

John Yoo to Speak about Media Coverage of “The War on Terror” at New York Law School, April 20

New York, NY—Professor John Yoo, who has been widely credited for the Bush administration’s legal position on the President’s authority to use force abroad in response to grave national emergencies, will speak at New York Law School on Friday, April 20 from 12:45 to 2 p.m. The event, sponsored by the School’s Program in Law & Journalism, is free but registration is mandatory. Register at plj@nyls.edu.

Adam Liptak, National Legal Correspondent for *The New York Times*, will lead a discussion with Professor Yoo about media coverage of the legal issues related to the “war on terror,” including how Yoo’s own writing has been portrayed by the media.

From 2001 to 2003, Yoo served as a deputy assistant attorney general in the Office of Legal Counsel at the U.S. Department of Justice, where he worked on issues involving foreign affairs, national security, and the separation of powers. He became a controversial public figure after a document he authored, the so-called “torture memo,” was made public. The memo examined what constitutes torture, and whether and under what circumstances the Government could utilize such tactics when interrogating suspects.

Yoo is a professor of law at the Boalt Hall School of Law of the University of California, Berkeley. He has published articles about foreign affairs, international law, and constitutional law in a number of the nation’s leading law journals. He is the author of *The Powers of War and Peace: The Constitution and Foreign Affairs after 9/11* (University of Chicago Press, 2005) and *War by Other Means: An Insider’s Account of the War on Terrorism* (Grove/Atlantic 2006). He received his B.A., *summa cum laude*, in American history from Harvard University and his J.D. from Yale Law School.

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