



◀ *Eric Stein kicks off the Dean Rusk Lectures with a discussion on the World Trade Organization*



International human rights expert Louis Henkin ▶



◀ *Abiodun Williams, director of strategic planning in the Office of the Secretary-General of the United Nations*



▶ *Manuel Medina Ortega delivers the final Dean Rusk Lecture*

Lectures Celebrate Rusk Center's 25th Anniversary

The Dean Rusk Lectures, a four-part lecture series commemorating the 25th anniversary of the founding of the Dean Rusk Center -- International, Comparative and Graduate Legal Studies, brought experts in international law and policy from around the globe to the University of Georgia this fall.

Executive Director of the Dean Rusk Center and Kirbo Chair in International Law Gabriel Wilner said this 25th anniversary lecture series was very much a celebration of Dean Rusk and the university's good fortune of being associated with him.

"These lectures were on topics that were of great interest to the late Dean Rusk. By bringing these internationally renowned scholars to the university, we are keeping with the educational tradition Rusk established when became a member of our faculty more than 30 years ago," he said.

Eric Stein of the University of Michigan School of Law spoke about the World Trade Organization and the European Union in the first lecture of the series. He was followed

by Louis Henkin of Columbia University Law School, who lectured on the topic of constitutional rights and human rights. Abiodun Williams, from the United Nations, discussed the U.N. and its peace-building operations. Manuel Medina Ortega, a member of the European Parliament, concluded the series and spoke about the relationship between the United States and Europe. Each lecture in the series was well-attended and captured local media attention.

The Rusk Center was established in 1977 and merged with International and Graduate Legal Studies in 1999 to bring research, teaching and service at the School of Law into the evolving international dimensions of law. A former Secretary of State, the late Dean Rusk was the inspiration behind the center's creation. It was his profound belief that through education, international cooperation could be a conduit of maintaining peace, building democratic institutions and raising standards of living throughout the world.

- Kristine Fortunato