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The Harvard Law School **IGLP Doha Grants Program** is generously supported by **Santander Universities**. The initiative supports research by IGLP alumni and faculty pursuing innovative scholarship aiming to revitalize the Arab and Islamic traditions of law and governance and to explore issues of comparative law, global law, and policy in Qatar, the Middle East, and North African Region. The grants are intended to further the dialogue begun at **IGLP: The Workshop** through long-term research collaboration.

Scholars interested in applying for an **IGLP Doha Grant** can do so in one of three categories:

Research Project Grants

These grants are designed to support sustained efforts by collaborative teams convened by IGLP faculty members to develop and disseminate new thinking aiming to renew our understanding of the Arab and Islamic traditions and/or issues of comparative and global law or policy of relevance to Qatar and the MENA region. Grants could include funding for conferences, workshops, translation or publication.

Collaborative Grants

These grants are designed to support research and writing by collaborative teams of IGLP alumni and/or faculty. Grants could include funding for convening the team, supporting research by team members or dissemination of results.

Individual Grants

These grants are designed to support research and writing by individual scholars and could include funding for travel, research support or publication and dissemination of results.

For more information on these grants and other scholarly resources, please visit our website: www.iglp.law.harvard.edu.

In January 2013, we were pleased to be able to announce the following **Research Project** and **Individual** Grants:



Law and the Arts in the Middle East Today

Principal Investigator: AMR SHALAKANY
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Institute for Gender and Women's Studies,
The American University in Cairo (Egypt)
IGLP Workshop Faculty

This collaborative research project seeks to map the doctrinal arrangements, institutional structures and market practices governing "Law and the Arts" in the Middle East today. The focus will be on the legal systems of Egypt, Lebanon, Turkey, Qatar, the UAE, and Iran, with comparative references to select East Asian, American and European jurisdictions, along with public international law and international economic and trade law. This project will continue thematic discussions begun at the Doha Workshop in January 2013 in the research stream on "Contemporary Approaches to Arab and Islamic Law and Governance" by focusing on the specific case study of law and the arts. This grant will support the first stages of what is envisioned, funding permitted, as a two-year project. The project will begin with a workshop at Brown University in Spring 2013 convening a core group of interested researchers. The workshop will develop research hypotheses and review relevant literature in preparation for an extended series of field consultations. Funding permitting, the core group plans to meet four times over the ensuing two years to share research results, review completed work, and fine-tune the project publications. Each meeting will also include select "guest speakers" as the meeting's theme. The principal destinations for meetings and field work are Cairo, Alexandria, Ramallah, Tel Aviv, Jerusalem, Beirut, Istanbul, Doha and Abu-Dhabi, as well as Tehran if possible. The project will culminate with an edited volume (one part theory, the other a casebook on Law in the Middle East Today) in both Arabic and English.



Contemporary Approaches to Arab and Islamic Law and Governance

Principal Investigator: CHANTAL THOMAS
Professor of Law, Cornell Law School
IGLP Workshop Faculty

This collaborative research project aims to canvass innovative trends in the fields of Arab and Islamic law by convening young scholars to assess the current state and future directions of comparative work in these fields. The project aims to develop an historical understanding of approaches to law and governance the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) that unites study of Islamic law and Arab legal traditions. The significance of law as a background, vernacular and stake in movements for legal reform, social and economic transformation in the region will provide a focal point. Across the MENA region, social change movements have framed their cause at least in part in the language of law, calling for the institution of the rule of law against corrupt and antidemocratic regimes. A contemporary legal understanding of the region should aspire to assess the contours of these vocabularies of resistance, and their relationship to structures of governance. As a sustained research project, this project will draw insight and support from existing collaborative projects already supported by IGLP at Harvard Law School, including Pro-Seminars on Heterodox Development and Transnational Labor Law and Social Policy. The project plans to collaborate with the Cornell Law School Clarke Initiative on Law and Development in the Middle East and North Africa. The grant will support a conference in New York City in Fall 2013, and will seek to bring together experts on comparative and international law, global governance, and development, modern Middle East studies, and Islamic legal thought. A preliminary meeting will be organized to coincide with the June 2013 IGLP Colloquium at Harvard Law School. The New York conference is planned to coincide with a meeting at the UN Development Programme Regional Bureau of Arab States. This office authored the 2004 Arab Human Development Report, which can be viewed as prescient in its unusual criticisms of the knowledge practices of Arab states. The meeting will bring together key actors at the UNDP with regional scholars, civil society, and UN officials. Proposed attendees include scholars from the American University in Cairo, George Mason University, Georgetown University, Harvard University, the University of Alexandria, and the University of Waikato, among others. The envisioned research outcomes include an edited volume and a casebook to be published in 2014 or 2015.



A Cautionary Approach to Biofuel Production in the Middle East

NADIA AHMAD, Legal Fellow, Sustainable Development Strategies Group (United States)
IGLP Workshop Participant 2013

Nadia Ahmad seeks to research laws and policies related to the deployment of biofuels in the Middle East. The grant will support research on regulatory and governance mechanisms to analyze the consequences of biofuel production. In addition, the project will evaluate the Islamic perspective on sustainability and economic jurisprudence principles as it relates to energy development. The project aims to look at how agricultural demands for food cultivation may be undercut by ramped up biofuel production with a focus on Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Bahrain, Jordan, and Kuwait. Nadia Ahmad intends to prepare a law review article based on the outcome of her research.



An Analysis of 'Shariah Clauses' in the Constitutions of Muslim Majority Countries

DAWOOD AHMED, JSD Candidate, University of Chicago (Pakistan)
IGLP Workshop Participant 2013

Dawood Ahmed's project aims to contribute to scholarship on comparative constitutional design. It will initially undertake a comparative analysis of the constitutions of selected Muslim majority countries to analyze and understand the origins of sharia provisions, their evolution and relationship with human rights provisions in constitutions. This grant will support research and travel for this project.



The Role of the Judiciary in 'Political Governance' in Egypt

MUHAMMAD AZEEM, Ph.D. Candidate, Osgoode Hall Law School, York University (Canada and Pakistan)
IGLP Participant 2013

Muhammad Azeem's dissertation focuses on the role of the judiciary in 'political governance' in Pakistan, and he plans to do a comparative study with Egypt, which has strong parallels with Pakistan in its relation to (U.S.) imperial interests, its long tradition of liberal Islam, its military position, and the recent popular upsurge that has led to the rise of the role of the judiciary in intra-elite struggles. This grant will fund travel to Egypt to collect relevant case-law, interview jurists, and interact with Egyptian intellectuals who have been studying these issues. Muhammad Azeem plans to publish one or two articles, and will invite Egyptian scholars to Pakistan to develop further collaborative projects.



Avenues of Legal Reform of Transnational and International Labor Laws in the Gulf and Saudi Arabia

CYRA CHOUDHURY, Associate Professor, Florida International University (United States)
IGLP Workshop Docent 2012

This grant will be used to study laws governing migrant labor in the Gulf and Saudi Arabia. Cyra Choudhury plans to travel to South Asia (India and Bangladesh) to study male and female laborers who work in the Middle East and return with the purpose of describing these experiences in order to inform a legal reform proposal. She plans to publish an article on the topic and follow up with a collaborative project involving a number of IGLP alumni and faculty in a long-term research collaboration.



Arab and Islamic Legal and International Legal Thought

IGNACIO DE LA RASILLA DEL MORAL, Lecturer in Law, Brunel Law School, Brunel University (Spain)
IGLP Workshop Participant 2011

This project aims to study the contribution of Arab and Islamic international legal thought to international law in Spain during the formative period for European international law in the period 1550-1700. The grant will support visits to the main Universities of Andalusia in Southern Spain (University of Granada, University of Cordoba and University of Seville) as well as to the Spanish National Library (Madrid) to provide coverage of the Arab and Islamic Traditions of International Law on the entries "Medieval International Law" and the "History of International Law: 1550-1700" which have been commissioned by Oxford University Press - Oxford Bibliographies.



Study Space IV: Planning for Disaster: Place, Population, Culture, and the Environment

LUIS ESLAVA ARCILA, Senior Fellow, Melbourne Law Masters, Melbourne Law School (Australia and Colombia)
IGLP Workshop Docent 2012 and 2013

Luis Eslava Arcila will use this grant to travel to Istanbul to attend the workshop, "Study Space VI: Planning for Disaster: Place, Population, Culture, and the Environment," which will be held from March 31 to April 6, 2013. During the workshop, he will conduct discussion groups and do fieldwork visits around Istanbul. He will produce an original research paper that will be published in a special journal edition or as part of an edited book. The paper will focus on the challenges and opportunities experienced by urban residents, given Istanbul's location within the MENA region, yet being part of a nation that is in the process of integration to the European Union. The fieldwork visits and the research paper will further his ongoing research on the current international attention to local jurisdictions.



Towards an Interruptive History of Islamic Law

VANJA HAMZIC, Lecturer in Law, City University London (Bosnia and Herzegovina)
IGLP Workshop Docent 2012 and 2013

The proposed research will critically assess the potentials and the limits of the two major streams of historiography of Islamic law in order to investigate many significant factors that have shaped the course and contents of Islamic Legal Tradition that have been overlooked, including

those of (cyclical) globalization(s), vernacular knowledge systems, cultural revolutions, crude periodizations and modernist re-configurations. The research will allow for looking into historical narratives of Islamic law from various temporal and cultural contexts, thus challenging the mainstream, non-vernacular periodizations and generalizations of certain long-lasting historical phenomena. The project will rely on archival and ethnographic (legal anthropological) research, undertaken by the project author in Pakistan (2011) and Egypt (2012). The grant will support further archival research to be conducted in the United Kingdom (2013) and Egypt (2013), travel to relevant meetings and conferences, and translation (Arabic to English; Ottoman Turkish to English). The objectives will be to publish an article on "An Interruptive History of Islamic Law"; to present the research outcomes at one of IGLP's major events (the Workshop, Conference, or Colloquium) as well as major conferences and events related to Islamic law; to produce a new module for students of Islamic law at City University London; and to organize an expert conference on the contemporary issues in the historiographic research of Islamic Law in Doha or London.



The History of International Activity in Palestine from the League of Nations until the Contemporary Era

ZINAIDA MILLER, Ph.D. Candidate, Tufts University, and Fellow, IGLP (United States)
IGLP Workshop Docent 2012 and 2013

This grant will support research on both past and present international intervention in Palestine through archival research and present-day interviews. Zinaida Miller has conducted field interviews with international aid workers in the occupied Palestinian territories, and plans to return to conduct follow-up interviews. In addition, she plans to travel to Geneva in the spring of 2013 to research the Permanent Mandates Commissions Archives to explore the interwar discourses of intervention with regard to Palestine. The ultimate outcome would be to support dissertation research and publication of one or two law review articles.

The **IGLP Doha Grants Program** anticipates awarding a second series of grants in June 2013 at our annual Conference and Colloquium, sponsored by Santander Universities and Sovereign Bank. IGLP Workshop alumni are invited to apply for individual grants, collaborative grants and research project grants through our website: www.iglp.law.harvard.edu. The deadline for applications for the next round of grants is **May 1, 2013**.

About the IGLP

The **Institute for Global Law and Policy (IGLP)** at Harvard Law School is a collaborative faculty effort to nurture innovative approaches to global policy in the face of a legal and institutional architecture manifestly ill-equipped to address our most urgent global challenges. The Institute's signature initiative is **IGLP: The Workshop**, an annual intensive residential program designed for doctoral and post-doctoral scholars and junior faculty. This initiative aims to promote innovative ideas and alternative approaches to issues of global law, economic policy, and social justice in the aftermath of the economic crisis. To date, **over 400 scholars** from more than 83 countries have participated, working alongside 63 convening faculty from some of the world's most foremost universities.

IGLP: The Workshop was founded in 2010 with the generous support of **Santander Universities** and **Sovereign Bank**, which continue to support the Institute and serve as Lead Sponsor for our **Doha Grants Program** as well as our other IGLP Workshop Alumni Programs at Harvard.

IGLP Workshop Alumni Programs

IGLP: The Workshop has been designed to be a progressive experience that builds from one year to the next. **The Workshop** offers promising young scholars opportunities to build collaborative teams and to deepen their thinking through multi-year participation. We hope participation will open the door to a network of friends, colleagues and academic opportunities. In addition to the **Doha Grants Program**, the **IGLP Collaborative Research Grants Program** encourages Workshop alumni to continue the collaboration they begin at IGLP. The **IGLP Travel Grants Program** offers support for IGLP Workshop alumni invited to present their evolving scholarly work and collaborate with scholars in other countries. Alumni are encouraged to return to **The Workshop** as “docents,” serving as mentors and teachers for the next year’s incoming participants. Many IGLP faculty and alumni have participated in the **IGLP Pro-Seminar Program**, convening small teams of scholars to workshop new scholarly writing. The ongoing **IGLP Research Program** has convened numerous scholars from within its network for research missions in Southeast Asia and Latin America, as well as in Cambridge. All who have participated in IGLP’s activities are invited to Cambridge for the biennial international **IGLP Conference** in June 2013 to showcase their ideas and continue to deepen their network experience.

Information about all of these opportunities can be found on the IGLP website at www.iglp.law.harvard.edu, where all IGLP faculty and participants are encouraged to share their research and writing, their course syllabi, and information about other events of interest.

We are grateful to **Santander Universities** and **Sovereign Bank** for giving us the opportunity to develop the Workshop and for the encouragement to continue to innovate as we strengthen the network and diversity of the programs available to build on the Workshop’s early success.

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