





International Legal Dialogue Middle East North Africa Conference

December 14-15, 2015

Agenda

Monday, December 14, 2015		
8:30-09:30 am	Registration	
9:30-9:45 am	Welcoming Remarks	
	Hanya Salah, Deputy Director, Columbia Global Centers Amman Lori F. Damrosch, Columbia Law School, President - American Society of International Law (ASIL) Ibrahim Aljazy, Dean, Law School, University of Jordan	
9:45am-12:45pm	Session 1 - Arbitration in the Arab World	
	Co-Chairs Organizers: Nassib Ziadé, ASIL and Bahrain Chamber for Dispute Resolution George Bermann, Columbia Law School	
	Speakers: Mohamed Abdel Raouf, Director, Cairo Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration (CRCICA)	
	Essam Al Tamimi, Founding Partner of Al Tamimi & Co., United Arab Emirates	
	Omar Aljazy, Aljazy & Co., Amman, Jordan	
	Soraya Corm-Bakhos, Arbitration Practitioner, Dubai, United Arab Emirates	
	Reza Mohtashami, Freshfields LLP, London-Dubai; Country Partner for Qatar	
	Karim A. Youssef, Amereller Legal Consultants, Cairo-Dubai	
9:45-11:00am	Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards in the Arab World Moderator: George Bermann	
<i>11:00-11:30am</i>	Coffee Break	
11:30-12:45pm	The Effect of the Political Uprising in the Arab World on International Arbitration Moderator: Nassib Ziadé	
<i>12:45-2:30pm</i>	Lunch and Networking	







2:30-5:30pm	Session 2 - Environmental Effects of Armed Conflict
	Co-Chairs Organizers:
	Cymie Payne, ASIL & Rutgers University, New Jersey, USA
	Mojtaba Kazazi, Executive Commissioner, Rana Plaza and Tazreen Claims
	Administrations; Former Executive Head, UN Compensation Commission, Geneva
	Speakers:
	Naheel Al Abdul Razzaq, Secretary General, Kuwait National Focal Point (NFP)
	Ucheora Onwuamaegbu, Senior International Legal Consultant, Kuwait NFP
	Marwan Suifan, Director, Badia Restoration Program, Ministry of Environment,
	Amman
	P.S. Rao, Special Adviser to the Attorney General of Qatar; Former Legal Adviser
	of India and Former Member of UN International Law Commission
	Daniel Magraw, Professorial Lecturer, Johns Hopkins University, School of
	Advanced International Studies, Washington, D.C.
2:30-3:45pm	Compliance Program of UN Compensation Commission: Implementation by
	Jordan, Kuwait, and Saudi Arabia of Environmental Rehabilitation and
	Restoration Programs after 1990-1991 Iraq Conflict
	Moderator: Mojtaba Kazazi
<i>3:45-4:15pm</i>	Coffee Break
4:15-5:30pm	Progressive Development through UN Bodies of Environmental Law and
	Compensation Programs
	Moderator: Cymie Payne

Tuesday December 15, 2015		
9:45am-12:45pm	Session 3 - Child Abduction and Child Protection: Private International Law Aspects	
	Co-Chair/Organizer: Louise Ellen Teitz, Roger Williams Law School, Rhode Island, US; Former First Secretary, Hague Conference on Private International Law	
	Speakers: Fadel Mohammed Al Humoud, Secretary-General, National Council for Family Affairs, Amman, Jordan	
	Urfan Khaliq, Cardiff Law School, United Kingdom	
	Hatem Kotrane, University of Carthage-Tunis; Member, UN Committee on Rights of the Child	
	Margaret McKeown, Judge, U.S. Court of Appeals for 9th Circuit, California, USA	
	Salah Eddin Shwayyat, Judge and Head, Central Office for Mediation, Mediation Directorate, Supreme Judicial Department, Amman, Jordan	
	Suhair Tobasi, Judge, Amman Appeal Court, Amman, Jordan	
9:45-11:00am	Cross-Cultural Aspects in Cross-Border Family Disputes; 1980 Hague Convention on Child Abduction and the 1996 Hague Convention on Child Protection	

11:00-11:30am	Coffee Break
11:30am-12:45pm	Cooperation between Parties and Non-Parties to the Hague Conventions: The "Malta Process" involving Non-Party States from the Islamic World
12:45 – 2:30pm	Lunch and Networking
2:30-5:30pm	Session 4 - Refugee Protection: International Law Affecting Women and Children
	Co-Chairs/Organizers:
	Taghreed Hikmet, Jordanian Senator, Former Judge in Jordan, and Former President of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda Christie Edwards, American Red Cross and ASIL's Women in International Law Interest Group
	Maha Shomali, American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative, Amman, Jordan
	Chantal Thomas, Cornell Law School, Ithaca, New York
	Speakers:
	Ruba Alabboushi, International Organization for Migration, Amman Office
	Sarah Craggs, International Organization for Migration, Cairo Regional Office
	Mohammad Dweikat, Former Head of Jordanian Trafficking in Persons Investigation Unit
	Samar Muhareb, ARDD-Legal Aid, Amman
2:30-3:45pm	Protection of Women and Children in International Law
3:45-4:15pm	Coffee Break
4:15-5:30pm	Human Trafficking and Modern Forms of Slavery Involving Refugees Moderator: Chantal Thomas
5:30-6:30pm	Closing Reception