



## Rededication Fact Sheet

### Event

Rededication of the Louis B. Sohn Library on International Relations, in its new home in the renovated Dean Rusk International Law Center

4-6 p.m. Monday, October 26, 2015, Larry Walker Room, top floor Dean Rusk Hall; reception & tours of Center to follow on main floor of Dean Rusk Hall

To be live-streamed at <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/ugalaw>, and subsequently available in web archive at <https://www.youtube.com/c/UGALawSchool>

### Purpose

An opportunity for the Georgia Law community to celebrate:

- The move of the **Louis B. Sohn Library on International Relations**. This library comprises 5,000 volumes donated from the personal collection of one of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century's most eminent international lawyers. Throughout the 1980s, Sohn was a beloved professor at Georgia Law, where he was the inaugural holder of the Emily & Ernest Woodruff Chair in International Law. He advised U.N. agencies and served as a president of the American Society of International Law, Vice President of the American Branch of the International Law Association, and Chair of the American Bar Association Section of International Law.
- The renovation of the library's new home, the **Dean Rusk International Law Center**. Named after another beloved professor, Dean Rusk, who joined the Georgia Law faculty after serving as Secretary of State to Presidents John F. Kennedy and Lyndon B. Johnson.

### Keynote

Dr. **Kannan Rajarathinam** (LLM 1988), Head of Office, United Nations Assistance Mission for Iraq, Basra, Iraq, will speak on "**The United Nations at 70: Pursuing Peace in the 21st Century**." The holder of degrees not only from the University of Georgia but also from the University of Madras in India, and Tufts University in Massachusetts, he has spent a quarter-century working on peacekeeping issues. Prior UN postings include Afghanistan and the former Yugoslavia. See <https://www.linkedin.com/pub/kannan-rajarathinam/4/972/98b>.

### Additional remarks

- Professor **Harlan G. Cohen** will speak about Professor **Sigmund Cohn**, a German-Jewish judge who fled Nazism with the aid of Coca-Cola lawyer **Harold Hirsch**, and became the first person to teach international law at Georgia Law.
- **Dorinda G. Dallmeyer** (JD 1984), Director of the University's Environmental Ethics Certificate Program and former Rusk Center Associate Director, will give a tribute to Professor Sohn.
- **Ken Dious** (JD 1973), Dious & Associates, Athens, Georgia, will speak on Professor Rusk's service as an advisor to African American students at Georgia Law.

### Significance

The event date coincides with:

- **United Nations Day** on October 24, which this year marks the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the entry into force of the Charter of the United Nations. Because Professor Sohn was a drafter of the Charter and served for decades as a leader in the legal work of the United Nations, the rededication is an official **UN70** event.
- The **38<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Dean Rusk International Law Center**, which was dedicated on October 28, 1977. Since that time, the Center has served as a nucleus for global research, education, and service. It prepares J.D. and LL.M. students for global practice by: fostering the teaching and scholarship of Georgia Law's internationally recognized faculty; coordinating study abroad as well as global externships at home and overseas; hosting visiting scholars; and organizing lectures and conferences on topics like intellectual property, international criminal justice, the environment, international arbitration, nuclear proliferation, and U.S. trade with Cuba. The Center also trains foreign judges and practitioners on cutting-edge issues.

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