In a development that barely could have been envisioned by the authors of the Freedom of Information Act four decades ago, and with a force that has been accelerating around the globe, people in more than 80 nations of the world now enjoy the benefits of “government transparency” laws akin to the FOIA. In the United States, “Freedom of Information Day” is celebrated each year on March 16, and since 2002 members of the international transparency community around the world likewise have celebrated “International Right-to-Know Day” annually on September 28, a day marking their progress, strength, and unity.

This year, for its fourth annual International Right-to-Know Day celebration, WCL’s Collaboration on Government Secrecy is proud to conduct a joint event via video link with the Centre for Freedom of Information at the University of Dundee’s School of Law in Dundee, Scotland, and to focus on the international transparency regime instituted by the World Bank in July 2010 with the participation of a member of the World Bank’s new three-member Access to Information Appeals Board. The program also will feature a keynote presentation by the head of the Access to Information Project at The Carter Center in Atlanta.

Registration is free for faculty, alumni, staff, and students. External general registration, $75; CLE accreditation, $95.
To register, go to www.wcl.american.edu/secle/registration.
For further information, contact: Office of Special Events & Continuing Legal Education, 202.274.4075 or secle@wcl.american.edu.

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