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Leitner Professor of Law, Politics, and International Studies Announced

October 11, 2004. New Haven, CT ♦ Professor Alec Stone Sweet has been appointed Leitner Professor of Law, Politics, and International Studies, one of three international, interdisciplinary professorships sponsored by the Yale Center for International and Area Studies (YCIAS). He joins the Yale faculty in the fall 2004 semester.

Professor Stone Sweet is jointly appointed at the Yale Law School and the Department of Political Science. He also holds a professorship at YCIAS. He works in the fields of comparative and international politics, and comparative and international law. Most of Professor Stone Sweet's research focuses on the sources and consequences of institutional change, that is, on how social norms evolve, with what effects.

"Professor Stone Sweet is a superb fit for the international, interdisciplinary professorship and we are delighted that he will be continuing his distinguished research and teaching at Yale. As an expert on the role of courts in the politics of the European Union and its member countries, Professor Stone Sweet brings a comparative and international perspective to bear on scholarship that has traditionally been focused on the United States," said Ian Shapiro, the Henry R. Luce Director of YCIAS. "Stone Sweet is the foremost comparative scholar of judicial review in Europe and has reshaped the ways that lawyers and political scientists think about judicial review and the role of courts in democratic politics."

Jim Leitner '75 has supported a broad range of University initiatives. Mr. Leitner serves on the President's Council for International Activities, the Investment Committee for the Yale Endowment and the University's Honorary Degree Committee. Most recently his support has made possible the new Leitner Student Observatory and provided cornerstone support for the renovation of Pierson College. At YCIAS, he has endowed the Georg Walter Leitner Program in International and Comparative Political Economy and the Wolfgang Leonhard Senior Essay Prize, and established a dozen international internships for Yale College students. "It has been an honor to have made gifts which have advanced President Levin's internationalization initiative, and I am delighted with the appointment of Professor Stone Sweet. His breadth of experience is truly awesome," Leitner said. "My association with YCIAS has been among the most rewarding of my interactions as a Yale College alumnus."

Professor Stone Sweet comes to Yale from Nuffield College, Oxford, where he was Senior Official Fellow and Chair of Comparative Government. His books include *The Judicial Construction of Europe* (Oxford University Press, 2004); *On Law, Politics, and Judicialization* (Oxford University Press, forthcoming 2002); *The Institutionalization of Europe* (Oxford University Press, 2001); *Governing with Judges: Constitutional Politics in Europe* (Oxford University Press, 2000); *European Integration and Supranational Governance* (Oxford University Press, 1998); *The European Courts and National Courts: Doctrine and Jurisprudence* (Oxford:

Hart, 1998). Professor Sweet has published articles in, among others, the American Journal of Sociology, the American Political Science Review, Comparative Political Studies, the European Law Journal, the Journal of European Public Policy, the Journal of Theoretical Politics, the Revue Française de Droit Constitutionnel, the Revue Française de Science Politique, and West European Politics.

In 2002, Professor Stone Sweet held a visiting professorship at the Yale Law School. He also has held several other visiting professorships in the United States and Europe and received research awards from the National Science Foundation, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the German Marshall Fund, and the UC Center for European Studies.

Born in Burlington, Washington, Professor Stone Sweet received his B.A. from Western Washington University in 1982, his M.A. (1984) from Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies, and his Ph.D. (1990) from the University of Washington.

The Yale Center for International and Area Studies (YCIAS) is the University's principal center for encouraging and coordinating teaching and research on international affairs, societies and cultures around the world. YCIAS endeavors to make understanding the world outside the borders of the U.S., and America's role in the world, an integral part of the research, liberal education, and professional training at Yale University. YCIAS administers six undergraduate majors, four Master's degree programs, and four Graduate Certificates of Concentration. It provides opportunities for scholarly research and intellectual innovation; encourages faculty and student interchange; brings international education and training to teaching professionals, the media, businesses, and the community at large; sponsors more than 500 lectures, conferences, workshops, and other activities each year; and produces a range of academic publications.

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