment of section 12 of the constitution and section 73 of the General Rules of the Civil Law of 1986,” posted online on 12 August 2005 (excerpt);
Jiang Ping, comment on Gong Xiantian’s open letter at a meeting in 2006 (excerpt).

3. Chinese Property Rights in Perspective


FORMALITY/INFORMALITY AND LAND LAW: BRAZILIAN LAND RIGHTS AND BEYOND

Classes Nine and Ten, April 4 and 11, 4-6 FH 118


The Brazilian Constitution, Articles 184-186, Chapter III (Agricultural and Land Policy and Agrarian Reform).


**COLONIALIZATION/DE-COLONIALIZATION: KENYA**

Class Eleven/Twelve, Thursday, April 18, 4-6 FH 118 (This class will run an extra 50 minutes.)


**PROPERTY RIGHTS AND THE DIGITAL AGE**

Classes Twelve/Thirteen and Fourteen, Thursday, April 25 and May 2, 4-6 FH 118 (Class twelve/thirteen will run an extra 50 minutes.)

