The Institute for Global Law & Policy 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.

For more information, deadlines, and applications see our website or email us at iglp@law.harvard.edu.
Grant 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](http://www.iglp.law.harvard.edu)
Scholars in the IGLP Network
Law and the Arts in the Middle East Today.
Principal investigator:
Amr Shalakany (Egypt)
Associate Professor of Law and Member at the Institute for Gender and Women’s Studies, The American University in Cairo, IGLP Workshop Core 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 is on the legal systems of Egypt, Lebanon, Turkey, Qatar, the UAE, and Iran, with comparative references to select East Asian, American and European jurisdictions, as well as with public international law and international economic and trade law. This project continues the thematic discussions of the 2013 IGLP Workshop Stream “Contemporary Approaches to Arab and Islamic Law and Governance” by focusing on the specific case study of law and the arts. This grant is supporting the first stages of what is envisioned as a two-year project which began with a workshop at Brown University in Spring 2013.

(Read more about this research on our website)
Contemporary Approaches to Arab and Islamic Law and Governance.
Principal Investigator:
Chantal Thomas (United States)
Professor of Law, Cornell Law School, IGLP Workshop Core 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. 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. This project draws insight and support from existing collaborative projects already supported by IGLP at Harvard Law School and plans to collaborate with the Cornell Law School Clarke Initiative on Law and Development in the Middle East and North Africa.

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**Prosecution of Political Leaders in the Arab Region**

**Noha Aboueldahab** *(Egypt)*

*Ph.D. Candidate, Durham University, IGLP Workshop Participant 2013*

This grant supported Ms. Aboueldahab’s field research in Libya and Yemen on the social, legal and political processes regarding decisions to prosecute (and not to prosecute) in those countries. Ms. Aboueldahab presented her research in June 2013 at IGLP: The Conference in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Her paper, which she hopes to publish in an academic journal, addresses issues of individual criminal accountability of high-ranking government officials in the Arab region.

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**A Cautionary approach to Biofuel Production in the Middle East**

**Nadia Ahmad** *(United States)*

*Legal Fellow, Sustainable Development Strategies Group, IGLP Workshop Participant 2013*

This grant supports Ms. Ahmad’s research on Islamic perspectives on sustainability and economic jurisprudence principles as they relate to energy development. Her current projects explores laws and policies related to the deployment of biofuels in the Middle East and how agricultural demands for food cultivation may be undercut by ramped-up biofuel production in the region. Ms. Ahmad plans to prepare a law review article for publication based on the outcome of this research.
2013 **Individual Research** Grant Recipients

### An Analysis of ‘Shariah Clauses’ in the Constitutions of Muslim Majority Countries

**Dawood Ahmed, (Pakistan)**  
*J.S.D Candidate, University of Chicago, IGLP Workshop Participant 2013*

Mr. Ahmed’s project is a comparative analysis of the constitutions of selected Muslim majority countries to better understand the origins of Sharia provisions, their evolution, and their relationship with human rights provisions in constitutions. This grant will support travel and field research related to this project.

### The Role of the Judiciary in ‘Political Governance’ in Egypt

**Muhammad Azeem (Canada and Pakistan)**  
*Ph.D. Candidate, Osgoode Hall Law School, York University, IGLP Participant 2013*

Mr. Azeem’s project is a study of the role of the judiciary in ‘political governance’ in Pakistan, with 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 uprisings that have 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 scholars.

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Avenues of Legal Reform of Transnational and International Labor Laws in the Gulf and Saudi Arabia
Cyra Choudhury (United States)
Associate Professor, Florida International University, IGLP Workshop Docent 2012

This grant will support travel and field research related to Ms. Choudhury’s project on laws governing migrant labor in the Gulf and Saudi Arabia. Through this project Ms. Choudhury seeks to produce a scholarly article for publication as well as a scholarly proposal in support of legal reform of various labor laws in the Gulf region.

Arab and Islamic Legal and International Legal Thought
Ignacio de la Rasilla Del Moral (Spain)
Lecturer in Law, Brunel Law School, IGLP Workshop Participant 2011

Mr. De La Rasilla’s project is a study of the contribution of Arab and Islamic international legal thought to the development of international law study in Spain during the period from 1550-1700.

The grant will support travel and field research in Spain. Mr. de la Rasilla anticipates publishing two articles on international law with Oxford University Press – Oxford Bibliographies based on this research.
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Study Space IV: Planning for Disaster: Place, Population, Culture, and the Environment

Luis Eslava (Australia and Colombia)
Senior Fellow, Melbourne Law Masters, Melbourne Law School
IGLP Workshop Docent 2012 and 2013

Mr. Eslava’s project focuses on the challenges and opportunities experienced by Istanbul’s urban residents given the city’s location within the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region, yet also being part of a nation that is in the process of integrating into the European Union. This grant supported Mr. Eslava’s travel to Turkey in March to attend the workshop, “Study Space VI: Planning for Disaster: Place, Population, Culture, and the Environment,” During the workshop, Luis conducted discussion groups with workshop participants and made fieldwork visits around Istanbul. Mr. Eslava hopes to produce a scholarly paper for publication on local jurisdictions and the everyday operation of international law as part of this project.

Towards an Interruptive History of Islamic Law

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

Through this project Mr. Hamzic seeks to critically assess the potentials and the limits of the two major streams of historiography of Islamic law in order to investigate the many significant factors that have shaped the course and contents of Islamic Legal Tradition. The research will focus on historical narratives of Islamic law from various temporal and cultural contexts, with the aim of challenging the mainstream, non-vernacular periodizations and generalizations of certain long-lasting historical phenomena. This grant will support archival research in the United Kingdom and Egypt.

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Capturing Moral Imagination: Islam, Development, and Knowledge Regimes
Karen Rhone (United States)
Doctoral Fellow, American Bar Foundation, University of Chicago
IGLP Workshop Participant 2013

This grant provided support for Ms. Rhone’s travel to Amman, Jordan to conduct dissertation research on knowledge regimes and their understandings, proclivities and hesitations about Islamic ideals. Mr. Rhone’s project is a comparative case study between Qatar Foundation (QF) in Doha and Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung Foundation (KAS) in Amman. While the goals of both foundations are quite similar, they vary in their focus as well as in their knowledge regimes. Knowledge regimes are particularly significant to this work because they help craft the ideas, ideals, theories, data, research and logics that both influence and justify policy imaginings, policymaking and, ultimately, social outcomes.

Islamic Political Thought and the Arab Uprisings
Ermin Sinanovic (Bosnia and Herzegovina)
Assistant Professor of Political Science, United States Naval Academy, IGLP Workshop Participant 2012

This grant supported Mr. Sinanovic’s Travel to Egypt to conduct archival and ethnographic research on Islamic political thought and the emergence of Islamic political parties after the Arab Spring Uprisings. Mr. Sinovic’s project examines the new developments in Islamic political thought which emerged out of the Arab Spring, and the ways in which they have broken with many positions held in classical Islamic political thought. Through this research Mr. Sinovic’s hopes to trace, discover, and understand these changes by examining the writings, statements, and actions of Islamist actors prior, during, and after the Arab Uprisings.

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

Zinaida Miller (United States)
Ph.D. Candidate, Tufts University, IGLP Fellow, IGLP Docent 2012 and 2013

Ms. Miller’s dissertation focuses on both past and present international intervention in Palestine through archival research and present-day interviews. This grant will support travel to conduct field interviews with international aid workers in the occupied Palestinian territories as well as to Geneva to conduct research at the Permanent Mandates Commissions Archives about the interwar discourses of intervention with regard to Palestine. In addition to completing her dissertation, Ms. Miller hopes to publish two scholarly articles as part of this research.
About the IGLP

The Institute for Global Law and Policy 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 IGLP explores the ways in which they are reproduced and what might be done in response.

Each year we support a wide range of working formats, both in Cambridge and in collaboration with our friends abroad, that offer opportunities to students and faculty seeking new perspectives and alternative thinking about the global situation. Our aim is to facilitate the emergence of a creative dialog among young experts from around the world, strengthening our capacity for innovation and cooperative research.

The IGLP is particularly grateful to our Leading Sponsors Santander Universities, who continue to show their faith in our efforts to develop innovative ideas and alternative approaches to issues of global law, economic policy, social justice and governance as well as to strengthen the next generation of scholars by placing them in collaboration with their global peers. Since 2010 Santander has been the Leading Sponsor of our June residential programming at Harvard. Together through these programs we have built a powerful new global network of young scholars engaged in collaborative research aimed at addressing our most important global challenges.

With Santander’s generous support over 400 scholars from more than 60 countries have participated in our annual Workshops, Pro-Seminars, and Colloquia.
Other IGLP Santander Programs

IGLP: The Colloquium strengthens the network of collaboration among our IGLP alumni and faculty. Each year the Colloquium brings together a new group of Core Faculty and Workshop alumni for several days of discussion on a central theme of significance.

IGLP: The Conference, held every other year in Cambridge, is designed to showcase the new thinking about law and global policy among our network of IGLP alumni and friends. In June 2013 the Conference New Directions in Global Thought celebrated the IGLP’s first five years and brought together more than 350 scholars from over 50 countries to share their work over the course of the two days. We convened over 55 panels on topics ranging from human rights to economic policy to comparative law. Our aim is to provide an ongoing opportunity for scholars connected to the Institute to return to Cambridge to present their research, reconnect with peers from across the globe, and find new opportunities for collaborative research with other innovative scholars.

IGLP: Pro-Seminars are designed for small groups of scholars engaged in collaboration aimed towards publication. IGLP Pro-Seminars bring together ten to fifteen active scholars, half selected by invitation, and half by application, who are all working on a common topic. Pro-Seminars meet each June at Harvard to brainstorm their evolving scholarly writing and advance their work towards publication.

Information about all of these opportunities can be found on the IGLP website, a network portal for all IGLP faculty and participants to share research, writing, course syllabi, and information about other events of interest.

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