



**The INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY for  
JUDGES**

at

**The University of Haifa Faculty of Law**

*First Summer workshop*

*July 17th to August 5th 2011*

The International Academy for Judges at the University of Haifa Faculty of Law will hold its first international workshop this coming summer, and invites judges from around the world to register and apply for a scholarship.

## The INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY for JUDGES

The International Academy for Judges was established to support the professional development of the judiciary and to engage in research related to judging and the judiciary. The Academy is planning to create and develop a cadre of professional judges and scholars that will be able to systematically research and inform discourse on professional judging and produce scholarly and policy recommendations. By doing so, the Academy will respond to urgent needs at the intersection of legal practice and academic scholarship.

One of the main activities of the academy is an annual three-weeks workshop exclusively geared for judges from around the world in which three courses will be offered. The courses will be taught by top academics and judges, creating a forum in which the participating judges would be able to share their national experiences with fellow judges and the instructors. This would present a rare opportunity for judges to get a bite of contemporary academic legal discourse and analysis.

## Academic Directors

**Professor Amnon Carmi**, a former judge, is a Professor (emeritus) at the Faculty of Law and the Secretary-General of the International Organization for Judicial Training (IOJT). Among other numerous international appointments, he was the President of The World Association for Medical Law, the Editor-in-Chief of Medicine and Law, International journal and of International Medicolegal Library and holds a UNESCO Chair in Bioethics.



**Professor Eli M. Salzberger**, the former Dean of the University of Haifa Faculty of Law and a prominent expert on legal theory and the study of the judiciary. He is the President of the European Association of Law and Economics, and was a member of the board of directors of the Association for Civil Rights in Israel and the public council of the Israeli Democracy Institute.



## The University of Haifa Faculty of Law

The Faculty of Law at the University of Haifa is one of Israel's leading law schools. It was founded upon an interdisciplinary philosophy of academic studies, focusing on public law, human rights and civil rights, and developing cutting-edge research areas such as Law and Technology, Law and Economics, Law and Society and Empirical Legal Studies. The Law Faculty offers a wide variety of boutique programs specializing in global legal education, including specialized Master's programs for international students, Master's programs in Law and Health, Adjudication and Criminal Procedure; a joint Master's program with the University of Ottawa, An Erasmus Mundus Master's program in Law and Economics (in cooperation with other European universities) and an International Master's program in Patent Law, in collaboration with the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO).

The Faculty of Law has developed an expertise in the academic training of judges. Since 2004 the Faculty has been running a successful, one-of-a-kind Master's program for Israeli judges in cooperation with the Institute of Israeli Advanced Judicial Studies. More than 15 percent of all judges in Israel have already graduated from this unique LL.M program.

# The Summer Workshop

**Dates: 17<sup>th</sup> July–5<sup>th</sup> August, 2011**

## **Academic Program**

**120 academic hours in a degree track towards an LL.M degree or in a certificate track.**

**Teaching staff includes leading experts and legal scholars from around the world, among them: Professor Aharon Barak** (Former President of the Israeli Supreme Court), **Professor Yochai Benkler** (Harvard Law School), **Professor Irvin Cotler** (Former Minister of Justice in Canada), **Professor Dieter Grimm** (Former judge of the German Constitutional Court and Humboldt University), **Professor Neil Netanel** (UCLA Law School), **Justice Eliezer Rivlin** (Deputy President of the Israeli Supreme Court) and **Professor Joseph Weiler** (NYU Law School).

**Three courses will be offered:**

## **Comparative Constitutional Law I**

**(Coordinator: Dr. Amnon Reichman. The Faculty of Law, University of Haifa)**

Is comparing constitutional jurisprudence across jurisdictions a legitimate exercise of interpretation, or does it run afoul of basic democratic principles? Is learning – and borrowing – from constitutional doctrine developed in other jurisdictions a part of the jurist's duty, or does it undermine domestic sovereignty? And if legitimate, what practical and theoretical lessons that can be drawn from the different constitutional schemes modern systems adopt?

The course in comparative constitutional law will offer an opportunity to examine and critically evaluate the different theories explaining and justifying the comparative project – its potential strength and possible limits – in an era where the processes of globalization confront the challenges posed by the forces of localization. It will also delve into substantive constitutional law, by examining constitutional-rights jurisprudence, as well as matters related to separation of powers. Special attention will be paid to the jurisprudence (and role) of supra-national courts, especially in the context of the European Union, compared to the jurisprudence (and role) of Supreme Courts in federal systems (such as the United States and Canada).

More specifically, the course will examine the various justifications of judicial review, the content and scope of protected rights, and the various techniques of limitations of rights. Theories related to the judicial role in federalism and the relations between the three branches of government will also be discussed. The course will situate the case-law and legal doctrine in its institutional context, and examine the range of designs through which judicial review is exercised and «foreign law» treated.

## **Judicial Procedure I**

**(Coordinator: Dr. Oren Gazal-Ayal, Faculty of Law, University of Haifa)**

While many aspects of substantive law are converging both through deliberate efforts to harmonize laws and as a natural response to globalization, procedural law remains, to a larger extent, different from one nation to another. Procedures in common law and civil law systems are evolving, but they are still very different, and even within each of these families of legal systems, there is little uniformity. Still, most legal systems face similar challenges with the internationalization of procedural rights and the increasing caseload.

The course will analyze new trends in legal procedure, their causes and their effects on national legal systems. Much of the course will evolve around the increasing tension between the traditional-formal proceedings and its alternatives. Among other issues, the course will analyze the growing role of prosecutors worldwide, the increasing role of consensual disposition of cases and alternative dispute resolutions in civil, administrative and criminal law cases.

## Law, Media, and Information Technology

**(Coordinator: Prof. Niva Elkin-Koren, Faculty of Law, University of Haifa)**

Information technologies destabilize fundamental legal concepts, requiring courts and legislators to reconsider certain rationales underlying the existing regulatory framework. Information technologies further challenge the dominance of law, the existing territorial structure of the legal system and the tenets of international law. Mass media and social networks are also affecting the courtroom and the legal proceedings. As new technologies are introduced into the courtroom on a wider scale, insulating the courts from public opinion becomes ever more difficult. This course will explore the interaction between law and information-technology, covering issues such as how existing doctrines adapt to the challenges raised by new technologies? How the judiciary is affected by the media? How to facilitate transparency, access to court records and access to legal proceedings and at the same time guaranteeing the right to fair trial and the privacy of litigants in the new information age. The course will examine the legal responses to emerging information technologies, and look at how different legal regimes shape technological development, business models, social relations, political structures and legal proceedings.

## Certificate and Academic Credits

Participants will have the choice to opt for a certificate track or an academic track. In the latter, successful completion of the courses will award 10 academic credits toward an LL.M degree from the University of Haifa.

## Social Program

- ❑ Day trips to Jerusalem, including a visit to the Supreme Court; and to the holy sites in the Galilee and the North of Israel.
- ❑ Festive opening dinner and concluding gala dinner.
- ❑ Evening lectures and meetings with senior jurists

## Accommodation

Rooms will be offered either at the University of Haifa's beautiful mountaintop campus or at a Haifa city hotel (additional charge).

## Costs and Scholarships

The total cost of the program is \$5000, including tuition, accommodation on campus, lunches, social events, and academic materials.

Scholarships are available.

For further details and registration: [Judgesac@univ.haifa.ac.il](mailto:Judgesac@univ.haifa.ac.il)

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