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The Protection Project Staff with Members of the UN CEDAW Committee at the United Nations Headquarters, July 2012

Latest News

- ◆ The Protection Project would like to welcome Dr. Vali Nasr as the new Dean of Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies. A distinguished scholar, foreign policy advisor, and political commentator, Dean Nasr lends practical experience and theoretical insight to the study of international relations.
- ◆ On August 25-26, 2012, The Protection Project participated in a conference in Dushanbe, Tajikistan entitled "Comparative Law: Legal Foundations, Investment, Competition, and Commercial Law in Islam and Other Major Legal Systems." This forum directly engaged legal experts from Tajikistan, the Middle East, and Europe in exploring the synergies among Islamic and Western legal frameworks with a focus on international human rights law and commercial law.
- ◆ Chaired by Ambassador-at-Large Luis CdeBaca, Director of the Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons at the US Department of State, The Protection Project hosted an Embassy Luncheon on July 24, 2012 to present the findings of the US Department of State Trafficking in Persons Report 2012. The event, with over 250 participants, included the attendance of Ambassadors, embassy representatives, government officials, various NGOs, and members of the media. To download a copy of the TPP Review of the Trafficking in Persons Report 2012, please visit our website at www.protectionproject.org.
- ◆ To encourage states to periodically monitor the status of trafficking in women, on July 20, 2012, The Protection Project hosted a side event in cooperation with the UN CEDAW Committee at the United Nations Headquarters in New York City and presented a publication titled "*Reporting on the Status of Trafficking in Women in Accordance with Article 6 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women: Guidelines on the Interpretation of the Text of Article 6 of the Convention.*" The ultimate purpose of this initiative is to create an effective mechanism ensuring government promises to combat trafficking in women materialize into action and that corresponding legal and administrative provisions are implemented. Please visit our website to download a copy of the *Guidelines*.
- ◆ In cooperation with the Global Alliance for Justice Education, The Protection Project hosted a conference May 27-28, 2012 entitled, "Middle East Regional Colloquium on Clinical Legal Education: Developing Clinical Programs and Expanding Access to Justice." Held in Amman, Jordan, esteemed academics and professionals from across the Middle East joined TPP to discuss expanding the capacity of clinical legal education in the region. Please visit our website more information.
- ◆ In cooperation with its partner organization, The International Center for Missing and Exploited Children (ICMEC), The Protection Project convened the 6th Expert Panel on "A Model Law on Child Protection – Best Practices: Protecting Children from Neglect, Abuse, Maltreatment, and Exploitation" on April 2-3, 2012 in Alexandria, Virginia. The Panel brought together representatives from child protection agencies and civil society organizations, including universities, concerned with rendering services to and protecting children in the U.S. and Canada. The 5th draft of the Model Law was discussed and options of incorporating child protection into institutions of higher education were explored. For a copy of the 5th Draft of the Model Law, please visit our website.
- ◆ On March 3-4, 2012, TPP traveled to Alexandria, Egypt to facilitate the visit of a delegation from the Islamic University Gazah to Alexandria University Faculty of Law. Students and staff of the Legal Aid Clinic of the Islamic University Gazah traveled to Alexandria to learn from the experience of Alexandria University Legal Clinic, the first legal clinic established in Egypt. TPP organized a workshop on "Clinical Legal Education and Curriculum Reform in Arab Universities" for members of the Palestinian delegation and students and staff of Alexandria University Legal Clinic.



Elimination of trafficking in persons
Protection of human security
Enhancement of access to justice



Upcoming Conferences and Call for Papers

With a vested interest in promoting a globalized dialogue centered on issues pertinent to human rights, such as human trafficking, legal education, access to justice and enhancing the capacity of human rights protections, The Protection Project will host a number of conferences in the upcoming months:

“The Harmonization of the Law: the Hague Conference, UNIDROIT, and UNCITRAL”

September 9-10, 2012

Beirut, Lebanon

The conference will address a variety of issues which include, but are not limited to: the place of Islamic law in the legal family, Islamic law as a source of international principles of the law, reservations made by Muslim countries to international conventions, the merging of common law and civil law principles in the areas of contract law and secured transactions law, human rights and business law, human rights and contract law, international trade law and the rule of law, incorporating the human rights perspective in standard-setting in private international law, the effects of improvements in international trade law on human rights, model laws as effective means of harmonization of the law, and related topics

The Protection Project’s Seventh Annual Symposium on “Prosecution of Cases of Trafficking in Persons: Comparative Models and International Standards”

November 6, 2012

Washington, D.C.

The symposium will investigate the procedural and substantive elements of prosecuting trafficking cases in the United States and abroad. Law professors, prosecutors, practicing lawyers, legal clinics providing aid to victims, and NGOs representing victims of trafficking are encouraged to submit a paper addressing different aspects of prosecuting trafficking cases.

The Protection Projects Regional Conference on “Reforming Legal Education in the Arab World”

November 18-19

Amman, Jordan

The conference will host deans and professors of law and pedagogy experts to discuss legal education reform in addition to efforts and challenges within this endeavor, in leading Arab universities across the Arab world.

“Corporate Social Responsibility in the Arab World”

December 5-6, 2012

Beirut, Lebanon

The conference will bring together business representatives, law professors, and representatives from NGOs and other elements of civil society to discuss a broad array of topics related to corporate social responsibility, specifically in the 22 countries members of the League of Arab States.

“Access to Justice”

December 19-20, 2012

Alexandria, Egypt

The event will bring together professors of law, religion and social sciences and representatives from NGOs and other elements of civil society to discuss a broad array of topics related to access to justice.

Please visit our website for more information:

<http://www.protectionproject.org/get-involved/calls-for-papers/>

Resources

New Publications

- The Protection Project Review of the US Department of State's Trafficking in Persons Report 2012
- *Understanding Trafficking in Persons in the MENA Region: Training Manual to Combat Trafficking in Persons* (2012)
- Mohamed Mattar, *Corporate Liability for Violations of International Human Rights Law, in LABOUR MIGRATION, HUMAN TRAFFICKING AND MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS – THE COMMODIFICATION OF ILLICIT FLOWS 9* (Ato Quayson and Antonela Arhin, 2012)
- Mohamed Mattar, *Human Rights Legislation in the Arab World: The Case of Human Trafficking*, 33 Mich. J. of Int. L. 2 (2011)
- Mohamed Mattar, *Interpreting Judicial Interpretations of the Criminal Statutes of the Trafficking Victims Protection Act: Ten Years Later*, 19 Amer. J. of Gen., Soc. P. and L., 1248 (2011)

Recent Speeches and Commentaries

- Challenges in the Implementation of the Egyptian Law on Combating Human Trafficking No. 64, 2010, in collaboration with the International Organization for Migration, Cairo, Egypt, August 14, 2012
- "The Old and the New: How Effective are International and National Legal Regimes at Controlling Drug and Human Trafficking?" International Institute of Higher Studies in Criminal Sciences, Siracusa Italy, May 20-30, 2012
- "Mixed Legal Systems, East and West: Newest Trends and Developments", Parliament of Malta, Valletta, Malta, May 14-15 2012
- "New Trends in the Status of Human Trafficking: Five Numbers, Five Challenges, and Five Initiatives", Stanford University, California, USA, March 13, 2012
- Engaging Business: Addressing Human Trafficking in Labor Sourcing, Coca-Cola Company, Georgia, USA, February 14, 2012

Partnerships

In an effort to promote international human rights advocacy and foster a sustainable approach to human rights education, the Protection Project encourages the establishment of partnerships with institutions of higher learning which share the same commitment to human rights.

- TPP paired with the Johns Hopkins University's School of Advanced International Studies' International Law and Organizations Program to offer its first International Human Rights Clinic. In the Spring 2012 semester, TPP and SAIS partnered with faculty and students from Salah El Din University in Iraq and Baghdad University in Iraq to develop a chapter on the rights of vulnerable populations and worked in cooperation with the legal clinic at United Arab Emirates University to draft a model law on the rights of the elderly. Findings were presented at the regional conference on May 27-28 in Amman, Jordan.
- In August, 2012, The Protection Project signed an MOU with Kuwait International Law School, initiating a partnership establishing Law Clinics at Kuwait International Law School.
- Dr. Mohamed Mattar, Executive Director of The Protection Project met with Dean Hassan Okour of Qatar University Faculty of Law, also in August 2012. An MOU was signed to establish an academic exchange program and to advance clinical legal education at the University.



Dr. Mohamed Abdul Mohsin Al-Moqatei, Dean of Kuwait International Law School and Dr. Mohamed Mattar, Executive Director of the Protection Project

Get Involved:

Dissertation Program

This scholarship program awards a one month research scholarship in D.C., to a PhD student from any country in the world who is writing his or her dissertation on trafficking in persons.

Internship Program

Fostering professional and academic exchange and developing learning opportunities, to advance scholarship and to build networks of advocates.

The Conference Prize

The TPP Conference Prize is a scholarship awarded to exceptional students and young professionals, who exhibit an interest in and commitment to human rights, to attend an international human rights conference. Following the conference, the selected candidate should complete a short applied research project related to the subject matter of the conference. In 2011, two SAIS students, Caldwell Bailey and Bradley Bush, were selected based on the superior quality of book reviews they submitted.

Fellowship Program

The purpose of the program is to conduct research on international human rights and to organize a seminar or conference on an issue related to their research topics. The TPP was proud to host two Egyptian fellows in Spring 2012: Mr. Osama Mohamed Ahmed Hassanien, who explored "The Status of a Victim of Human Trafficking" and Ms. Samah Abou Eliel who researched the "International Responses to the Problem of Human Trafficking."

Applied Research Program

A scholarship open to university students and young professionals to conduct field research on a topic of his or her choice relating to human rights and the strengthening of law in a developing country. In May 2012, four SAIS students, Kyle Burgess, Michael Carbone, Maren Lange, and Alyssa Morgenstern, accompanied TPP to Amman, Jordan to present research at the "Middle East Regional Colloquium on Clinical Legal Education: Developing Clinical Programs and Expanding Access to Justice."

The Photography Contest

This contest is open to professional and amateur photographers who wish to contribute their artistic perspective on the international struggle for human rights. The first prize, which includes a financial award and usage of the photo in TPP Publications, is awarded to the photographer whose image best captures the current struggle for human rights.



Winner of the 2011 Photography Contest
Photo taken by Mr. Mário Macilau
In Jaflong, Bangladesh

Fundraising:

The activities of The Protection Project are funded through both public and private grants. All funds support The Protection Project's mission to promote human rights values throughout the world.

We deeply appreciate any and all contributions, and know that with your continued support, we can continue our work and strive to make an impact.

If interested in donating today, please visit:

<http://www.protectionproject.org/get-involved/donate/>



TPP Interns attend a Roundtable hosted by Ambassador At-Large and Director of the Office to Combat and Monitor Trafficking in Persons for the US Department of State, Luis CdeBaca (pictured)

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