



INSTITUT D'ETUDES SUR LE DROIT
ET LA JUSTICE DANS LES SOCIÉTÉS ARABES

IEDJA

مركز دراسات القانون و العدالة
في المجتمعات العربية

THE INSTITUTE

The institute of law and justice in Arab societies (IEDJA) was launched under the sponsorship of the institute of higher judicial studies (IHEJ). IEDJA aims to bring together renowned legal personalities known for their intellectual and professional legal expertise on Arab societies.

IEDJA is an apolitical organisation and its ethos is to observe, facilitate, and allow for informed discussions of law and justice in the Arab-speaking region. As a non-profit, private organisation, IEDJA finances its activities from grants and contributions from partners and members.

CONTEXT

The Intellectual excellence and debate in the fields of law and justice in this part of the world has been scarce. At present, the region is undergoing rapid transformations and it is of vital importance to reflect about the state of the law, nourish, and promote legal debate that is uninfluenced by political, religious or other considerations. The region is in need of neutral and objective discussions with the purpose of constructively criticising and aiming for a better administration of justice. It is against this context IEDJA operates.

MISSIONS

Through our IEDJA website, our goal is to create a forum for exchange – a free forum that seeks to generate information, publications, comments and opinions on the evolution of law in Arab countries. This virtual meeting space is open to legal professionals with a personal connection to the region. It is open for those that are connected through their common interest for legal institutions, the protection of individual liberties through law, and devoted to find ways to improve the quality of law.

ABOUT US

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ACTIVITIES :

The activities of IEDJA have been numerous and are traced back to the "Regional Conference of French Speaking Arab Jurists" that was first launched in 2009. Since then, four conferences have taken place in Amman, Beirut, Alexandria and Tunis between. In 2015, IEDJA brought together eminent jurists and academics to the Academy of International Diplomacy in Paris to discuss the rendering of justice in Arab societies. The event, was part of an extensive collaboration with the Academy, the UCL Judicial institute and members from the network of French-speaking Arab jurists such as the University of Tunis II. In 2017, IEDJA launched 'Paroles de justices' (Words of justice), a web-based platform intended to promote intellectual and legal debate amongst lawyers and academics from the region.

"WORDS OF JUSTICE" / PAROLES DE JUSTICE

Our web-based legal forum is an original and innovative project that aims to facilitate and promote intellectual exchanges across the legal spectrum. We invite practitioners such as judges, researchers, lawyers and academics to come together and discuss legal issues that are pervasive in the region.

I- Access to law and justice

This topic explores the elements surrounding access to justice and the overall efficiency of Arab societies in addressing citizens' demands. The topic is analysed through several lenses such as the existence and availability of alternative routes in accessing justice, the relationship between the litigants and their expectations vis-à-vis the law. In particular, we look at the expectations of justice by citizens, the overall justice 'supply' and the demand of citizens. We assess the role of the 'gate-keepers' of justice such as judges, lawyers and prosecutors and their role in addressing the demands of the society. We also look at the principles of due process and fair trial and how they are practiced in reality.

II- Justice through international actors

This topic discusses the role of international cooperation and the myriad of judicial reform projects that are currently taking place in their region. We address questions of impact, attitude and legitimacy of these projects: Are these projects really bettering the administration of justice? Is there an increasing lack of interest in and by international donors themselves? Are there any hidden agendas , or are they truly based on the aim of promoting the use of universal legal values?

III- Justice

To do justice is to establish a link between individuals, values and society. This in of itself includes the activities of the judiciary. This topic aims to approach justice from an interdisciplinary perspective combining thoughts and concepts from of sociology, anthropology, and philosophy of law. It considers the conceptions of justice and how they are practiced in reality. Moreover, the topic explores the historical perspective of rendering justice, and seek to promote discussions on what justice in the Middle East really is, and whether the delivery of it is ultimately, a political act.

IV- Commercial and Practical Law of International Affairs

The practice of international affairs is prevalent in current legal affairs. Arbitration, IP, and Offsets are today heart of the legal debates. This component will therefore work on these three concepts in relation to Arab countries. Specifically, the topic aims to address the following: Where is the place of arbitration, and is its means for dispute resolution in the eyes of the multinationals, more effective than the Arab legal systems? What are the issues related to IP and how do we go about in protecting IP in Arab societies? Finally, how are Offsets conceived and how have they become unavoidable in the conclusion of international public markets of great importance?

Rules of conduct for 'Words of Justice'

'Words of justice' is a non-political online platform. All users must kindly, but firmly, remain neutral in their observations and comments. The discussions in this platform are intended to promote intellectual excellency and research. We therefore ask that all users are courteous to one another and that any opposing views are based on ideas and not people. Prior to publication, all comments submitted are approved by the moderators. The moderators reserve the right to delete any comments that are in contravention of the rules of conduct listed here or anywhere on the platform.

MODERATORS

Amr Soliman

A lawyer by training, Amr Soliman holds a master's degree in comparative international private law from the University of Jean Moulin Lyon III. He is a doctoral candidate from the same university. Amr joined IHEJ in March 2013 where he was responsible for the Arab countries development programme. Before joining IHEJ, Amr Soliman was deputy director for "Governance" at the French Embassy in Cairo. Since October 2013, he is Secretary General and founder of IEDJA. Amr returned to Egypt in 2015 as an advisor for the European Commission's project on the Modernization of the Administration of Justice in Egypt.

Léo Marty

Léo Marty holds a Master degree in international relations and arabic from the Advanced international studies the National Institute for foreign languages and civilisations (INALCO) in Paris as well as a Master of Research in political studies from the advanced school for social studies (EHESS) where he worked on honour killings in Palestine. He joined IEDJA through IHEJ in June 2015. Since, Leo have been actively participating in the development of IEDJA, promoting its activities, outreach and projects.

Sara Razai

Sara joined the Faculty of Law at University College London in September 2014 as a PhD Candidate. Her thesis is a comparative study on the role and significance of the judiciary in the Arab world. She is also a legal consultant and has worked with several Governmental and non-Governmental organisations providing with legal and regional advice in the MENA region. Her primary research interests are Judicial Studies, with particular focus on empirical legal methods.

Mehdi El Harrak

Mehdi El Harrak is currently a PhD student at the School of Comparative Law at the Sorbonne. He is a graduate in Arab Business law from Paris II Panthéon Assas University as well as Comparative International Law of Paris I Panthéon Sorbonne University. Between January 2014 to December 2016, Mehdi worked as a lawyer in Areva. He has been a teaching assistant at SciencesPo Paris, and have held talks at ESSEC and the Burgundy School of Business. Mehdi joined IEDJA as a research associate after his internship at IHEJ.

Edouard Jourdain

Dr. Edouard Jourdain holds a doctorate in political studies from The advanced school for social studies (EHESS). His thesis explored war and theological-political problem, questioning the legacy of Karl Marx and Carl Schmitt. Specialising on Proudhon and anarchy, Edouard teaches political philosophy at the Institut catholique de Paris and l'Ecole nationale des Ponts et Chaussées. Since 2010, at the IHEJ, Edouard holds seminars on legal and political philosophy for judges at the National school for the judiciary (ENM).

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