On Thursday, October 9, 2014, at 4:30 pm in Lewis Auditorium, Goldwin Smith Hall, Judge Sang-Hyun Song, the President of the International Criminal Court, will present a lecture entitled “Preventive Potential of the International Criminal Court” as part of the Foreign Policy Distinguished Speaker Series. The event is organized in collaboration with Cornell’s Law School.

Judge Song first attended Seoul National University Law School, earning an LL. B. He then attended Tulane University Law School as a Fulbright Fellow, obtained a Diploma in Comparative Legal Studies from the University of Cambridge and a J.S.D. from Cornell Law School.

Judge Song has extensive practical and academic experience in the areas of court management, civil and criminal procedure, and the law of evidence. For more than thirty years, he taught as a professor of law at Seoul National University Law School. He has also held visiting professorships at a number of law schools, including Harvard, New York University, Melbourne and Wellington.
Judge Song started his legal career as a judge-advocate in the Korean army and later as a foreign attorney in a New York law firm. He has served as a member of the advisory committee to the Korean Supreme Court and the Ministry of Justice.

Judge Song has vast experience in relevant areas of international law, principally international humanitarian law and human rights law. He is co-founder of the Legal Aid Centre for Women, and of the Childhood Leukaemia Foundation in Seoul, and the President of UNICEF/KOREA. Judge Song is also the respected author of several publications on legal issues, ranging from law and economics to legal education and social justice to a review on the conventions on human rights and child’s rights.

Judge Song was first elected on March 2003, and then re-elected for a further full term of nine years. He was elected President of the Court in 2009, and then re-elected on March 2012 for another three-year period. He is assigned to the Appeals Division of the International Criminal Court.

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