

The Centre for Law and Development

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**Launch of the Centre
for Law and Development**

**CLD skills training
and pro-bono services**

Guest Seminars

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Launch of the CLD

The Centre for Law and Development (CLD) was inaugurated during its launch at the conference on “The Future of Alternative Dispute Resolution – A Qatari Perspective” on 17th May 2017, which was sponsored by Qatar International Court and Dispute Resolution Centre (QICDRC) and Sultan Al-Abdulla & Partners Law Firm (SAP).

Keynote speakers included the Dean of the College of Law, Qatar University - Dr Mohamed Abdulaziz al-Khulafi, QICDRC president Lord Nicholas Phillips and CEO Faisal Rashid al-Sahouti, Sultan Al-Abdulla & Partners Law Firm managing partner Sultan al-Abdulla and Emeritus Professor of International Law at the University of Paris I, Panthéon-Sorbonne, Dr Brigitte Stern. Fourteen speakers participated in the panel sessions, particularly the Austrian Ambassador in Qatar - Dr. Willy Kempel QU LAW professors, professor from Cairo University and specialists from Outer Temple Chambers – UK and Qatar’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The event was fully funded from sponsors.

2017 Publications affiliated with CLD



The Centre's primary purpose is to be a law and policy research Centre producing high quality output focusing upon SCOPUS indexed publications that will be beneficial to Qatar. This year, the CLD published nine Scopus indexed publications, book chapters and other publications including the following:

SCOPUS Articles:

- The Political Economy of WTO Implementation and China's Approach to Litigation in the WTO (Edward Elgar, UK, 2016, pp 1-260, ISBN: 978-1-78347-384-7 Hardback) (2017) 16 Chinese Journal of International Law
- VW's 'defeat devices' and liability for claims for lost emissions tax revenue (2017) 1 Global Journal of Comparative Law 1-24
- Validity of allowances under the EU Emissions Trading Scheme (2017) Environmental Law & Management; (2017) Environmental Liability
- The International Law of the Sea (2017) European Energy and Environmental Law Review 26(6)
- Balancing Human Rights, Environmental Protection and International Trade: Lessons from the EU Experience (2017) 42 European Law Review 1, 131-134
- Oxford Handbook of International Climate Change Law (2017) Journal of Environmental Law
- Environmental Policy & Politics in the EU (2017) European Energy and Environmental Law Review
- Capacity Mechanisms in the EU Energy Market (2017) European Energy and Environmental Law
- Qatar's progress towards preventing terror finance through the abuse of charitable status and the financial sector (2016) 19(4) Journal of Money Laundering Control.

Other affiliated articles and chapters

- Reflecting on the Un-delimited International Seabed Area: Inter-Institutional Challenges”, in Natural Resources and the Law of the Sea: Exploration, Allocation, and Exploitation of Natural Resources in Areas under National Jurisdiction and Beyond, Washington D.C., Juris Publishing, April 2017.
- Rafael Dean Brown (2017). Qatar’s Drone Regulations. Lexis Middle East Law Alert, August / September 2017, pp. 2-4.
- Tracing Environmental Law Principles within the Qatari Legal System, Abdelnaser Zeyad Hayajneh, Hassan Elbarrawy, Yassin Elshazly, Tarek Rashid, British Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences, December 2017, Vol. 18 (2),
- McKenna D, Kitson M. (2016) Is there a cost premium for green buildings in Qatar? QScience Proceedings: Vol. 2016, Qatar Green Building Conference 2016 – The Action, 24
- Marie Therese Auger (2017) New regulatory framework for the district cooling sector in Qatar.

Research Projects and Grants



New Grants

During Spring 2018 the CLD applied for multiple research grants with Qatar National Research Fund focusing on national priority areas for Qatar. These grant proposals focused on:

- Financial Technology and Blockchain
- Cybersecurity and Cyber-Governance in Qatar
- International Dispute Settlement & the role of Qatar

Existing Grants

Collectively the grants the CLD manages are worth over \$1.5 million. In its role to conduct research and become financially self-sufficient, the CLD participates in the following grants:

- Realising Qatar National Research Strategy Planning Area 1: Renewable Energy, Environmental Law & Sustainability
- Qatar University Seed Grant: Attaining Sustainable Air, Water and Food Security in Qatar
Long-term goal (7-10 years): Establish an Integrated Environmental Sustainability Action Plan as a framework for improving food security, clean air and usable water for Qatar that serves as a model for the establishment of sustainable cities in Qatar in support of the QNV 2030.
Short-term goals (3-5 years): Complete a comprehensive diagnosis of water resources, air quality and food provision and develop an integrated action plan (AP) for the i. optimization of water resources mobilization, allocation and recycling; ii. management of air pollution, minimizing risks and mitigating impacts; and iii. development of local food production systems while managing water and land use. This plan will enable more-sustainable urbanization and a healthier living environment.
- Qatar National Research Fund NPRP: Legal Innovation to Empower Development: Designing and Building An Online “TradeLab” in Qatar”.
TradeLab wants to empower countries and stakeholders (SMEs, civil society) to reap the full development benefits of global trade and investment rules. It combines academic research with innovations in internet technologies and legal education. The project’s aim is to enhance the legal capacity to successfully negotiate, implement and benefit from WTO and other trade and investment agreements.

- Qatar National Research Fund (NPRP 9th Cycle, 2016)
“Legal Education & the Skills Market in Qatar”

This research, which is conducted by a diverse array of Qatari and Qatar-based legal educators, aims to investigate three main areas of concern for the legal higher education in Qatar. The first is what does the actual legal job market and industry look like in Qatar and what are the skill gaps employers frequently report for law graduates. The second is what are the career expectations of law students in Qatar and are those expectations realistic when compared to the actual job market. The third concern is what is the legal job market for young lawyers in Qatar and how does it compare to the number of law students in Qatar and their career expectations.

- Islamic Finance and Islamic Finance Dispute Resolution

This research aims to promote scholarly debate on Islamic Finance and Islamic Finance Dispute Resolution throughout the Spanish and Latin American community. It also promote Qatar Financial Center and Qatar International Court and Dispute Resolution Centre among Spanish and Latin American companies, banks and law firms. The research conducts assessment of efficiency and enforceability of Islamic financing schemes in the Spanish and Latin American legal and business environments and it researches the historic influence of Islamic Law and Islamic Finance on Spanish Commercial Law.

CLD training and pro bono services



- The CLD is also planning to do pro-bono capacity building skills workshops to LAWVC students with law firms.
- The CLD organised PhD preparation seminars to Qatari graduates which assisted them in developing PhD proposals and planning their research. Our objective is to offer the Middle-East's legal platform of interaction between industry, academia and governmental entities to promote economic development in Qatar.
- The CLD is launching 'CLD Continuing Legal Education'. This will benefit the local community offering legal courses to meet demand and build a skills base.

Guest seminars



The Centre develops and provide opportunities for Qatari students and faculty to engage with key practitioners and thought leaders. The Centre organizes various events, which bring together researchers, professionals and students together in an learning environment.

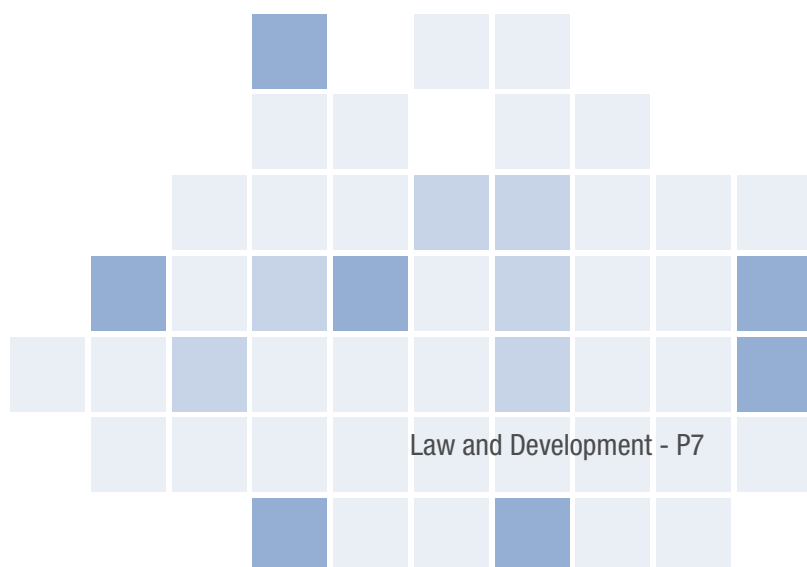
In its role to study technology in the legal education, the CLD hosted a guest seminar, led by **Professor Michael Adams, professor at the School of Law, University of Western Sydney**, under the title of ‘Law and Technology: 20 Year Reflection’.

Prof Michael Adams is an internationally recognized specialist on legal education, who was named “Australian University Teacher of the Year” for law and legal education and works as a Professor of Corporate Law and Governance at the Western Sydney University School of Law.

The seminar was facilitated by **LAWC Assistant Professor of Law Dr Andrew Dahdal**. It aimed to increase community awareness on the role of technology in changing legal practice and education over the past two decades. Attendees included LAWC faculty members and staff.

Prof Michael Adams gave an overview on the advent of the internet. He noted that legal information became more accessible through smart devices, and highlighted the adaptation of legal educators to technological changes.

CLD Director Dr Jon Mark Truby said: “The Centre for Law and Development is delighted to host Professor Adams to learn from his experience during a time of rapid transition in legal education and research, which will help us plan for our use of technology in education in the future.”



QU Annual Research Forum



The CLD participated with a dedicated booth at the 2017 Annual Research Forum at Qatar University. The participation provided the center the opportunity to highlight its research output and participate in the Annual Research Poster competition. The Centre seeks to be the benchmark of success as the GCC's leading institution for innovative interdisciplinary legal academic and professional research and development activities across academia and industry.



External Collaborations



In order to produce interdisciplinary legal research output relevant to the needs of Qatar, the CLD has focused upon several key areas related to both environmental law and financial innovation, including economic and environmental development in Qatar; both are main pillars of the Qatar National Vision 2030.

- The CLD initiated an Islamic Finance research and training project with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Comillas University Law College (Madrid). This seeks to develop a Chair position co-hosted by the organisations, to develop Islamic Finance research.
- The CLD is working on collaborative research initiatives with Universities in Hong King and China, in addition to centers specialized in environmental law and One Belt Initiative Research.
- The CLD is working with USA's William and Mary Law School to develop graduate programs, faculty exchanges initiatives and joint research ventures.
- CLD Affiliate member Dr. Andrew Dahdal has been invited to present a lecture, under the title “MEI Trans-systemic Law Public Lecture: The Qatar Experiment - Reconciling International Financial Regulation with Domestic Legal Reality”, in 2018 at the National University of Singapore’s Middle East Institute conference.
- The CLD is also contributing to several initiatives with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).
- The CLD has conducted research on anti-money laundering and counter-terror finance for the Rule of Law and Anti-Corruption Centre.

CLD Advisory Board Meetings



The Centre has an advisory board with members from different centers and departments within the university, along with an expert representative from the government.

The Advisory Board met twice this year, in May and November, where it advised and guided several administrative and strategic initiatives of the Centre.

The Board membership is as follows:

Dr Talal Al-Emadi, Oil & Gas Law Assistant Professor & IRL Editor-in-Chief (Chair), Dr Hamad Al-Kuwari, Director of Environment Science Centre (Member), Dr Hareb Aljabri, Director of Sustainable Development Center (Member), Mr Abdulhadi Al-Marri, Ministry of Municipality and Environment (Member), Dr Francis Botchway, Sir William Blair Chair in Alternative Dispute Resolution (Member), Dr Abdelnaser Zeyad Hayajneh, Professor of Law, Qatar University (Member), Ms Najlaa Al-Mahmoud, QU Continuing Education Office (Member), Ms. Sara Al-Mohanadi, College of Law, Qatar University (Member), Dr Jon Truby, Ex-officio, Director, of the CLD, Ms. Sabine Saad Al Awad, Secretary to the Board

Publishing a book with UNESCO Qatar



The CLD participated in a UNESCO Workshop in December 2017 at Qatar University, which sought to develop research activities on environmental issues and specifically water issues. UNESCO and the CLD are developing proposals for a book on water law in the Middle East, the first of its kind. It will be in English and Arabic, and include a number of legal issues relevant to environmental law and climate change.

Clinics



The CLD has run clinics within and outside of its NPRP Grants, for Qatar beneficiaries. The legal clinics operated within the Centre aim to empower students by building lasting legal capacity and knowledge on specific subjects. Students gain valuable practical experience through solving real problems for beneficiaries, under the supervision of expert mentors. We work with various beneficiaries, including governments & public officials, trade associations & businesses (particularly SMEs), and civil society groups (NGOs). Students work on real life cases and produce results that have a measurable benefit upon Qatar. Students and the beneficiary benefit from the output of these clinics.

Climate Change Project: Ministry of Environment and Municipality

Students in the Environmental Law course completed a technical analysis report on the obligations the Paris Agreement on Climate Change would impose upon Qatar as a ratifying country, and the national environmental laws Qatar would need to amend to comply with implementing the Paris Agreement. This report will be presented to the Climate Change Committee at the Ministry of Environment and Municipality (beneficiary) as an “experimental clinic” for Spring 2017.

Through ‘learning by doing’ we want to train and promote the next generation of trade and investment lawyers. By providing information and support on negotiations, compliance and litigation, we strive to make WTO, preferential trade and bilateral investment treaties work for everyone. Through pro bono legal clinics and practica, TradeLab connects students and experienced legal professionals to public officials especially in developing countries, small and medium-sized enterprises and civil society to build lasting legal capacity.

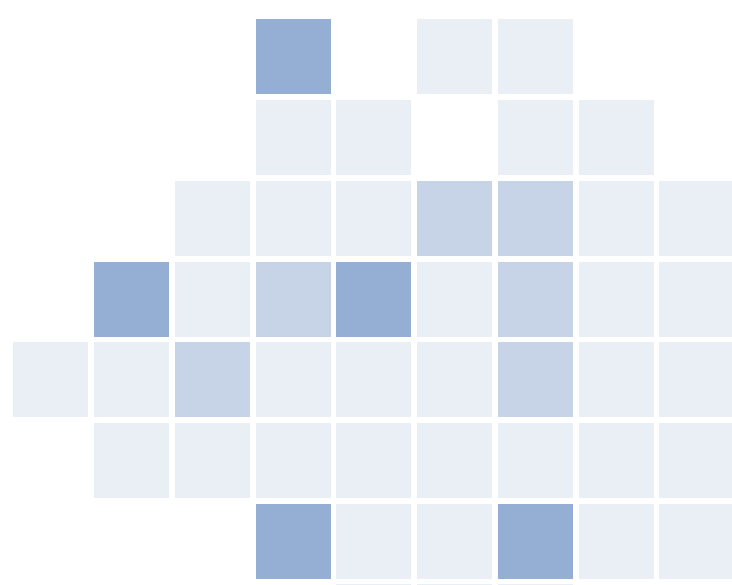
Anti-Money Laundering Project: Rule of Law & Anti-Corruption Centre

Prior to the mutual evaluation exercise by the joint Financial Action Task Force/Middle East and North Africa Financial Action Task Force in Qatar, students complete a technical compliance assessment to report upon the extent to which Qatar is complying with Financial Action Task Force recommendations and recommend further legislative amendments. This report was published :Compliance with International Standards on AML/CFT in Qatar: Gap Analysis

As part of the NPRP Grant on Tradelab, some members of the Centre, with Law QU students, have worked with various beneficiaries, including governments and public officials, trade associations and businesses (particularly SMEs), and civil society groups (NGOs). Students and Faculty gain practical experience through solving real problems for beneficiaries. The clinics projects are run under the umbrella of QNRF's NPRP TradeLab: <https://www.tradelab.org>.

CLD Roundtables

CLD Roundtables will launch in Spring 2018. These will bring together expertise from different sectors in Qatar. The first roundtable will be on the Consumer Dispute Resolution Schemes at the QFCRA.



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