Douglas Rutzen to Speak on Civil Society and Peaceful Protest

On Tuesday, April 29th, at 4:30PM in Hollis E. Auditorium, Goldwin Smith Hall, Douglas Rutzen, President and CEO of the International Center for Not-for-Profit Law, will give a talk entitled "Defending Civil Society and Peaceful Protest Around the World." The talk is part of the Einaudi Center's ongoing Foreign Policy Distinguished Speaker Series and cosponsored by the Cornell Law School.

Douglas Rutzen is President and CEO of the International Center for Not-for-Profit Law (ICNL), which has worked in 100 countries on the legal framework for civil society, public participation, and philanthropy. Under Doug’s leadership, ICNL received a $1 million MacArthur Award for Creative and Effective Institutions, the organizational analogue to MacArthur’s “genius award” for individuals.

Doug is an adjunct professor at Georgetown University Law Center. Doug co-chairs the State Department’s Global Philanthropy Working Group and co-authored the Defending Civil Society report endorsed by the Dalai Lama, Archbishop Desmond Tutu, and Vaclav Havel.

Doug is a member of the Community of Democracies Working Group on Enabling and Protecting Civil Society, along with representatives of 13 governments. On the margins of the 2013 UN General Assembly, President Obama asked Doug to join him on a panel discussing civil society issues around the world.
Doug previously taught at the University of Pennsylvania Law School. He has also written a textbook on international civil society law and has published in the *Harvard International Review*, among other prominent publications.

For fifteen years, Doug was co-counsel on the first case against Libya for the bombing of Pan Am 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland, which resulted in a $2.7 billion settlement.

Upon the country’s transition to democracy, Doug served as Legal Advisor to the Czechoslovak Parliament and taught at Charles Law Faculty in Prague. Doug was also an associate at Coudert Brothers, where he was co-counsel on a landmark Supreme Court antitrust case.

Doug first began working with civil society in the mid 1980’s, when he served as a consultant to Helen Keller International in the Caribbean – a job he received through the Cornell Tradition’s Summer Job Network. Doug is a graduate of Yale Law School, with undergraduate studies at Cornell (College Scholar ’87) and Oxford (Worcester College).

The Foreign Policy Distinguished Speaker Series features prominent leaders in international affairs who can address topical issues from a variety of perspectives. The Speaker Series is part of the *Foreign Policy Forum* at Cornell University led by the Einaudi Center to maximize the intellectual impact of Cornell's outstanding resources in this area.