



MIDDLE EAST REGIONAL COLLOQUIUM ON CLINICAL LEGAL EDUCATION: DEVELOPING CLINICAL PROGRAMS AND EXPANDING ACCESS TO JUSTICE

King Hussein Bin Talal Convention Center (KHBTC)
Mount Nebo 1 & 2
Dead Sea, Jordan

May 27-28, 2012

PROGRAM AGENDA

Day 1: May 27, 2012

09:00-09:30 Welcome Remarks

Mohamed Mattar, Executive Director, The Protection Project at The Johns Hopkins University-SAIS, Washington, DC, USA
Filip Czernicki, President, Global Alliance for Justice Education (GAJE); President, Polish Legal Clinics Foundation, Warsaw, Poland
Ekhleif Tarawneh, President, University of Jordan, Amman, Jordan
Ibrahim Al-Jazi, Professor, Faculty of Law, University of Jordan; Former State Minister for Legal Affairs and Justice, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, Amman, Jordan

09:30-10:00 Coffee Break

10:00-11:30 Session I: Clinical Legal Education: Philosophy, Foundations, and Aims

Discussants:

David McQuoid-Mason (*Session Moderator*), Professor of Law, Acting Director, Centre for Socio-Legal Studies, University of KwaZulu-Natal, Durban, South Africa
Mizanur Rahman, Chairman, National Human Rights Commission, Dhaka, Bangladesh
Diego Blázquez-Martín, Professor of Law, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, Madrid, Spain; Resident Advisor to the European Union, Tunis, Tunisia

Discussion Topics:

- History, foundations, and philosophy of clinical legal education
- Mission, objectives, and aims of clinical legal education
- Educational, professional and social justice facets of clinical legal education

- Characteristics, models, tools, and methods of clinical legal education
- Clinical legal education and integration in the law school curriculum

11:30-01:00 Session II: The Global Clinical Movement: National, Regional and International Cooperation and Exchange

Discussants:

Frank Bloch (*Session Moderator*), Professor of Law Emeritus, Vanderbilt University Law School, Nashville, TN, USA; Executive Secretary, Global Alliance for Justice Education (GAJE)
 Bruce Lasky, Co-Founder and Director, Bridges Across Borders Southeast Asia (BABSEA) Community Legal Education Initiative, Chiang Mai, Thailand
 Seehaam Samaai, Director, University of the Western Cape Legal Aid Clinic; President, Association of University Legal Aid Institutions, Cape Town, South Africa
 Filip Czernicki, President, Global Alliance for Justice Education (GAJE); President, Polish Legal Clinics Foundation, Warsaw, Poland

Discussion Topics:

- Multidisciplinary collaboration in clinical legal education
- Role of national associations of legal clinics in advancing clinical legal education
- Regional cooperation among legal clinics: best practices and benefits
- International cooperation and exchange among legal clinics: aims and lessons learned

01:00-02:00 Lunch

02:00-03:30 Session III: Clinical Legal Education in Civil Law Jurisdictions

Discussants:

José García Añón (*Session Moderator*), Professor of Law, Human Rights Institute, University of Valencia, Valencia, Spain
 Anne-Solenne Deroux, Associate Dean, Sciences Po Law School, Paris, France
 Diego Blázquez-Martín, Professor of Law, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, Madrid, Spain; Resident Advisor to the European Union, Tunis, Tunisia

Discussion Topics:

- Challenges to and obstacles in introducing clinical legal education in civil law jurisdictions
- Opportunities and strategies for introducing clinical legal education in civil law jurisdictions
- Integrating clinical legal education in the law school curriculum in civil law jurisdictions
- Models of clinical legal education in civil law jurisdictions

03:30-04:00 Coffee Break

04:00-05:30 Session IV: Clinical Legal Education and Transitions to Democracy

Discussants:

Rick Wilson (*Session Moderator*), Professor of Law; Director, International Human Rights Law Clinic, American University Washington College of Law, Washington, DC, USA
 David McQuoid-Mason, Professor of Law, Acting Director, Centre for Socio-Legal Studies, University of KwaZulu-Natal, Durban, South Africa
 Mizanur Rahman, Chairman, National Human Rights Commission, Dhaka, Bangladesh

Discussion Topics:

- Clinical legal education in the context of emerging and transitioning democracies
- Contribution of clinical legal education to advancing democracy, human rights, and reform
- Clinical methods and models of working toward advancing democracy and human rights
- Clinical legal education, public interest law litigation, and legal reform

08:00-10:00 *Opening Dinner*

Sunset Arena, Moevenpick Dead Sea Resort, Dead Sea, Jordan

Day 2: May 28, 2012

09:30-11:00 *Session V: Beyond Client Representation: The Advocacy Role of Legal Clinics*

Discussants:

Catherine Klein (*Session Moderator*), Professor of Law; Director, Columbus Legal Services, Catholic University, Washington, DC, USA

David McQuoid-Mason, Professor of Law, Acting Director, Centre for Socio-Legal Studies, University of KwaZulu-Natal, Durban, South Africa

Bruce Lasky, Co-Founder and Director, Bridges Across Borders Southeast Asia (BABSEA) Community Legal Education Initiative, Chiang Mai, Thailand

Discussion Topics:

- Legal clinics and advocacy efforts in promoting national adherence to and advancing implementation of international human rights norms
- Raising awareness about the law: street law initiatives
- Community organizing, human rights investigation and documentation
- Legal advocacy, legislative drafting, and lobbying efforts
- Working with national, regional, and international human rights mechanisms and tribunals

11:00-11:30 *Coffee Break*

11:30-01:00 *Session VI: Ethics and Professional Responsibility*

Discussants:

Leah Wortham (*Session Moderator*), Professor of Law, Columbus School of Law, Catholic University of America, Washington, DC, USA

José García Añón, Professor of Law, Human Rights Institute, University of Valencia, Valencia, Spain

Discussion Topics:

- Teaching ethics and professionalism in the clinical setting
- Ethical and professional challenges in the clinical setting
- Ethical and professional responsibility in the clinical setting: the student-client relationship
- Ethical and professional responsibility in the clinical setting: the student-teacher relationship
- The role of *pro bono* lawyers in clinical legal education and their cooperation with law clinics

01:00-02:00 *Lunch*

02:00-03:30 Session VII: Clinical Methodologies: Theory and Interactive Exercises

- ✓ Street Law Exercise (30 min) (David McQuoid-Mason)
- ✓ Advocacy Exercise (30 min) (Rick Wilson)
- ✓ Client Representation Exercise (30 min) (Catherine Klein)

03:30-04:00 *Coffee Break*

04:00-05:30 Session VIII: Clinical Legal Education in the Middle East: Past, Present and Future – An Open Discussion

Session Moderators:

Mohamed Mattar, Executive Director, The Protection Project at The Johns Hopkins University-SAIS, Washington, DC, USA

Frank Bloch, Professor of Law Emeritus, Vanderbilt University Law School, Nashville, TN, USA; Executive Secretary, Global Alliance for Justice Education (GAJE)

Lina Shabeeb, Assistant Professor of Law; Director of IRAP Jordan (Iraqi Refugee Assistance Project-Jordan), University of Jordan, Amman, Jordan

Discussion Topics:

- Obstacles and opportunities for developing clinical legal education in the Middle East
- Lessons learned from new and developing clinics in the Middle East
- Best practices from new and developing clinics in the Middle East
- Prospects for growth and progress

05:30-06:00 Closing Remarks

Mohamed Mattar, Executive Director, The Protection Project at The Johns Hopkins University-SAIS, Washington, DC, USA

Filip Czernicki, President, Global Alliance for Justice Education (GAJE); President, Polish Legal Clinics Foundation, Warsaw, Poland

08:30-10:30 *Closing Dinner*

Fakhr El-Din Restaurant, Amman, Jordan