

# Ukraine looks for help from UO professors

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Adapting to newfound independence is not a simple task, and the former Soviet republic of Ukraine has asked the United States and a group of University of Oregon law professors to help ease the transition.

The four professors, as part of a U.S.-sponsored reform effort called the Rule of Law Project, recently lectured to faculty and law students at several Ukraine universities on subjects ranging from criminal to commercial law.

"When the Soviet Union broke up, the Ukraine, which had been one of the states of the republic, became an independent state," said Professor James Mooney, one of the lecturing professors. "Each of those newly independent nations is creating for itself a legal system and economic transition."



MOONEY

As Ukraine looks to Western economic and political models, the transition for this former communist state is of enormous scale.

"The change is monumental," Mooney said. "From a dictatorship to a democracy — no one does this overnight."

Mooney, whose lectures centered on commercial law, said he and rest of the law professors involved in the program were contacted last fall by the United States Agency for International Development, whose director, Michael Goldstein, is a University of Oregon law school alumnus. Goldstein, a former Eugene attorney, helped draft the new Russian constitution.



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"I think that in the Ukraine they are making a substantial amount of progress," Mooney said. "I think the people there are well educated and interested in achieving significant reform economically and legally."

Ukraine's emerging capitalism and lack of banking or securities regulation has the consequence of a growing difference between the haves and the have-nots, Mooney said, which poses a serious threat to the stability of the Ukrainian economy and political system.

"The Ukraine is a very important country to us," Mooney said. "I think the Clinton administration sees the Ukraine as a central player in seeing the Soviet state dismantled."

Ukrainian citizens are suffering because of the need for legal reform, said Garrett Epps, an assistant professor of law at the University.

"The Ukrainian gross national product has imploded because there is no organized system of business," Epps said. "They don't even have a constitution."

"It is important that people who want what we have get it," said Epps, who lectured on international and human rights law during the trip.

Joining Epps and Mooney on the trip were Professor Jon Jacobson, who taught law of sea, and assistant professor Margie Paris, who lectured on criminal law.

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Balzer said the most frequently asked questions from

incoming students range from "Will I get the classes I need?" to questions about the residence halls. Another issue of concern for these students, Balzer said, is making friends.

Twenty-five different states were represented at the first session, and over 300 students and 250 parents showed up. A total of 2,100 students will attend the seven IntroDUCKtion sessions, Balzer said.

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