



Research Institute of Environmental Law
Wuhan University

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Introduction of RIEL

The Research Institute of Environmental Law (RIEL) of Wuhan University is the premier institution in China dedicated to the study of environmental and resources law and policy. Its scholars are internationally-recognized and involved in dozens of environmental projects at the international, national, provincial and local levels to study, draft and revise laws and regulations. They have published 100s of articles and books in this area at home and abroad. In addition, alumni of RIEL serve in important governmental and academic positions throughout the People's Republic of China (PRC). Faculty of RIEL teach undergraduate students, masters (post-graduate) students, and doctoral students, with RIEL having the largest number of doctoral students in environmental law in China.

RIEL was co-founded by the Chinese Research Academy of Environmental Sciences and Wuhan University in June 1981. In 1988, the Institute came under the joint leadership of the National Environmental Protection Agency (NEPA) and Wuhan University. In 1998, NEPA became the State Environmental Protection Administration (SEPA) of PRC, and the Institute was renamed the Research Institute of Environmental Law of Wuhan University and the SEPA. In early 2008, the State Environmental Protection Administration of PRC was reorganized as the Ministry of Environmental Protection of PRC, and, accordingly, the name of the Institute was updated to be the Research Institute of Environmental Law of Wuhan University and the Ministry of Environmental Protection. When it was founded in 1981, RIEL was the first institute specializing in the teaching and research of environmental law and policy in China. Its first Director was Prof. Han Depei, a prestigious jurist in China.

In 1982, RIEL initiated the first program for awarding masters degrees for environmental law in China under an accreditation by the former Commission of Education of PRC. In 1998, RIEL was accredited for awarding doctoral degrees in environmental law and became the second authorized institute in this field. RIEL was appointed as a National Key Research Institute of Humanities and Social Sciences in 1999, among the earliest fifteen institutes in China to receive that appointment. . In 2001, RIEL established a post-doctoral research center of environmental law. In the same year, the program of environmental law of RIEL was assessed as a National Key Discipline by the Ministry of Education of PRC, and then it was honored with that title again in 2007. As of now, RIEL holds the honor of being the sole national key discipline in environmental law in China. In addition, the Chinese Association of Environment and Resources Law and its secretariat are based in RIEL.

Presently, RIEL has 11 full-time researchers who are engaged in the teaching and research of environmental law, among whom there are 5 professors, 4 associate professors, 1 librarian, 1 administrator, 6 supervisors for doctoral students and 9 supervisors for masters (post-graduate) students.

RIEL possesses a library and information center with the largest number and the most complete set of documents concerning environmental law in China, including more than 10,000 books in Chinese, more than 2,000 books in foreign languages, and more than 200 journals in Chinese and foreign languages. In addition, RIEL has the first Chinese website of environmental law, namely, the Web of China Environmental Law (www.riel.whu.edu.cn).

Organizational Structure of RIEL

RIEL is divided into the following areas of specialty:

- ✧ Administration Office
- ✧ Section of China Environmental Law
- ✧ Section of Foreign and Comparative Environmental Law
- ✧ Section of International Environmental Law
- ✧ Section of Environmental Policies & Law
- ✧ Section of Environmental Management & Law
- ✧ Library & Information Centre for Environmental Law
- ✧ Administrative Office for the Web of China Environmental Law (www.riel.whu.edu.cn)
- ✧ Secretariat of Chinese Association of Environment and Resources Law

Honorary Director: Han Depei

Director: Wang Shuyi

Deputy Directors: Li Qijia, Du Qun

Full-time Faculty of RIEL

RIEL is staffed by a dedicated team of full-time faculty members, as follows:

1. Wang Shuyi: Professor and doctorate supervisor
2. Cai Shouqiu: Professor and doctorate supervisor
3. Li Qijia: Professor and supervisor of graduate students
4. Du Qun: Professor and doctorate supervisor
5. Qin Tianbao: Professor and doctorate supervisor
6. Luo Ji: Associate Professor and supervisor of graduate students
7. Ke Jian: Associate Professor and supervisor of graduate students
8. Li Guangbing: Associate Professor and supervisor of graduate students
9. Wu Zhiliang: Associate Professor and supervisor of graduate students
10. Hu Jun: Librarian
11. Hu Bin: Administrator

Part-time Professors of RIEL

In addition, the following talented individuals serve as part-time professors of RIEL:

1. Qu Geping: Chairman of the China Environmental Protection Foundation
2. Mao Rubai: Former Director of Environmental Protection & Resources Conservation Committee of the Standing Committee of National People's Congress
3. Wang Yuqing: Former Deputy Director of State Environmental Protection Administration (SEPA) and Former Director of State Nuclear Safety Administration of PRC
4. Peng Jinxi: Former Director of Division of Policy & Law of SEPA
5. Yang Chaofei: Director of Division of Policy & Law of SEPA
6. Bie Tao: Deputy Director of Division of Policy & Law of SEPA, Professor and doctorate supervisor, Law School of Wuhan University
7. Zhang Xianglan: Professor and doctorate supervisor, Law School of Wuhan University

8. Lv Zongmei: President of Hubei University of Economics
9. Wang Xi: Professor and doctorate supervisor, Law School of Shanghai Jiao Tong University
10. Wang Canfa: Professor and doctorate supervisor, Law School of China University of Political Science & Law
11. Zhang Zitai: Professor and doctorate supervisor, Law School of Fudan University
12. Wang Jin: Professor and doctorate supervisor, Law School of Peking University
13. Han Jian: Secretary-General of Shenzhen Office of the China international Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission
14. Zhou Ke: Professor and doctorate supervisor, Law School of Renmin University of China
15. Xu Xiangmin: Professor and doctorate supervisor, Law School of Ocean University of China
16. Xiao Guoxing: Professor, Law School of East China University of Science and Technology
17. Qian Shuimiao: Professor, Law School of Zhejiang University
18. Li Ainian: Professor, Law School of Hunan Normal University
19. Wang Chenguang: Professor and doctorate supervisor, Law School of Tsinghua University
20. Li Zhiping: Professor, Law School of Sun Yat-Sen University

Members of the Academic Committee of RIEL

Chairman:

- ✧ Jin Ruilin, Professor and doctorate supervisor, Law School of Peking University

Vice Chairman:

- ✧ Xiao Qiangang, Professor and doctorate supervisor, Law School of Zhengzhou University
- ✧ Wang Shuyi, Professor and doctorate supervisor, Law School of Wuhan University

Committee members:

- ✧ Cai Shouqiu, Professor and doctorate supervisor, Law School of Wuhan University
- ✧ Wang Xi, Professor and doctorate supervisor, Law School of Shanghai Jiao Tong University
- ✧ Lv Zhongmei, President of Hubei University of Economics
- ✧ Wang Canfa, Professor and doctorate supervisor, Law School of China University of Political Science & Law
- ✧ Zhou Ke, Professor and doctorate supervisor, Law School of Renmin University of China
- ✧ Xu Xiangmin, Professor and doctorate supervisor, Law School of Ocean University of China
- ✧ Zhang Zitai, Professor and doctorate supervisor, Law School of Fudan University

Secretary:

- ✧ Li Guangbing, Associate Professor, Law School of Wuhan University

Faculty Members of RIEL

Han Depei

Born in Rugao County in Jiangsu Province on February 6, 1911, Mr. Han earned his bachelors degree of law at the Department of Law of the former Central University in 1934. He was awarded a masters degree in Private International Law from the Toronto University of Canada in 1942. He was engaged in academic study at Harvard University Law School (USA) from 1942-1945 and went back China in 1946. Then he took up the post of director of the Department of Law of Wuhan University and was chosen as the chairman of the Professors' Commission of Wuhan University. From the early 1980s to now, Han has held consecutively many academic titles, including Director of the Department of Law of Wuhan University, Honorary Dean of the Law School of Wuhan University, Director of the Research Institute of International Law of Wuhan University, Director of the Research Institute of Environmental Law of Wuhan University, Vice Chairman and Honorary Chairman of the Chinese Society of International Law, Chairman and Honorary Chairman of the Chinese Society of Private International Law, Chairman and Honorary Chairman of the Chinese Association of Environment and Resources Law, Senior Counselor for the China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission and the State Environmental Protection Administration. The textbook titled *Environmental Protection Law* edited by Prof. Han is the first textbook in this field in China, which has been published for five editions. In 1991, Han was awarded the most honorable "Global Prize" by the former State Environmental Protection Administration.

Wang Shuyi

Mr. Wang was born in Yichang City in Hubei Province in 1953. He has a J.S.D, and is a professor and doctorate supervisor of law as well. Prof. Wang has held consecutively many academic titles and posts, including Director of the Key Research Institute of Humanities and Social Sciences (RIEL), Vice Chairman of the Academic Committee of RIEL, Vice Chairman of the Chinese Association of Environment and Resources Law, member of the Law Experts Committee of the All-China Environmental Protection Federation, member of the China Environmental Protection Foundation, member of the Humanities and Social Sciences Commission of Wuhan University, member of the Standing Committee of Hubei People's Congress, and member of the Urban Construction and Environmental Protection Sub-Committee of the Standing Committee of Hubei People's Congress. Wang was awarded the degree of LL.M. at Wuhan University in 1987 and the J.S.D at Peking University in 1999. He was a Visiting Scholar at Moscow University of Russia and University of Guelph of Ukraine respectively from 1991~1993. He held the post of First Diplomatic Secretary at the Chinese Embassy to Ukraine from 1993~1996. Wang has written *Russian Environmental Law, Sustainable Development in Middle and Upper Stream Areas of the Yangtze River and Midwest China* (co-authored), and *A Course of Cases of Environment and Resources Law* (Editor in Chief). In addition, he is the editor in chief of the influential academic series title *Collection of Environmental Law, Sustainable Development and Environmental Law* and *Monographic Study on A Series of Subjects of Environmental Law*. In addition, he is the author of dozens of academic articles for journals. He has also participated in drafting and/or revision of the *Environmental Protection Law, Law on the Prevention and Control of*

Environmental Pollution by Solid Wastes, Law on the Prevention of Water Pollution of PRC, and Circular Economy Law and others. Currently, he is leading a drafting study of the *Law on the Prevention and Control of Soil Pollution* and the *Law on Control of the Yangtze River* and a revision study of the *Forest Law*. He has also completed many research projects entrusted by the Asia Development Bank (ADB), the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Justice, and the Ministry of Environmental Protection.

Cai Shouqiu

Mr. Cai was born in Dong'an County in Hunan Province in 1944. He studied at Wuhan University from 1963~1968. Then he studied abroad at the Oregon University Law School in 1988 and Washington University Law School in 1993. Currently he is a professor and doctoral supervisor in the Law School of Wuhan University, the Law School of Fuzhou University and the Law School of Hunan University. He is also Chairman of the Chinese Association of Environment and Resources Law. He has served as a member of the 2nd, 3rd and 5th Boards of the China Society of Law, as well as Deputy Director and Director of RIEL. Prof. Cai has long been engaged in research and teaching of environmental and resources law, international environmental and resources law, and sustainable development law and policy. He has participated in the drafting of more than 10 environmental laws and regulations, such as the *Environmental Protection Law*. In addition he has led and completed more than 10 research projects, including key projects of “the 6th Five-Year Program”, “the 8th Five-Year Program”, “the 9th Five-Year Program” of the China Social Sciences Foundation. So far, he has published more than 190 articles and 20 books and textbooks. Furthermore, he has organized and presided over numerous national and international conferences concerning environmental and resources law.

Li Qijia

Mr. Li is a professor, Deputy Director of RIEL, and Secretary-General of the Chinese Association of Environment and Resources Law. He graduated from Peking University Law School in 1982. From then on, Prof. Li has engaged in the research, teaching and practice of environmental law. He was awarded the title “Outstanding Person for Environmental Legal System Construction” twice by the State Environmental Protection Administration of PRC in 1997 and 2002. As a key drafter, Prof. Li participates actively in investigation and drafting of local and national environmental laws including *the Detailed Rules for Prevention and Control of Water Pollution*. What's more, he has led several scientific research projects at the national, provincial and local levels, in addition to the publication of dozens of articles concerning environmental law.

Du Qun

Ms. Du is a professor and doctoral supervisor, and Deputy Director of RIEL. Prof. Du was born in Yongkang in Zhejiang Province in 1968. She was awarded a bachelors degree of law by the Law School of Wuhan University in 1991, an LL.M. at the RIEL in 1994, and a J.S.D degree at the Law School of Peking University. She was a faculty member at the Resources School of Beijing Normal University from 1994~2004. She

finished her post-doctoral study at Queen's University Belfast in Britain from 1999~2000. Thereafter she held the post of senior consultant for environmental law projects in the China Office of ADB from 2002~2004. She has worked at RIEL since 2005. Prof. Du is a standing member of the Chinese Association of Environment and Resources Law, co-chairman of the Specialist Working Group for Sustainable Soil of the Commission of Environmental Law of IUCN. She has participated in many national key research projects of the Ministry of Science and Technology of PRC, the China Natural Sciences Foundation, the China Social Sciences Foundation, the Ministry of Education (MOE) and the Ministry of Justice (MOJ). Du has participated in legislation, revision and expert counseling on laws and rules on the environment and resources initiated by the Environment and Resources Committee of the National People's Congress, the Ministry of Water Resources, and the State Environmental Protection Administration. She has participated in the design and implementation of many international projects. She has been invited to many foreign countries for academic exchanges, including Kenya, Hong Kong, Singapore, Sweden, Netherlands, Germany, the United Kingdom, the United States, Canada, Australia, Brazil, and Ecuador. Furthermore, she has published more than 30 major academic articles in journals at home and abroad, including her representative work of *The Theory of Combined Environmental Law---Integration of Legal Protection of Environment, Resources and Ecology* (Science Press, 2003).

Qin Tianbao

Mr. Qin is a professor of law and Dr. iur educated jointly by China and Germany. He is the Assistant Dean of the Law School and Assistant Director of RIEL. He is engaged mainly in the teaching, research and practice of environmental law, comparative law and international law. He has undertaken and is undertaking many research projects at the international, national, provincial and ministerial levels, such as the investigation, argumentation and drafting of many national and local laws, including the *Water Law of PRC* and the *Environmental Impact Assessment Law of PRC*. He has published more than 60 articles in Chinese and foreign languages as well as some treatises such as *Legal Issues Concerning Access to Genetic Resources and Benefit Sharing and China's Peaceful Development and Global Climate Change: A Legal Perspective*. Prof. Qin was a Visiting Professor at the University of Manchester in UK from June 2007 to September 2007, and at Ghent University in Belgium from July to August 2006. He was also a DAAD Scholarship holder at Johann Wolfgang Goethe Universität Frankfurt in Germany from June 2003 to June 2005. He is an Adjunct Professor of the Research Institute of International Law, and Senior Research Fellow of European Studies Centre, Wuhan University; a Member of the Board of Directors of the Chinese Association of Environment and Resources Law, the Chinese Association of WTO Law, and the Chinese Association of European Law; a Member of the Commission of Environmental Law (CEL) and Commission of Ecosystem Management (CEM) of IUCN, as well as a Member of the Teaching and Capacity-Building Committee of the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law, and an environmental law expert for projects of ADB.

Luo Ji

Ms. Luo is an associate professor and supervisor of graduate students, and she serves as the Vice Secretary-General of Chinese Association of Environment and Resources Law. She received her bachelors and masters degrees at Tsinghua University. She has been a faculty member of RIEL since 1987, during which she has engaged mainly in teaching and scientific research of environmental and resources law. She was a visiting scholar at Dalhousie University in 1998 and a visiting scholar at the University of Sydney in 1999. Assoc. Prof. Luo has participated in research and legislation of environmental law at the national and local levels, including “Study on Environmental Policy Law”, “Study on Experiences on National Environmental Law Enforcement”, “Study on Environmental Protection and Law Construction”, “Study on Legal Problem Involving Water Use and Water Market”, and “A Comparative Study on Legal System for Prevention and Control of Soil Pollution.” She has published many scientific works, including *Environment and Resources Law, Textbook on Environment and Resources Law, Thinking of Legislation on Industrialization of China Environmental Law*, and *Emission Trading-A Market-Based Control Tactic*.

Ke Jian

Mr. Ke is an associate professor and supervisor of graduate students, and he serves as Vice Secretary-General of the Chinese Association of Environment and Resources Law. He is also a member of the Commission on Environmental Law of IUCN. He earned a bachelors degree of science at Wuhan University in 1990. He obtained his LL.M. and J.S.D at RIEL in 1995 and 2004, respectively. He has been a faculty member of RIEL since 1995. In recent years, Ke has published more than 20 Chinese and English articles in many influential journals at home and abroad. He has delivered advisory reports on legislation regarding the prevention and control of water pollution, soil pollution, global warming and other issues to the Standing Committee of National People’s Congress and State Environmental Protection Administration of PRC, and many of his proposals have been adopted by governmental bodies. He has been invited to foreign countries for academic research, including National University of Singapore (NUS) in 1997, Sydney University of Australia in 1998, Regensburg University of Germany in 1999, and Harvard University of USA in 2002 and 2003. He went to the Aix Marseilles University (France) for post-doctoral legal study of global warming in 2007, during which he was invited to give a special lecture by the Association of Sustainable Development and International Relationship of the Ministry of Environmental Protection of France. In addition, he is a Fulbright scholar in the United States for the 2008-2009 academic year.

Li Guangbing

Mr. Li is an associate professor and supervisor of graduate students. He is the Vice Secretary-General of Chinese Association of Environment and Resources Law, Vice Secretary-General of the Western Law Committee, as well as a member of

Commission of Environmental Law of IUCN. He was awarded a bachelor of science degree in 1990 and an LL.M. in environmental law at Wuhan University in 1996. Currently he is pursuing his doctoral degree in environmental law at Wuhan University. He has been to foreign countries as an invited scholar, including to the Sydney University of Australia in 1998, the Aix Marseilles University (France) in 2007. Assoc. Prof. Li is a participant in more than 10 scientific research projects, such as the China Social Sciences Foundation, the technical assistance program of the Asian Development Bank, and the EU-China Cooperative Program. He has edited and translated many textbooks and works, including *A Course of Environment and Resources Law* and *Fundamentals of Environmental Law*.

Wu Zhiliang

Mr. Wu is an associate professor and supervisor of graduate students. He is the Vice Secretary-General of the Western Law Committee and the Chinese Association of Environment and Resources Law. Wu graduated with a bachelor degree from China University of Geosciences in 1984. He was awarded an LL. M. at Wuhan University in 1995. From then on, he has been a faculty member at RIEL, engaged mainly in the teaching and research of environmental law. He has been to foreign countries as a visiting scholar, including at Sydney University of Australia during 1999. Presently, he is studying for a doctoral degree in environmental law at Wuhan University. Wu has participated in research and legislation drafting of environmental laws at the national and local levels, including “Study on Industrialization of Environmental Protection and Innovation of Environmental Law and System”, and “Study on Legislation of China Environmental Safety and Key Natural Reserves”. He has also published works such as *A Course of Environment and Resources Law* and *Thinking of Legislation on Industrialization of China Environmental Law*.

Hu Jun

Ms. Hu is a librarian who graduated from the Department of Libraries at Wuhan University. She has worked at the libraries of the College of Chemical and Molecular Sciences and the Law School, in charge mainly of classification and cataloguing of books and information, as well as matters involving the U.N. Depository Library. She is responsible for routine works of the Library and Information Centre for Environmental Law. Hu has published many academic works in core journals, including *An Outline of English Versions of Literatures Concerning European and American Research of WTO Law* and *On the Integration and Utilization of UN Legal Documents*.

Hu Bin

Mr. Hu is the administrator of RIEL. He was awarded a bachelor of art degree in English, a master of science degree in urban planning, and an LL.M, in environmental law from Wuhan University. He is the Vice Secretary-General of the Chinese Association of Environment and Resources Law. He is also the co-editor of several textbooks and works such as *Legal English* and *Monographic Study on A Series of*

Subjects of Environmental Law In addition, he has published several papers such as *On the Precautionary Principle of International Environmental Law*.

Scientific Research

RIEL sits at the frontier of scientific research, which attaches great importance to efforts for innovation of fundamental theories, wide implementation of interdisciplinary scientific cooperation as well as active services for national and local environmental law. Moreover, RIEL is devoted to delivering an ideal platform for national and international academic research, communication and exchange so as to develop fully its function as a scientific research center.

Presently, RIEL has dozens of ongoing scientific research projects concerning environmental law, and has completed more than 50 at the national, provincial and ministerial levels. RIEL's scholars have published dozens of academic works, series and textbooks, including *Textbook on Environmental Law*, *Environment and Resources Protection Law*, *Theory of Adjustment*, *Russian Environmental Law*, *Study on Legal Problems Concerning Ecosystem Safety*, *Environment and Trade*, and *Legal Issues Concerning Access to Genetic Resources and Benefit-sharing*. In addition, RIEL faculty have published hundreds of academic articles in Chinese and foreign journals.

RIEL features persistent practice-based and theoretical study of national environmental and resources laws and policies and active participation in the establishment and drafting of those laws and policies, delivering proposals and advice on decision-making by national legislatures and administrative organs. So far, it has submitted nearly one hundred research products and advisory reports to governmental bodies such as the *Environment and Resources Commission of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress*, the *State Environmental Protection Administration of PRC*, the *Ministry of Water Resources of PRC*, the *State Oceanic Administration of PRC*, and the *State Intellectual Property Office of PRC*, including proposals on the revision and/or drafting of the *Environmental Protection Law of PRC*, *Law on the Yangtze River*, *Law on the Prevention and Control of Environmental Pollution by Solid Wastes of the People's Republic of China*, *Law on Promotion of Clean Production (Draft)*, *Water Law (Draft)*, *Radioactive Pollution Prevention and Control Law*, *Law on Environmental Impact Assessment (Draft)*, and the *Desertification Prevention and Control Law (Draft)*.

Key Research Projects Underway

- ✧ Study on drafting of *Law on Prevention and Control of Soil Pollution of PRC*
- ✧ Study on drafting of *Yangtze River Law of PRC*
- ✧ Study on revision of *Forest Law of PRC*
- ✧ Study on Innovative Mode of Local Environmental Law

- ✧ Study on Biodiversity Pact and Domestic Environmental Protection Law
- ✧ Study on Basic Category of Environmental Law
- ✧ Study on Relevant Environmental Protection Law in Rocky Desertification Areas
- ✧ Project of United Law Enforcement Inspection and Investigation of National Bio-Species
- ✧ Study on Ordinance of Supervision and Control for Safe Transportation of Radioactive Substances
- ✧ A Comparative Study on Legal System of Prevention and Control of Soil Pollution

Key Research Projects Completed

- ✧ Study on revision of *Environmental Protection Law of PRC*
- ✧ Study on revision of *Forest Law of PRC*
- ✧ Study on revision and drafting of proposals of *Law on the Prevention and Control of Environmental Pollution by Solid Wastes of the People's Republic of China*
- ✧ Study on revision of *Law on Prevention and Control of Water Pollution of PRC*
- ✧ Study on revision of *Law on Circular Economy of PRC (Draft)*
- ✧ Study on drafting of *Regulations of Management of Trade Licensing of Hazardous Wastes of PRC*
- ✧ Study on drafting of *Regulations of Emission Licensing of PRC*
- ✧ Study on drafting of *Methods for Implementation of Trade Licensing of Hazardous Wastes of PRC*
- ✧ Study on revision of *Environmental Protection Regulations of Fujian Province*
- ✧ Study on revision of *Environmental Protection Regulations of Shenzhen Special Economic Zone*
- ✧ Study on drafting of *Regulations for Prevention and Control of Pollution of the Han River valley of Hubei Province*
- ✧ Study on drafting of *Management Rules of Radioactive Environment of Hubei Province* Study on drafting of *Environmental Protection Rules of Hainan Province*
- ✧ Study on drafting of *Environmental Management Methods for Construction Projects of Hainan Province*
- ✧ PRC-GEF Partnership on Land Degradation in Dryland Ecosystems, TA 4357(G)/China/Capacity Building to Combat Land Degradation
- ✧ Study on Theoretical System of Environment and Resources Law
- ✧ A Comparative Study on Key Legal Problems concerning Environmental Control
- ✧ Study on Legal Problems concerning Environmental Safety
- ✧ Legal Problems concerning Environment and Trade
- ✧ Study of Experiences on Whole Nation Environmental Law Enforcement
- ✧ Study on impact of Development of International Environmental Law on Modern International Law
- ✧ Construction of Supporting Capacity of Bio-Species Resources Protection Technology

Undergraduate Program

Undergraduates at Wuhan University are required to take the course titled “Environment and Resources Protection Law.” In addition, the courses labeled “Natural Resources Law” and “International Environmental Law” are optional for the students. All of these courses are taught by faculty of RIEL.

Masters Program

RIEL began a trial recruitment of post-graduates (masters students) in an environmental law specialty in 1982. The masters program was accredited by the former Commission of Education in 1986 as the first institute to grant an LL.M. in environmental law in China. The program has trained more than 300 LL.M. students and J.D students. RIEL has developed a relatively mature set of related courses, including “General Environment and Resources Protection Law”, “Pollution Prevention and Control Law”, “Natural Protection and Natural Resources Law”, “International Environmental Law”, “Comparative Environmental Law”, “Environmental Dispute Settlement and Arbitration Law”, and “Frontier Issues of Environment and Resources Protection Law”. So far, 5 graduates from RIEL have won the prize for excellence in an LL.M. program at the provincial level.

Ph.D. Program

RIEL initiated its Ph.D. program in environmental law in 1996, and it was accredited by the Ministry of Education to grant the doctoral degree in environmental law in 1998. As of 2007, a total of 97 doctoral students have been enrolled, among whom 41 have completed their study. RIEL has the largest number of Ph.D. graduates in environmental law in China. So far, 1 student from our Ph.D. program has been nominated for a top-100 outstanding Ph.D. dissertation at the national level, and 2 have been awarded the prize at the provincial level.

Post-doctoral Research Program

RIEL launched its post-doctoral research program in 2001. Two post-doctoral students have completed their research program, and one is engaged in research now.

Outstanding Alumni/Alumna of RIEL

- ✧ Xie Zhenhua: Former Director General of the State Environmental Protection Administration of PRC, Vice Chairman of National Development and Reform Commission
- ✧ Wang Yuqing: Former Deputy Director General of the State Environmental

Protection Administration of PRC, Former Director General of National Nuclear Safety Administration of PRC

- ✧ Zhou Jian: Deputy Minister of Ministry of Environmental Protection of PRC
- ✧ Yang Chaofei: Director of Bureau of Policy & Law of Ministry of Environmental Protection of PRC
- ✧ Hu Baolin: Director of Office of Ministry of Environmental Protection of PRC
- ✧ Bie Tao: Deputy Director of Bureau of Policy & Law of Ministry of Environmental Protection of PRC
- ✧ Lv Wenyan: Deputy Director General of Hubei Environmental Protection Bureau
- ✧ Zou Qingping: Deputy Director General of Hubei Environmental Protection Bureau
- ✧ Chen Guangrong: Deputy Director General of Guangdong Environmental Protection Bureau
- ✧ Liu Chuhan: Deputy Director General of Guangdong Public Utility Bureau
- ✧ Lin Hanzhang: Deputy Director General of Shenzhen Environmental Protection Bureau
- ✧ Han Jian: Secretary General of South China Office of the China international Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission
- ✧ Wang Xi: Professor of Shanghai Jiao Tong University Law School, Director of the Institute of Environment and Resources Law
- ✧ Wang Shuyi: Professor of Law School of Wuhan University, director of RIEL, standing committeeman of Hubei Provincial People's Congress
- ✧ Lv Zhongmei: President of Hubei University of Economics, part-time professor of Zhongnan University of Economics and Law
- ✧ Wang Jin: Professor of Law School, Peking University, Director of the Institute of Environment and Resources Law
- ✧ Qin Tianbao: Professor, Assistant Dean of Law School of Wuhan University
- ✧ Du Qun: Professor of Law School of Wuhan University, Deputy Director of RIEL.
- ✧ Wan Meng: professor and Dean of Law School of Beijing Foreign Studies University
- ✧ Huang Yan: Counselor of the Zurich Consulate General of China Embassy in Switzerland
- ✧ Li Yaofang: professor of Law School of Guangdong University of Foreign Studies
- ✧ Zhang Zitai: professor of Fudan University Law School
- ✧ Cao Wei: Professor of College of Architecture and Civil Engineering of Xiamen University
- ✧ Chang Jiwen: Professor of Law Research Institute of China Academy of Social Sciences
- ✧ Tou Xiaodong: Professor of Wenzhou University, Director of Social Law Institute

- ✧ Wang Wenge: Professor of Shanghai University of Political Science and Law
- ✧ Chen Lihu: Professor of Suzhou University Law School
- ✧ Tang Dawei: Editor in Chief of *Environmental Protection*
- ✧ Hu Zhiyu: Director of Hu Zhiyu Law Firm (USA), outstanding alumni of Wuhan University
- ✧ Yang Guosheng: Director of M&A Law Firm

International and National Conferences Organized by RIEL

Since 1999, at least 2 international and national academic conferences are held annually at RIEL with strong support from the Key Research Institute of Humanities and Social Sciences and the Chinese Association of Environment and Resources Law. Successful conferences include the following:

- ✧ The 1st Sino-France Environmental Law Seminar (Wuhan, China, 2006)
- ✧ The 2nd Sino-France Environmental Law Seminar (Paris, France, 2007)
- ✧ International Conference on Legislation for Prevention and Control of Soil Pollution (Lanzhou, 2007)
- ✧ 2005 International Conference on Protection of Environmental Safety (Hong Kong)
- ✧ 2006 Seminar on Edition of Textbooks of Environmental Law (Harbin)
- ✧ Concept of Scientific Development and Further Advancement of China Environmental Law---Special Conference on Revision of *Environmental Protection Law of PRC* (Kunming, 2004)
- ✧ 1999~2008 Anniversary Conferences of the Chinese Association of Environment and Resources Law

In recent years, many famous foreign scholars and experts have been invited to visit RIEL for lecturing and teaching, including the chairman of the IUCN-CEL, Professor Nicholas Robinson from Pace University Law School (USA); vice chairman of IUCN-CEL, Professor Eckard Reh binder from Johann Woflgang Goethe University (Germany); Professor Michael Bothe from Environmental Law Center of Johann Woflgang Goethe University (Germany) and president of European Association of Environmental Law and vice chairman of IUCN-CEL; Professor Mikhail M. Brinchuk from the Centre for Environmental Law Research of the Institute of State and Law at the Russian Academy of Sciences and academician of the Russia Academy of Environmental Sciences; Professor Ben Boer of IUCN-AEL from Australian Centre for Climate and Environmental Law (ACCEL) of Sydney University (Australia); Professor Michael Jeffery from Environmental Law Research Center of Macquarie University (Australia); Professor Luc Lavrysen from Environmental Law Research Center of Ghent University (Belgium) and Judge of the Belgium Constitution Court; Professor Peter Malanzuk from Law School of Hong Kong City University; and Professor Trish McCubbin, Fulbright Scholar from Southern Illinois University School of Law (USA)

International Reputation

All faculty members of RIEL have studied abroad at famous universities abroad. In particular, three faculty members have studied in the United States, one member has studied in Russia, two have studied in the U.K., two in Germany, three in France, and five in Australia. To carry out substantial academic exchanges, RIEL has signed Memorandum of Understanding and/or Cooperation Agreements with many influential environmental law institutions, including IUCN-CEL, Pace University Law School (USA), Manchester University Law School (UK), Environmental Law Center of Macquarie University (Australia), Environmental Law Center of Ghent University (Belgium), and Law and Politics Office of Rio De Janeiro State (Brazil).

In addition, RIEL and its professors are internationally well-known. In typical years more than 10 faculty members are invited for overseas investigation, teaching, lecturing and advanced studies. Prof. Han Depei, Prof. Du Qun, Prof. Qin Tianbao, Assoc. Prof. Ke Jian and Assoc. Prof. Li Guangbing are members of IUCN-CEL. Prof. Qin Tianbao is a member of the Teaching and Capacity-Building Committee of the IUCN Academy of Environmental Law and a member of the Commission on Ecosystem Management of IUCN. Prof. Cai Shouqiu and Prof. Wang Shuyi are Chief Experts on Environmental Law for the China-GEF (ADB) Project on Land Degradation. IN addition, Prof. Wang Shuyi is Chief Specialist on Environmental Law for several China-EU projects. Presently, several faculty members of RIEL are also recognized as environmental law experts for World Bank, ADB and EU international cooperative projects.

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