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The Program

Harvard Law School’s Islamic Legal Studies Program (ILSP) is dedicated to promoting research and providing resources to advance the academic study of Islamic law, with an emphasis on legal history, law and society, and comparative law. The Program facilitates and sponsors individual scholarly research and collaborative research projects. It also sponsors lectures, workshops, conferences, and other events to both facilitate exchange among scholars and to educate the Harvard Law School (HLS), Harvard University, and broader intellectual communities. The geographic area of interest for ILSP includes the local, national, and global, spanning both Muslim-majority and Muslim-minority communities in regions that stretch from the Middle East, Asia, and Africa, to Australia, Europe, and the Americas. The Program is neither a religious nor an advocacy organization, but rather aims to foster excellence in the study of Islamic law in an atmosphere of open inquiry.

Beginning in 2014, the Program has been dedicated to facilitating and building three main academic fields of study: Islamic legal history and theory, Islamic law and society, and Islamic comparative law. Islamic legal history and theory includes the study of intellectual and social history, of any historical period—early, medieval, or early modern. Islamic law and society includes anthropological, sociological, and political scientific approaches to the study of Islamic law and law in Muslim societies in contemporary times. Islamic comparative law refers to research that places the study of legal doctrines, processes, and institutions in conversation with research on other legal systems, comparative legal history, comparative constitutional law, and other comparative approaches. In all three areas, the Program encourages interdisciplinary research as well as qualitative and quantitative empirical methodologies.

ILSP also supports the Islamic law collection in the Harvard Law School Library, and provides faculty, students, and visitors the opportunity to take advantage of Harvard’s unparalleled library holdings. The Fellowship Program annually supports the work of junior and senior scholars of Islamic law, who are also able to access the Library’s rich store of Islamic law materials. The Student Support Program provides scholarships and research grants for dozens of students at Harvard Law School each year.
Part One: Report of Activities

A. Summary of the Academic Year 2015–2016

1. Executive Summary

The 2015–2016 academic year saw the continued development of ILSP under the directorship of both Professor Intisar Rabb and Professor Kristen Stilt. Each Faculty Director brings new ideas to invigorate the study of Islamic law for specialists and comparatists alike. To our knowledge, Harvard Law School remains the only major law school in the United States with two tenured faculty members who have expertise in Islamic law. This fact demonstrates a significant commitment to Islamic law by HLS, and ILSP continues to work toward achieving the full potential of that commitment.

During this time of development and growth, ILSP has worked to further expand its public face, its programs, and its projects. In terms of its public face, we continued to expand the Program database of scholars interested in Islamic law and social media presence. In terms of programming, we hosted a slate of three new Fellows. As for projects, Professor Rabb has continued to build SHARIAsource, an initiative designed to establish a global, online database of scholarly content and context on Islamic law, having welcomed some twenty five Islamic law scholars from around the world who now serve as the portal’s editors. Under the banner of SHARIAsource, she hosted a convening conference as well as a major international conference on Judicial Procedure in Early Islamic law. Professor Stilt established the intellectual foundations for research in the area of animals, law, and religion, creating important connections between ILSP and the new Animal Law & Policy Program (ALPP), which she also directs. In February, she co-hosted with ALPP a major international workshop on animals in comparative constitutional law, and hosted a major international workshop on Animals, Law, and Religion in May, with ALPP as co-sponsor. Project Manager Natalie Prosin has assisted this project.

2. Fellows, Events, Research, Projects, and ILSP Publications

The Program’s support of research and scholarship on Islamic law is the defining character of its mission. The Program seeks to accommodate the diverse nature of Islamic legal studies and the wide-ranging interests of its constituencies.
Overview
Each year the Program hosts Visiting Fellows, who reside at Harvard Law School and spend a term or the entire year conducting independent research and writing at the Program. During the 2015–2016 year, ILSP hosted three visiting fellows.

ILSP events ranged from public lectures to workshops for scholars, and two conferences. The Program endeavors to regularly plan a wide variety of events to appeal to and attract its diverse constituencies.

ILSP continues to give high priority to building a renowned research collection in Islamic law and in the positive law of jurisdictions where Muslims form a majority of the population. To serve this goal, the Program contributes considerable funds to the Law School Library, including substantial funding in support of the salary of the Librarian for Islamic Law and for procuring research tools necessary to support the ongoing research of fellows and faculty.

The Program continues to expand several projects under the guidance of its Faculty Directors. Each Director leads her own projects. Intisar Rabb heads up SHARIAsource while Kristen Stilt leads projects on Animals, Law, and Religion and Family Law.

A revised publications program is currently under review.

Details about the items in the preceding paragraphs of this section follow.

ILSP Visiting Fellows
Each year, following a formal application process, ILSP has chosen a group of Visiting Fellows to spend the following academic year or semester pursuing innovative research projects of their own at HLS. During their stay they make use of the research facilities of the Law School and the University, and they participate in the intellectual life of the Program. Visiting Fellows receive HLS appointments, office space, and, usually, a stipend. They participate in all Program activities and are asked to present their ongoing work at some point during the academic year.

Febe Armanios (Associate Professor of History, Middlebury College)
September 2015–December 2015
Research Topic: “Halal Food: A Historical and Legal Exploration”
Boğaç Ergene (Associate Professor of History, University of Vermont)  
September 2015–December 2015  
Research Topic: “Halal Food: A Historical and Legal Exploration”

Adel Gamar (MPA, Harvard Kennedy School)  
July 2015–May 2016

ILSP Visiting Fellows contributed greatly to the Program’s work this year and were involved in many and varied activities.

Febe Armanios and Boğaç Ergene worked on a joint project while at ILSP. Their research explored the evolution of halal food (food that is Islamically permissible) dictums and practices in the Islamic tradition, and more specifically, how Muslim jurists—from medieval to modern periods—have negotiated and reinterpreted understandings of halal to address a variety of internal and external challenges. In addition to their research, Armanios and Ergene worked with Kristen Stilt to organize the May workshop on Animals, Law, and Religion. Armanios and Ergene, Fall 2015 Fellows, have returned to their professorial duties at Middlebury College and the University of Vermont, respectively. Gamar helped organize a September 2015 conference.

Events

In 2015–2016 the Program again offered a diverse range of events, both singly and in collaboration with other units at the University.

September 18, 2015: SHARIAsource Convening Conference  
ILSP and the Berkman Center [now the Berkman-Klein Center] co-hosted a convening conference to discuss SHARIAsource's architecture and content. The event brought together experts in academia, policy, and journalism as well as in technology and library sciences. This diverse range of participation and input exemplifies SHARIAsource's mission to create a community of exchange among experts of various fields.

September 22, 2015: Lecture by H.E. Dr. Mahmoud Gebril  
His Excellency Dr. Mahmoud Gebril, former Prime Minister of Libya, delivered a talk on “The Future of Arab Upheavals.” The event was organized by the Middle East Initiative (HKS), and co-sponsored by Harvard’s Center for Middle Eastern Studies and ILSP.

September 29, 2015: ILSP Open House  
ILSP faculty, staff, and fellows gathered to welcome HLS students and those from the wider Harvard University community to an open house and reception.
November 18, 2015: **LECTURE BY PATRICK WEIL**


February 10, 2016: **LECTURE BY FEBE ARMANIOS**


February 15, 2016: **LECTURE BY KRISTEN STILT**

In “The Women's Movement, Animal Welfare, and Islamic Law: Constitutional Animal Protection in Egypt,” Professor Kristen Stilt discussed the process through which animal welfare was included in the 2014 Egyptian constitution, focusing on women's advocacy and Islamic legal arguments. Co-sponsored with the Harvard Muslim Law Students Association, the Animal Law & Policy Program, and the HLS Student Animal Legal Defense Fund. Sponsored by ILSP’s Animals, Law and Religion Project.

February 18, 2016: **WORKSHOP ON ANIMALS IN COMPARATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL LAW**

The Animal Law & Policy Program and ILSP hosted a workshop on the intersection of animals, religion, and constitutional law. Presentations addressed constitutional theory, institutional design, and case studies grounded in the constitutional experiences of particular jurisdictions or regions. Sponsored by ILSP’s Animals, Law and Religion Project.

March 10, 2016: **LECTURE BY HENRI LAUZIÈRE**

Henri Lauzière, Assistant Professor of History, Northwestern University, examined the historical process by which Salafis came to be associated with a purist and comprehensive religious orientation that embraces the entire gamut of Islamic beliefs and practices. Co-sponsored by Harvard’s Center for Middle Eastern Studies, the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, ILSP, the Prince Alwaleed Islamic Studies Program, and the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs.

March 31, 2016: **LECTURE BY DONOVAN SCHAEFER**

April 18, 2016: **Panel on Addressing Violence against Women in Muslim Countries**

The discussion highlighted the prevalence and causes of violence against women in Pakistan, Libya and Jordan, with a focus on the role of culture and religion, and institutional responses to violence against women. Panelists include Salman Sufi, Jacqueline Bhabha, Rihab Elhaj, and Aisha Mukhtar. Professor Kristen Stilt moderated. Co-sponsored by the Harvard Pakistan Student Group, the Pakistan Caucus at HKS, the Women and Public Policy Program at HKS, and ILSP.

April 29, 2016: **What is Islam? A Symposium in Memory of Shahab Ahmed**

This event provided an opportunity to consider the book *What is Islam?*, by the late M. Shahab Ahmed, former Harvard associate professor of religion and ILSP fellow, from a variety of disciplinary perspectives. In tribute to the author, the event was co-sponsored by some ten Harvard University organizations, including ILSP.

May 6, 2016: **Conference on Courts and Judicial Procedure in Early Islamic Law**

Convened by Professors Intisar Rabb and Abigail Balbale (Bard Graduate Center) to honor Roy Mottahedeh, who is retiring as the Gurney Professor of History at the University after thirty years of service, the conference gathered some 100 legal scholars, experts, and practitioners from various continents. Conference organizers expect to publish the conference papers online and in hard copy. Organized by SHARIAsource at ILSP (with support from the Luce and MacArthur Foundations). Co-sponsored by the Center for Middle Eastern Studies, the PABT Islamic Studies Program, and the Department of History.

May 20–21, 2016: **Workshop on Animals, Law, and Religion**

This scholarly workshop focused on the treatment of animals from Islamic and comparative religious and religio-legal perspectives. The event fostered conversation about how religious traditions consider the interrelated topics of animals, ethics, and law, with the aim of developing an integrated methodology from a comparative perspective. Organized by ILSP’s Animals, Law, and Religion Project and the Animal Law & Policy Program.

**Research**

ILSP does not carry out research in its name. However, Visiting Fellows and ILSP Directors conduct scholarly research on a wide variety of topics. In 2015–2016, ILSP Directors produced and published a substantial amount of scholarly work. Visiting Fellows Armanios and Ergene worked on their co-authored book manuscript, *Halal Food: A Historical and Legal Exploration*. A list of research by the ILSP Directors follows.
INTISAR A. RABB

Publications

*Islamic Law in Literature* (with Bilal Orfali), in *ARABIC LITERARY CULTURE: TRADITION, RECEPTION, AND PERFORMANCE* (Margaret Larkin et al. eds., Wiesbaden: Harrassowitz forthcoming 2017)

*Society and Propriety: The Cultural Construction of Defamation and Blasphemy as Crimes in Islamic Law, ACCUSATIONS OF UNBELIEF IN ISLAM: A DIACHRONIC PERSPECTIVE ON TAKFĪR* 434-64 (Sabine Schmidtke, Camila Adang, & Hassan Ansari eds., Leiden: Brill 2016)


*Against Kadijustiz: On the Negative Citation of Foreign Law, SUFFOLK U. L. REV. 343-78* (2015)


Works in Progress

*The Curious Case of Bughaybigha: Property Takings and Givings in Early Islamic History* (in progress)

*The Substantive Pull of Procedure on Early Islamic Law* (in progress)

Papers, Presentations, Conferences

“Doubt in Islamic Law,” Author-Meets-Reader book panel, at the Law and Society Association Annual Meeting in New Orleans, LA (May 2016)

“The Curious Case of Bughaybigha,” paper presentation at the conference on Judicial Procedure in Early Islamic Law at Harvard Law School in Cambridge, MA (May 2016)

“Doubt in Islamic Law,” presentation at *Faculty Book Tour* for recent publications, at the Department of History, Harvard University in Cambridge, MA (April 2016)

“Procedure in Motion in Early Islamic Law: Some Notes on Law and Literature, Sources and Methods,” paper presentation at conference on *Sharīʿa In Motion: Islam, Law, and Mobility in Asia*, convened by the Yale MacMillan Center, the Yale InterAsia Initiative, and the Department of History at Yale University in New Haven, CT (April 2016)

“Government Counter-Extremism Programs and the First Amendment,” moderator for panel in the MLSA-Dean of Students symposium *American Empire and the Muslim Experience: Inflicting Violence through International and Domestic Law* at Harvard Law School (April 2016)

“The Substantive Pull of Procedure in Early Islamic Law,” Legal History Workshop presentation at University of Pennsylvania Law School in Philadelphia, PA (March 2016)
“100 Years After Sykes-Picot: Borders and Cartography of Power in the Middle East,” workshop participant at the Middle East Studies Seminar, sponsored by Yale Law School, convened in Amman, Jordan (January 2016)

“Cases and Controversies in Early Islamic Law and Society,” public lecture at the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard University in Cambridge, MA (December 2015)

“Perspectives on Reform of Islamic Law,” panelist at a session hosted by the Law Library of Congress, convened at the Library of Congress in Washington DC (December 2015)

KRISTEN A. STILT

Publications


*Animals*, MAX PLANCK ENCYCLOPEDIA OF COMPARATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL LAW (Oxford University Press, forthcoming 2017), with Jessica Eisen.


Works in Progress

*Muslim Family Law Reform: Possibilities and Limitations* (under review), with Salma Waheedi and Swathi Gandhavadi.

*Constitutional Animal Protection and the Making of a Social Movement* (under review).

*Do Muslim Animals Need Saving?*

*Islamic Judicial Review* (with Salma Waheedi).

Papers, Presentations, Conferences


“Animals in Motion: Slaughter, Animal Welfare, and Islamic Law,” Workshop on Sharia in Motion, Yale University, April 8-9, 2016.


Projects

ILSP Directors continue to expand their Projects. In various stages of development, these Projects allow a variety of topics to be explored by the Directors under the Program’s auspices.

Animals, Law, and Religion (ALR), spearheaded by Kristen Stilt, is an interdisciplinary and comparative project that works at the intersection of religious laws and practices and animal welfare and rights. The project focuses on both the academic study of how religious laws and practices deal with animals and on the practical implications of such laws and practices in communities around the world. As such, participants in the project’s activities include academics, religious leaders, and advocates. ALR includes significant attention to Islam and Islamic law; as a comparative project, its interests span all religions. Natalie Prosin, ALR Project Manager has been working with Professor Stilt since Fall 2015. Fall 2015 Visiting Fellows Febe Armanios and Boğaç Ergene worked with Professor Stilt on the May 2016 “Workshop on Animals, Law, and Religion.” Professor Stilt also worked with Animal Law & Policy Executive Director Chris Green and HLS SJD student Jessica Eisen on the February 2016 workshop on “Animals in Comparative Constitutional Law.”

Much progress was made in developing and funding SHARIAsource, the portal designed to house sources of Islamic law and commentary about it. The project won two significant awards in the summer and fall of 2015: a $400,000 grant from the Luce Foundation and a $425,000 prize from the MacArthur Foundation. A convening conference was held in September 2015, and in May 2016, the project co-sponsored with ILSP and other Harvard University organizations a conference on Courts and Judicial Procedure in Early Islamic Law. Staffing was increased with the hiring of Sharon Tai as Research Editor. Paul Beran was hired as Executive Director of the project and will join ILSP in August 2016. SHARIAsource’s platform and editorial base continues to grow. The latter now includes 25 Islamic law experts from around the world who serve as editors.
ILSP Publications and Communications

Newsletter

In late September 2015, the Program disseminated an update of Program news and events. In December, we distributed the second issue of our newsletter, covering the Fall semester. In March, we distributed an interim issue with mid-semester updates. We distributed this electronic newsletter to the Harvard Law School community, the Harvard University community, and to institutions and individuals in our contacts database and via our website.

Website

ILSP’s website is kept up-to-date with event notices; a listing of faculty, staff, and fellows; and various announcements. Newsletters from previous years and Occasional Publications are available online in PDF format. Information on past events, fellows, and students are available on the site’s archive pages.

3. Contributions to HLS Teaching Program

In keeping with ILSP’s mission to both provide educational resources and to promote original scholarship, the Program’s Directors teach a broad range of courses relating to Islamic law. In the Fall Semester, Professor Kristen Stilt taught “Property Law,” an introductory course for first-year students. In the Spring Semester, she taught “Islamic Law: Human Rights Advocacy in the Muslim World,” which addressed difficult questions at the intersection of human rights law and some interpretations of Islamic law. She also taught “Animal Law,” which included a section on the ways in which religious laws and practices affect the lives and interests of animals. Professor Intisar Rabb was on teaching leave in 2015–2016, while pursuing research as a Fellow at the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study.

4. ILSP Student Program/Participation of HLS Students in Program Activities

ILSP has consistently supported Harvard students in their academic endeavors and considers this an important priority. The Program encourages students to take advantage of opportunities to conduct Islamic law-related research and create Islamic law-related programming with the support of ILSP funding resources. We also welcome and encourage student participation in the ILSP scholarly community.
Student Participation at ILSP Events

In the fall of 2015, ILSP once again hosted a Program Open House, geared toward students. Some 35 attendees, mostly students from both HLS and the University at large, enjoyed a reception that featured welcoming remarks, a summary of program activities, and presentation of opportunities for student travel grants and student group-funding awards by Directors Intisar Rabb and Kristen Stilt. The event also included introductions to the year’s Visiting Fellows.

Travel Grants and Internships

The Program awarded its first student travel grant in January of 1996, and since, we have facilitated the research of many students at the Law School—including candidates for the JD, LLM, and SJD degree programs—and occasionally Harvard University graduates students researching topics on or related to Islamic law. Students submit proposals for research trips for work experiences or for the study of Islamic law. All projects associated with Islamic law or with the legal systems of Muslim countries qualify, internships included. In 2015–2016, ISLP awarded student travel grants to four HLS students and one Harvard PhD Student in the Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations. Sarah Abraham (JD ’17) and Lauren Blodgett (JD ’17) worked on a joint project in Jordan on “Statelessness and the Syrian Refugee Crisis”; Mariam Boxwala (JD ’16) traveled to Karachi, Pakistan for a legal aid internship and research on women and minorities; and Ari Schriber (PhD candidate, GSAS) traveled to France to research “The Evolution of Sharia in Early Protectorate Morocco.”

ILSP Writing Prize

This year, ILSP established the Islamic Legal Studies Program Writing Prize on Islamic Law, an annual prize of $1,000, to be given to the Harvard Law School student writing the best paper in the field of Islamic law or on the intersection between other religious legal traditions and Islamic law. The winner of this year’s prize was Zeeshaan Hashmi (LLM ’16) for his paper, “Unconstitutional Constitutional Amendments or Amending the Unamendable? A Critique of District Bar Association Rawalpindi v. Federation of Pakistan.” The competition was stiff, with many excellent submissions.

Tuition Assistance

In 2015–2016 the Program provided financial aid for several SJD candidates and LLM students from the Muslim world in an amount totaling approximately $350,000.
Mentoring and Guidance

ILSP Directors and Visiting Fellows are a resource for HLS and Harvard University students interested in the field of Islamic law. ILSP encourages active participation by students in program activities and provides opportunities to work with the Program in developing these events.

Professor Rabb engaged several students as research assistants to work on projects related to the SHARIAsource platform on digital Islamic law, and the SHARIAsource conference on judicial procedure held in May 2016. Student researchers included Halah Ahmad (Harvard College), Katherine Gonzales (JD’17), Faiq Habash (Harvard College), Sarah Mokh (Harvard College), Anwar Omeish (Harvard College), Aya Saed (JD’17), and Noor Zafar (JD’16), Odile Marie Cecile Ammann (LLM’16), Rebecca Copcutt (LLM’16), Sime Jozipovic (LLM’16), Priyambada Mishra (LLM’16), Emma O’Hara (JD’17), Caroline Silva-Portero (SJD), and Daniel Sondike (JD’17) worked with Professor Stilt on research projects related to comparative constitutional law and religion and the law. Salma Waheedi (Visiting Fellow, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Harvard University) also worked with Professor Stilt, initially as a Research Assistant and then as a co-author.

5. Faculty Participation

ILSP Faculty Affiliates

ILSP continues its Faculty Affiliate program, initiated in Spring 2015. ILSP Faculty Affiliates are members of a broader community of scholars at Harvard with interest and expertise in issues related to Islamic law. These scholars offer a wealth of knowledge and expertise and participate regularly in events and classes on Islamic law, adding richly to the student and scholarly communities. Faculty Affiliates enjoy a range of benefits, including publicizing their lectures, courses, or programs, and providing opportunities for co-sponsorship of relevant events. Current Faculty Affiliates are William Graham (Murray A. Albertson Professor of Middle Eastern Studies, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, and University Distinguished Service Professor), Baber Johansen (Professor of Islamic Religious Studies, HDS), Ousmane Kane (Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal Professor of Contemporary Islamic Religion and Society, HDS), Asim Ijaz Khwaja (Sumitomo-Foundation for Advanced Studies on International Development Professor of International Finance and Development, HKS), Tarek Masoud (Sultan of Oman Associate Professor of International Relations, HKS), and Malika Zeghal (Prince Alwaleed Bin Talal
Professor in Contemporary Islamic Thought and Life, Department of Near Eastern Languages and Civilizations, FAS).

6. Other Contributions to the HLS Community

Support for HLS Library

The Library’s research collection of Islamic and Middle Eastern law materials is essential to ILSP and its mission of promoting research and resources to advance the academic study of Islamic law. To this end, ILSP substantially contributes to the salaries of Law Library personnel and to funding collection needs. Harvard Law School Library’s Islamic and Middle Eastern law collection is one of the most important in the world, and it is constantly being enhanced by the work of the Librarian for Islamic Law and library staff, often assisted and influenced by ILSP Directors and affiliates. ILSP and its Faculty Directors heavily rely on the Islamic law collection and the titles acquired each year for teaching, research, and program activities, and anticipate that such reliance, especially on newly acquired titles, will grow.

The position of Librarian for Islamic Law was held most recently by Mr. Yahya Melhem until October 2015. This position, two-thirds of which is funded by ILSP, is critical to the Harvard Law School Library’s collection of Islamic law materials. Gayle Fisher will join HLS in Summer 2016 as the new Librarian for Islamic Law. The Librarian is assisted by Eve Lauria, Islamic Acquisitions Assistant. Ms. Lauria’s duties include ordering and cataloging.

The HLS Library collects legal materials pertaining to Islamic law as well as the jurisdictional laws of Muslim-majority countries and the Middle East from the Middle East, Central Asia, and the Caucasus in the languages of each of these regions. These materials currently number approximately 25,000 monographs plus major serials, databases, and electronic resources related to the subject, with some 1,000 new resources added each year. The collection contains materials in Arabic, Persian, Turkish, English, and French, among other languages, and includes a wide range of resources covering both classical Islamic law and the current jurisdictional law of countries with predominantly Muslim populations.

The library staff, at the request of ILSP and with the help of Professor Rabb and those working on SHARIAsource, undertook a major project to identify and sort the Islamic and Middle Eastern law collection at the HLS Library. Existing library systems were inadequate for the task, and after several makeshift attempts, the project was completed using a new program developed by Paul
Deschner: LibraryCloud. LibraryCloud operates as a metadata hub that makes the included data openly available for use by applications and websites at Harvard and beyond, and enables easier management of the data flowing among the Library’s various systems. Professor Rabb worked closely with library staff to formulate the inquiries necessary to run the search to identify Islamic Law materials on LibraryCloud. In addition to access to the results for research purposes and to inform efforts at digitization, the results will be displayed on StackLife, a new way of organizing the holdings that provides a different browsing experience. To that end, Paul Deschner also built an Islamic Law library on StackLife, which will be available on the SHARIAsource portal. StackLife has received recognition for its merit as a visual digital library by the Stanford University Libraries.

Other Contributions
Both ILSP Directors provided service to the HLS Graduate Program. In addition, Professor Intisar Rabb served on the HLS Selection Committee for Salzburg Cutler Fellows. Professor Kristen Stilt served as Section Leader and as a faculty member of the Administrative Board, and reviewed student applications for the Graduate Program.

(Section 7, Law Reform and Advocacy, not applicable)

8. Connections with Practice and the Profession

The Program receives many requests each year to share its expertise on aspects of Islamic law and law of the Muslim world from law firms, academics, authors, human rights practitioners, government agencies, international organizations, and the media, and provides answers and assistance as appropriate. ILSP Directors Intisar Rabb and Kristen Stilt participated in a variety of activities and meetings in which they shared their knowledge of the field.

INTISAR A. RABB

Editorial Positions and Boards
Cambridge Series in Islamic Civilization, Cambridge University Press
Journal of Islamic Law and Culture
Journal of Islamic Law and Society
Journal of Middle East Law and Governance

External Peer Reviews
Islamic Law and Society
Journal of Law and Society
Journal of Near Eastern Studies
Law, Culture and the Humanities
Cambridge University Press

Professional Associations
American Association of Law Schools
   Sections on: Comparative Law, Criminal Law, Islamic Law, Law and Religion, Legislation
American Constitution Society
American Society of Comparative Law
American Society for Legal History
International Society for Islamic Legal Studies
Law and Society Association
   Islamic Law and Society Collaborative Research Network (co-founder)
Middle East Studies Association
National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers

KRISTEN A. STILT

Editorial Positions and Boards
Law and History Review

External Peer Reviews
Journal of Law and Religion
Law and Social Inquiry
Law and Society Review
The University of Chicago Press
Oxford University Press

Professional Associations
American Association of Law Schools
American Bar Association
American Society for Legal History
International Society for Islamic Legal Studies
Law and Society Association
Middle East Studies Association
9. Collaboration with Other Schools and Departments at Harvard University

Students from many of the schools and departments of Harvard University frequent our courses and participate in our workshops and lecture programs—including faculty and students from HLS, FAS, HKS, and HBS. Both Professor Rabb and Professor Stilt are members of various University boards and committees—through which we continue to foster connections between ILSP and other parts of the University. Each Director’s participation is listed below.

**INTISAR A. RABB**

Steering Committee, Center for Middle Eastern Studies  
Joint Faculty Member, Department of History

**KRISTEN A. STILT**

Steering Committee, Center for Middle Eastern Studies  
Advisory Board, Al-Waleed Islamic Studies Program  
Steering Committee, South Asia Institute  
Affiliate Faculty Member, Department of History  
Co-Faculty Advisor (with Malika Zeghal), Middle East Beyond Borders, GSAS Graduate Student Workshop Series
B. Plans for the Academic Year 2016–2017

1. Executive Summary

In the academic year 2016–2017, ILSP will continue its mission of promoting research and providing resources to advance the academic study of Islamic law, with an emphasis on legal history, law and society, and comparative law. ILSP intends to collaborate with other programs and professors at Harvard Law School, the wider Harvard University community, and the broader academic world on ILSP programs and projects. Additionally, ILSP is eager to create opportunities for students and scholars to engage in ILSP projects, workshops, and conferences.

ILSP will continue in 2016–2017 to expand its activities and initiatives. Professor Rabb’s SHARIAsource project will welcome a new Executive Director, Paul Beran, joining Research Editor Sharon Tai. With a new Executive Director and drawing on funds from the Henry R. Luce Foundation and the MacArthur Foundation, its new initiatives will target education and engagement on Islamic law within the academic, policy, and media communities. The Program also looks forward to the formal launch of the SHARIAsource portal in Fall 2016.

Kristen Stilt is working with the South Asia Institute to plan an event that will focus on farmed animals in countries ranging from the Middle East to Asia, with an emphasis on both national and religious laws. She and Visiting Fellow Salma Waheedi are involved in the planning of a major international conference to be held in Tunisia on Religion and State in the Arab World, hosted by the Arab Association of Constitutional Law. Professor Stilt will continue to focus on the intersection of Islamic law and human rights, Muslim family law, and animals in Islamic law and the laws of other religious traditions. Several events are planned for the invigorated Animals, Law, and Religion (ALR) Project. The anticipated hire of a Project Manager for ALR will greatly facilitate the expansion and coordination of this project. She has also begun discussions with faculty in the HLS Human Rights Program on a collaborative project on the topic of child marriage.

ILSP continues to raise its profile via a more active and dynamic web presence, with an actively managed website and increased use of social media.
2. Fellows, Events, Research, Projects, and Publications

Visiting Fellows

The program received more than 60 applications for the one or two available fellowships for 2016–2017. Professor Stilt chose to host one Fellow in Fall 2016. Professor Rabb will host a Senior Scholar in Spring 2017 and will also host a Fulbright-funded scholar for the academic year. All fellows will be based at HLS and will be expected to participate in ILSP activities. Fellows for the coming year are:

Maribel Fierro, Research Professor, Spanish National Research Council
Mubasher Hussain, Assistant Professor, International Islamic University
Salma Waheedi, Visiting Researcher, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Harvard

Fierro's research topic at ILSP will be “The Judges of al-Andalus: Prosopography, Practices, Priorities and Predicaments.” Hussain’s research will focus on legal reforms in South Asia. Waheedi will explore interfaith family relations in Islamic jurisprudence.

Events

The Program plans to continue the ILSP Workshop Series, in which each ILSP fellow workshops a paper on his or her research topic. We also expect to host a number of talks or panel discussions on current events involving Islamic law or law in the Muslim world.

ILSP Publications

The ILSP newsletter and the ILSP website are regular publications. Given continuing interest in the books in the Harvard Series in Islamic Law published by ILSP and distributed by Harvard University Press, we are investigating publishing similar volumes under the auspices of each Director’s projects. Professor Rabb is planning a volume containing the papers presented at May’s Conference on Courts and Judicial Procedure in Early Islamic Law.

3. Contributions to the HLS Teaching Program

Professor Kristen Stilt will teach the introductory course, Property Law, in the Fall semester, and two Spring semester courses with content related to Islamic law. Islamic Law: Human Rights Advocacy in the Muslim World will address difficult questions at the intersection of human rights law and some interpretations of Islamic law. Animal Law will introduce students to the broad
range of laws that affect non-human animals, and will include significant attention to the laws of other countries and to international law. Professor Intisar Rabb will co-teach with Professor William Alford a workshop on International and Comparative Law – which will contain a significant component of Islamic comparative law—as well as Advanced Legislation: Statutory Interpretation. As a Radcliffe Professor, she will be on teaching leave in the Spring semester while she serves as a fellow at the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study.

4. Participation of HLS Students in Program Activities

HLS students will be invited and encouraged to participate in conferences and other events organized by the Program. Over the last few years, we have observed a growing interest on the part of HLS students in matters of Islamic law, and we expect this interest to continue to increase over the next academic year as students increase their engagement with Professors Rabb and Stilt via courses and work on ILSP projects.

5. Faculty Participation

For the academic year 2016–2017 we will continue to encourage HLS and Harvard University faculty participation in ILSP events, as topics explored in Program activities are of ongoing concern and interest to faculty from a wide range of disciplines. World events, some of which relate to issues of Islamic law, are likely to continue to yield topics for a variety of events of interest to ILSP.

6. Other Contributions to the HLS Community

ILSP continues to collaborate with HLS faculty, programs, and student groups and will contribute by participating in and cosponsoring various programs and events.

(Section 7, Law Reform and Advocacy, not applicable)

8. Connections to the Profession

ILSP maintains contacts and connections with professionals inside and outside of the United States, and will continue to do so through participation in conferences and workshops.
9. Collaboration with Other Schools and Departments at Harvard University

We expect students from many of the schools and departments of Harvard University to frequent our courses and participate in our workshops and lecture programs—including faculty and students from HLS, HKS, FAS, and HBS. Both Professor Intisar Rabb and Professor Kristen Stilt are members of the Steering Committee of the Center for Middle Eastern Studies, and Professor Rabb is a faculty member in the History Department as well, while Professor Stilt is an affiliate faculty member in that Department. In addition, Professor Stilt is on the Advisory Board of the Al-Waleed Islamic Studies Program and the Steering Committee of the South Asia Institute. Stilt will continue serving with Malika Zeghal as the faculty co-sponsor of the Middle East Beyond Borders GSAS graduate student workshop series. Through these connections we expect to garner an increasingly robust relationship between FAS and ILSP.