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Great Barrington, MA—Berkshire Publishing Group is delighted to announce the launch of US-Asia Law Institute Books and its forthcoming first publication, *Challenge to China: How Taiwan Abolished Its Version of Re-Education Through Labor* by Jerome A. Cohen and Margaret K. Lewis.

Under the new imprint, the US-Asia Law Institute (USALI) at New York University School of Law will develop contemporary scholarly studies like *Challenge to China* to be used worldwide in law schools and social science, history and criminal justice programs, as well as by those concerned with policy and diplomacy. Berkshire Publishing will handle editorial management, production, and distribution.

Berkshire offers professional and scholarly organizations such as USALI a new way to disseminate their work in print and digital formats by establishing their own publishing lists under the Berkshire umbrella. Berkshire founder and publisher Karen Christensen explains, “Some of the best information that exists is not getting promptly to readers because most think-tanks and academic research institutes do not have publishing operations or publishing specialists. By partnering with Berkshire, they will see their work reach a much wider audience more quickly. We are honored to start this enterprise with such an important book and with such distinguished authors.”

This timely publication is co-authored by USALI founder and NYU professor Jerome A. Cohen, whose groundbreaking work at Harvard in the 1960s and 1970s stimulated study of the expanding field of Chinese law, and USALI affiliated scholar Margaret K. Lewis, professor at Seton Hall University School of Law and an expert on Chinese and Taiwanese law. The book will be enlightening to scholars, lawyers, judges, and criminal justice professionals, as well as to government officials and others interested in legal reform in China and in the development of criminal justice systems generally. The subject of the book, unfettered police power to detain anyone for a long period—finally abolished by Taiwan in 2009—is attracting considerable interest at the moment in both the general and professional press because of China's current attempts to deal with the problem. Professor Lewis notes, “The top leaders in China have publicly stated their intentions to reform the police-dominated sanction of re-education through labor, perhaps as early as this year. Our research on Taiwan’s experience provides fresh ideas for the Mainland’s future reform path.” *Challenge to China* further explores the development of constitutional law in Taiwan and dramatic changes to its legal institutions. The book’s crisp, clear presentation makes it accessible to the general reader as well as China specialists.

Berkshire Publishing is an education and media company known for its global networks, high-profile experts, and experience in turning the latest research into books, databases, and training programs. Berkshire is starting its new imprint services with books on Chinese business and law such as *Challenge to China*, and also plans to emphasize peer-reviewed research on environmental sustainability, an area the company has focused on in its own publications.

Instead of the year or two that most publishers need to produce a book, Berkshire is able to get books out in less than three months—and in the case of a timely book like *Challenge to China*, even more quickly. The press—whose Chinese name, Bao Ku Shan 宝库山, means Treasure Mountain Library—has worked with Chinese language and transliteration since developing the *Encyclopedia of Modern Asia* for Scribners in 2002, and is now planning to publish bilingual books and Chinese-only ebooks for international distribution.

The US-Asia Law Institute seeks to promote the rule of law and human rights in Asia. The Institute serves as a resource to several Asian countries as they develop their legal systems. USALI is especially known as one of the preeminent research centers in the United States for the study of law in Mainland China and Taiwan, and works to improve popular, professional, and scholarly understanding of comparative and international law.

Berkshire looks forward to its new partnership with USALI and welcomes questions and comments from the media. Review copies will be made available. **For further details, contact Karen Christensen, karen@berkshirepublishing.com.**



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