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## Conference Announcement and Draft Program

**“International Legal Dialogue – Middle East North Africa”**  
Conference to be held in Amman, Jordan, December 13-15, 2015

Co-sponsored by:

American Society of International Law  
Columbia Law School and Columbia Global Centers | Amman

In cooperation with

University of Jordan Law School  
American Bar Association Rule of Law Initiative  
American Red Cross  
Bahrain Chamber for Dispute Resolution  
(Other cooperating institutions to be announced in final program)

### Program Overview:

Sunday, December 13, 2015, afternoon: Opening program at University of Jordan  
(Time, place and speakers to be announced), followed by reception

Sunday, December 13, 2015, evening: Opening dinner for speakers and other invited guests

Monday-Tuesday, December 14-15, 2015:

Panels and workshops at the Columbia Global Centers | Amman,  
5 Moh'd Al Sa'd Al-Batayneh Street, King Hussein Park, Amman 11814.

Monday, December 14, 2015:

8:30-9:45 Registration and Welcome  
9:45-1:00 **Arbitration in the Arab World**  
1:00-3:00 Lunch and Networking  
3:00-6:00 **Environmental Effects of Armed Conflict**

Tuesday, December 15, 2015:

9:45-12:45 **Child Abduction and Child Protection: Private International Law Aspects**  
1:00-3:00 Lunch and Networking  
3:00-6:00 **Refugee Protection: International Law Affecting Women and Children**

**The conference is open to the public. To receive registration information, please contact Rosa Arenas, assistant to Professor Lori Damrosch <[rarena@law.columbia.edu](mailto:rarena@law.columbia.edu)>**

**Provisional Program for Panels** (to be updated)

Monday, December 14, 2015, morning sessions:

8:30-9:30      Registration and Coffee

9:30            Welcoming Remarks  
Lori F. Damrosch, Columbia Law School,  
President, American Society of International Law (ASIL)

9:45-1:00      **Arbitration in the Arab World (2 sessions)**

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

9:45-11:00

Recognition and Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards in the Arab World (moderator:  
George Bermann)

11:00-11:30    Coffee Break

11:30-12:45

The Effect of the Political Uprising in the Arab World on International Arbitration  
(moderator: Nassib Ziadé)

1:00-3:00      Lunch and Networking

Monday, December 14, 2015, afternoon sessions:

3:00-6:00      **Environmental Effects of Armed Conflict (2 sessions)**

Co-Chairs/Organizers:

Cymie Payne, ASIL & Rutgers University, New Jersey, US  
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

3:00-4:15

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 Kazai)

4:15-4:45 Coffee Break

4:45-6:00

Progressive Development through UN Bodies of Environmental Law and Compensation Programs (moderator: Cymie Payne)

Tuesday, December 15, 2015, morning sessions:

9:45-12:45 **Child Abduction and Child Protection: Private International Law Aspects (2 sessions)**

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 9<sup>th</sup> Circuit, California, US  
Salah Eddin Shwayyat, Judge and Head, Central Office for Mediation, Mediation Directorate, Supreme Judicial Department, Amman, Jordan  
Suhair Tobasi, Judge, Amman Appeal Court, Jordan

9:45-11:00

Cross-Cultural Aspects in Cross-Border Family Disputes; 1980 Hague Convention on Child Abduction and the 1996 Hague Convention on Child Protection

11:00-11:30 Coffee Break

11:30-12:45

Cooperation between Parties and Non-Parties to the Hague Conventions: The “Malta Process” involving Non-Party States from the Islamic World

1:00-3:00 Lunch and Networking

Tuesday, December 15, 2015, afternoon sessions:

3:00-6:00 **Refugee Protection: International Law Affecting Women and Children (2 sessions)**

Co-Chairs/Organizers:

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

Speakers:

Ruba Alabboushi, International Organization for Migration, Amman Office  
Sarah Craggs, International Organization for Migration, Cairo Regional Office  
Dr. Mohammad Dweikat, former head of Jordanian Trafficking in Persons Investigation Unit  
Samar Muhareb, ARDD-Legal Aid, Amman  
Chantal Thomas, Cornell Law School, Ithaca, New York

3:00-4:15

Protection of Women and Children in International Humanitarian Law

4:15-4:45 Coffee Break

4:45-6:00

Human Trafficking and Modern Forms of Slavery involving Refugees

6:00 Closing Reception