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Introduction

Harvard Law School's Islamic Legal Studies Program (ILSP) has been dedicated to the academic study of Islamic law. The Program has facilitated and sponsored individual scholarly research and collaborative research projects. It also has sponsored 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.

ILSP: Law and Social Change focuses on the dynamic relationships among individuals, institutions, and legal systems. It seeks to foster a discussion about how law can be used to create social change and solve pressing problems as well as how the law responds to social demands. ILSP is interested in all areas of the law that relate to social change in the Muslim world, with a particular focus on human rights, women's rights, children's rights, minority rights, animal welfare and rights, constitutional law, food law, environmental law and climate change in particular, migration and refugee studies, and related areas.

Part One: Report of Activities

A. Summary of the Academic Year 2016–2017

1. Executive Summary

During its first year functioning as a separate component within ILSP, the Islamic Legal Studies Program: Law and Social Change (ILSP: LSC) offered a full complement of activities, student support, and research opportunities. Students, faculty, and scholars from HLS, Harvard University, and beyond, as well as the public at large, participated in the wide variety of events and opportunities that ILSP: LSC organized or supported during 2016–2017. Ceallaigh Reddy, formerly Program Administrator for ILSP, assisted tremendously during the transition period, and then we were able to restructure her position to serve as Program Administrator for both ILSP: LSC and the Animal Law & Policy Program. Ceallaigh provided superb support to both programs this year.

Our Visiting Fellow, Salma Waheedi, was also a tremendous asset during the transition period and throughout the year. Professor Stilt had been working to develop relations with the Human Rights Program and Salma proved to be the perfect person to solidify the relationship. She divided her time between her Visiting Fellow position at ILSP: LSC and the International Human Rights Clinic, where she was a Clinical Advocacy Fellow. With Salma's assistance, ILSP: LSC organized many events with the Human Rights Program, and we are thrilled that Salma has now been appointed to the position of Clinic Instructor at the Human Rights Clinic beginning with the 2017–18 academic year. We envision even deeper ties with the Human Rights Program and International Human Rights Clinic.

2. Research, Scholarship, and Activities

a. Areas of Inquiry

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b. Projects, Research, and Scholarship

ILSP: LSC does not carry out research in its name. However, ILSP: LSC Director Kristen Stilt and the Program's Visiting Fellows conduct scholarly research on a wide variety of topics. In 2016–2017, Professor Stilt produced and published a substantial amount of scholarly work (see below). Visiting Fellow Salma Waheedi's research had a dual focus, covering Islamic family law, in particular interfaith marriages in Islamic law, and Islamic constitutional design, specifically the treatment of human rights provisions in Arab Gulf constitutions and constitutional judicial review.

A list of research by the Professor Stilt follows.

Publications

Book Chapters

“Law,” in *Critical Terms for Animal Studies*, ed. Lori Gruen (University of Chicago Press, forthcoming 2017).

“Animals,” in *The Oxford Handbook of Islamic Law*, eds. Anver Emon and Rumea Ahmed (Oxford University Press, forthcoming 2017).

“Hisba,” in *The Oxford Handbook of Islamic Law*, eds. Anver Emon and Rumea Ahmed (Oxford University Press, forthcoming 2017).

“Islamic Judicial Review,” in *Comparative Judicial Review*, eds. Erin Delaney and Rosalind Dixon (forthcoming 2017), with Salma Waheedi.

Articles

“The Ambitions of Muslim Family Law Reform,” *Harvard Journal of Law & Gender* (forthcoming 2018), with Salma Waheedi and Swathi Gandhavadi Griffin.

“Constitutional Innovation and Animal Protection in Egypt,” *Law & Social Inquiry* (forthcoming 2017).

“Animals, Protection of,” in *Max Planck Encyclopedia of Comparative Constitutional Law*, eds. Rainer Grote, Frauke Lachenmann, and Rüdiger Wolfrum (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2017), with Jessica Eisen.

Works in Progress

The Constitutional Kinship of Environmental Law and Animal Law

Trading in Sacrifice (submitted to the *American Journal of International Law Unbound*)

Halal Animals (tentative title; book manuscript)

Papers, Presentations, Conferences

“The Link Between Human and Animal Abuse” and “Humane Education,” Ontario Animal Welfare Symposium, May 15–16, 2017.

“Trading in Sacrifice,” HLS and South Asia Institute Workshop on Animal Agriculture, May 11–12, 2017.

“Are Animal Rights Islamic,” New York University-Abu Dhabi, April 9, 2017.

“Local Lives, Distant Deaths,” Harvard University iV League Vegan Conference, March 24–26, 2017.

“Trading in Sacrifice,” Radcliffe Symposium on Beyond the Trope of Sacrifice, March 9–10, 2017.

“Constitutional Innovation and Animal Protection in Egypt,” University of Denver Sturm College of Law, February 3, 2017.

“Constitutional Innovation and Animal Protection in Egypt,” University of Toronto Law School, November 15, 2016.

“The Constitutional Kinship of Animal Law and Environmental Law,” Yale Law School, November 5, 2016.

“Constitutional Animal Law,” Roundtable on Animal Law and Regulation, Northwestern Law School, July 14–15, 2016.

Animals, Law, and Religion (ALR), an interdisciplinary and comparative project working at the intersection of religious laws and practices and animal welfare and rights, ran under the auspices of ILSP and ILSP: LSC from January 2015 through March 2017. With the formation of ILSP: LSC, this project was subsumed by ILSP: LSC's overall activities. The project focused 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. ALR included significant attention to Islam and Islamic law; as a comparative project, its interests spanned all religions. Natalie Prosin was ALR Project Manager from fall 2015 until the project's close in spring 2017 and produced an internal working report.

c. Clinical Work

Visiting Fellow Salma Waheedi led a two-semester project in the International Human Rights Clinic that focused on women's rights in Islamic legal systems, working in partnership with Musawah, a Malaysia-based global movement for justice and equality in the Muslim family, as well as local women's rights activists and advocates across 25 different Muslim majority and minority countries. In the fall, Waheedi supervised in-depth research and analysis that produced a comprehensive compendium of family laws, policies, procedures, case law, and practice for each of the 25 countries, which was made available as a resource for local advocates and is in the process of being finalized for web publication. In the spring, the project team focused on international women's rights advocacy, producing three reports for the UN Committee for the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), covering Jordan, Nigeria, and Southern Thailand, to assist local advocates in each of these countries advocate for family law reform and to enable CEDAW to engage in constructive dialogues with the respective governments. The reports covered local laws and practice, gaps that needed to be addressed to achieve full equality and justice for women, as well as Islamic arguments for reform. The Jordan and Nigeria reports were submitted under Musawah's name and published on CEDAW's official website, and the Thailand report was incorporated into a larger advocacy report by local activists.

d. Events

ILSP: LSC events included workshops for scholars, public lectures, and a popular film series. We hosted many events on our own and also co-sponsored many more with student groups, entities within HLS, and departments and colleges across Harvard University.

September 30, 2016: HLS LAMBDA CONFERENCE

ILSP: LSC, the Native American Law Students Association, the Women's Law Association, and Students for Reproductive Justice were co-sponsors of HLS Lambda's "Incomplete Justice: The Ongoing Struggle for Full LGBTQ Equality in Our Local Communities," the Harvard Law School's LGBTQ Advocacy Conference. Professor Stilt facilitated a panel on "Battling Homophobia in the Muslim Community," featuring Omair Paul, UN Representative for Muslims for Progressive Values.

November 10, 2016: DISCUSSION WITH ZAINAH ANWAR

HLS's International Human Rights Clinic and ILSP: LSC hosted a Skype discussion with Zainah Anwar on "Gender Justice and Women's Rights Activism within an Islamic Framework." Anwar is co-founder and director of Musawah, a movement founded by activists from 47 different Muslim majority countries to push for equality and justice within an Islamic framework, and is also co-founder and former executive director of Sisters in Islam, a prominent and pioneering Malaysian women's rights advocacy group. Anwar gave an overview of the emergence of Musawah and the activism for women's rights within an Islamic framework, which Sisters in Islam pioneered in Malaysia, and Musawah later expanded to cover Muslim contexts around the globe. She then discussed the tools and strategies of advocating for equality in the Muslim family, using both engagement with Islamic arguments and alternative rights-based interpretations of Quranic text, social realities-based advocacy, as well as international advocacy and leveraging countries' international commitments (CEDAW in particular) to push for greater rights for women. She also spoke about the opportunities and challenges of engaging with religion from a rights-based perspective and the emergence of Musawah as a global movement for equality that offers knowledge-building and training to activists, lawyers, and progressive Muslim advocates across the Muslim world.

November 15, 2016: LECTURE BY HALA ALDOSARI

Saudi blogger and activist Hala Aldosari discussed the family laws of Arab Gulf states and the challenges and prospects of change in a lecture on “Challenges and Developments in Women’s Rights in Saudi Arabia and the Gulf States.” She focused on women’s legal capacity under these laws and discussed the current debates and controversies surrounding Islam, social customs, and legal reform in these countries. Aldosari is a visiting scholar at the Arab Gulf States Institute in Washington DC, where she researches gender identity in the laws and policies in Saudi Arabia and the Gulf States. She was awarded Freedom House’s 2016 Freedom Award in recognition of her work to improve the rights of women in Saudi Arabia. Aldosari has also been involved in the growing women’s protest movement and is now advocating for greater autonomy and equality under the law in Saudi Arabia, and is the author of the petition to end male guardianship in that country.

February 16, 2017: “HORMA” SCREENING AND DISCUSSION

The first event in ILSP: LSC’s film series on Women, Rights, and Activism in the Muslim World was a screening of “Horma” (“Sanctity”), featuring Saudi director and actress Ahd Kamel. The film, shot in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, tells the story of a young pregnant widowed Saudi woman struggling to protect the rights of her unborn child, and follows the emergence of an unlikely friendship between the woman and a young man from Yemen in a community that insists on gender segregation. After the film, Kamel joined the group via videoconference for commentary and a dynamic discussion that covered the complex dynamics of gender relations in Saudi Arabia, women’s legal rights, and the challenges facing women artists and filmmakers in Saudi society. Pascal Menoret, author of *Joyriding in Riyadh* and Professor of Modern Middle East Studies at Brandeis University, joined us as discussant and ILSP: LSC Faculty Director Kristen Stilt and ILSP: LSC Visiting Fellow Salma Waheedi moderated.

February 24–25, 2017: HARVARD GLOBAL LGBTQ CONFERENCE

ILSP: LSC was pleased to be a co-sponsor of the Harvard Global LGBTQ Conference, “A Call to Action: Advocacy, Agency, and Alliances for a Changing World.” The Program funded speakers on two of the event’s panels, “Bridging Differences: Engaging Faith Communities” and “Queer Immigration: Refugees and Criminalization.” ILSP: LSC funds

supported the participation of Imam Daayiee Abdullah, Executive Director of the MECCA Institute, and Ahmed Shihab-Eldin, Journalist at AJ+, an online news and current events channel run by Al Jazeera Media Network.

February 28, 2017: DISCUSSION WITH KANCHANA UGBABE

HLS's International Human Rights Clinic and ILSP: LSC hosted Indian-born Nigerian writer and Harvard Scholar at Risk Kanchana Ugbabe for a discussion of the Boko Haram crisis in Northern Nigeria and its impact on women and religious minorities. Ugbabe is a novelist who wrote on the experience of women at times of war, her own experience as a Nigerian of Indian descent, and the history of war in the Nigerian Jos province at a human level. A rich discussion emerged about Ugbabe's own experience, having been targeted by Boko Haram herself, the social transformation and rupture between Muslims and Christians in Jos over the past decade, and the realities of local women's lives at times of crisis. ILSP: LSC Visiting Fellow Salma Waheedi moderated the discussion.

March 7, 2017: DISCUSSION WITH AISHA MUKHTAR

HLS's International Human Rights Clinic and ILSP: LSC hosted Aisha Mukhtar, Program Head of Violence Against Women and Governance and Women's Rights at UN Women in Pakistan, for a discussion on the prospects and challenges of women's rights advocacy in Pakistan. Mukhtar shared with students insights from her experience on the ground advocating for women's rights as part of the UN system, as well as her previous experience as Acting Chief of Strategic Management Unit at UNDP Pakistan. The discussion covered challenges of mobilizing local support for legal reform, the dynamics between the secular elite women's movements and women in rural areas, linkages and modes of cooperation between local women's movements and international and regional NGOs, and controversies in Pakistan around using Islamic-based arguments to push for greater women's rights. Salma Waheedi, ILSP: LSC Visiting Fellow moderated the discussion.

March 9, 2017: "WHAT TOMORROW BRINGS" SCREENING AND DISCUSSION

The second in ILSP: LSC's film series on Women, Rights, and Activism in the Muslim World, "What Tomorrow Brings," goes inside the very first school for girls in a small Afghan village. From the school's beginnings in 2009 to its first graduation in 2015, the

film traces the interconnected stories of students, teachers, village elders, parents, and school founder Razia Jan. Filmmaker Beth Murphy joined us after the screening for Q&A and discussion, which covered a wide range of issues including her experience making the film, her observations as a western filmmaker documenting events in a small Afghan village, her interaction with the local community, as well as obstacles, challenges, and emerging hope of the education of girls in Afghanistan. ILSP: LSC Faculty Director Kristen Stilt was the discussant and ILSP: LSC Visiting Fellow Salma Waheedi moderated.

March 22, 2017: DISCUSSION WITH SARAH LEAH WHITSON

Sarah Leah Whitson (JD '91), Director of the Middle East and North Africa division of Human Rights Watch (HRW), joined Professor Kristen Stilt's seminar on Human Rights Advocacy in the Muslim World for a discussion on HRW's recent campaign against the male guardianship system in Saudi Arabia.

March 22, 2017: LECTURE BY BRINKLEY MESSICK

ILSP: LSC co-sponsored a lecture by Brinkley Messick, "Islamic Governance, Sharia Interpretation, Imamic Yemen." The talk was the inaugural lecture of the Harvard Law and Religion Lecture Series. Messick is Professor in Anthropology, Middle Eastern, South Asian and African Studies, Columbia University. Messick specializes in the anthropology of law, legal history, written culture, and the circulation and interpretation of Islamic law.

March 23, 2017: "SPEED SISTERS" SCREENING AND DISCUSSION

The third in ILSP: LSC's film series on Women, Rights, and Activism in the Muslim World, this documentary follows five members of the first all-woman race car driving team in the Middle East as they navigate the pressures of social expectations, family dynamics, community politics and the ongoing Israeli military occupation. Following the screening, panelists Zena Agha, Rana Wahbe, and Nour Soubani, Harvard Palestinian graduate students, spoke with the audience about the complexities and vulnerabilities of Palestinian women's lives under the Israeli occupation, offering personal perspectives and first-hand accounts. ILSP: LSC Faculty Director Kristen Stilt moderated the discussion.

March 24–25, 2017: CONFERENCE ON RELIGION AND THE STATE

ILSP: LSC was a co-sponsor, along with IDEA International, the Arab Association of Constitutional Law, and the Tunisian Association of Constitutional Law, of a major international conference titled “Religion and the State.” ILSP: LSC Visiting Fellow Salma Waheedi was among the conference organizers and speakers. The conference brought together constitutional and Islamic law academics and experts from across the US, Europe, and the Muslim world, who presented papers and led discussion across a wide variety of issues at the intersection of Islamic law, constitutionalism, and governance. Themes covered by the conference included post-2011 constitutional negotiation; secularism, Islam, and constitutional law; Islam, democracy, and human rights; Islamic lawmaking; judicial review; the role of religious institutions; religious freedom; and women’s rights. ILSP: LSC Visiting Fellow Salma Waheedi spoke on the inaugural panel covering the study of Islam and constitutionalism and moderated a discussion on religion and secularism in Islamic legal systems.

March 27, 2017: LECTURE BY ZAINAH ANWAR

As a follow-up to the successful Skype discussion in the fall, ILSP: LSC brought Zainah Anwar, co-founder and director of Musawah, to campus for a talk co-sponsored with the Human Rights Program. The Programs also hosted a small dinner with Anwar and eight students, allowing for more in-depth discussion. Anwar’s visit came at the culmination of a year-long project in the International Human Rights Clinic, supervised by Salma Waheedi, for its client, Musawah.

April 13, 2017: “PRIVATE REVOLUTIONS” SCREENING AND DISCUSSION

The fourth and final event in ILSP: LSC’s film series on Women, Rights, and Activism in the Muslim World, “Private Revolutions,” chronicles two years in the lives of four young Egyptian women from various social backgrounds who fight for their rights and for social change after the revolution. The film’s director, Alexandra Schneider, attended and answered audience questions after the screening. A rich discussion emerged, covering issues ranging from women’s legal rights after the 2011 Egyptian revolution and the challenges of human rights activism in Egypt under the military rule, to sexual harassment and female genital mutilation. ILSP: LSC Faculty Director Kristen Stilt was the discussant and ILSP: LSC Visiting Fellow Salma Waheedi moderated.

May 11–12, 2017: WORKSHOP ON ANIMAL AGRICULTURE FROM THE MIDDLE EAST TO ASIA

This scholarly workshop, co-sponsored with the Animal Law & Policy Program and the Harvard South Asia Institute, brought together academics, practitioners, and others with backgrounds in law, the sciences, animal welfare, environmental studies, religious studies, cultural studies, economics, and public policy to exchange ideas as an initial step toward the goal of a broader collaborative research project. The topics covered included:

Tackling Concentrated Animal Agriculture in the Middle East through Standards of Investment, Export Credits, and Trade (Charlotte Blattner – Law Faculty, University of Basel)

Farm Animal Welfare in India: Challenges and Opportunities (Lewis Bollard – Open Philanthropy Project)

Taking Stock of Fish Farming in Asia (Max Elder – Oxford Centre for Animal Ethics)

Modernity in China’s Changing Models of Meat Production (Alisha Gao – Goethe University)

Farm Animals in the Japanese Legal System – Focusing on Welfare of Laying Hens (Moe Honjo – Hitotsubashi University School of Law)

Constitutional Protection for Animals: The Jallikattu Experience (Nuggehalli Jayasimha – Humane Society International, India)

Building Institutions to Foster Rural Cooperation in the Dairy Industry: The Case of India’s Amul (Tarun Khanna – Harvard University South Asia Institute and Harvard Business School)

Rise and Fall of the Silo? Paradigmatic Shifts in Gulf Arab States’ Animal Agriculture (Laurent Lambert – Social & Economic Survey Research Institute, Qatar)

Animal Agriculture in China: Regime Stability and the Regulatory Challenge (Peter Li – University of Houston-Downtown)

Bovine Imperialism: Japanese Livestock, the Threat of Animal Diseases, and the Supply of “Safe” Meat and Cattle in East Asia, c. 1890–1940 (Tatsuya Mitsuda – Keio University)

The Changing Pattern of Animal Production and Consumption in Asia and the Middle East (Clive Phillips – Centre for Animal Welfare and Ethics, School of Veterinary Science, University of Queensland)

Dairy Farming in Pakistan: Transforming Small Farms for Market Efficiency; and Then What? (Erum Sattar – Harvard Law School)

Meat Cultures in Contemporary India (Krithika Srinivasan – University of Edinburgh)

Trading in Sacrifice (Kristen Stilt – Harvard Law School Animal Law & Policy Program, and Islamic Legal Studies Program: Law and Social Change)

e. Visiting Fellows

During the 2016–2017 academic year, ILSP hosted visiting fellow Salma Waheedi. Waheedi was an integral part of ILSP: LSC’s work this year and aided in formalizing our already strong ties to the Human Rights Program and the International Human Rights Clinic. Waheedi, an attorney who specializes in international human rights law, Islamic law, gender justice, family law, and comparative constitutional law, was a Visiting Fellow from June 2016–August 2016 and also from June 2017–August 2017. During the academic year, she held a joint appointment as an employee fellow with ILSP: LSC and as a Clinical Advocacy Fellow with the International Human Rights Clinic, where she focused on women’s rights advocacy and the promotion of women’s equality in Muslim family laws.

She also organized a variety of lectures, movie screenings, and other events, including a major international conference on “Religion and the State,” held in Tunis March 24–26, 2017 and co-organized by IDEA International, the Arab Association of Constitutional Law, and the Tunisian Association of Constitutional Law. Shortly after the conference, Waheedi was elected to the Board of Directors of the Arab Association of Constitutional Law.

Waheedi also spoke at the second annual symposium on Legal and Cultural Issues in Counter Terror Operations, which was held at HLS in April and brought together over thirty military personnel and legal experts. Her talk covered developments in Islamic jurisprudence, Islamic legal systems, and the Islamic laws of war. In addition, she gave a talk at HLS in March entitled “Shifting Grounds in International Human Rights,” where she discussed the impact of the change of US administration in human rights advocacy across the Middle East and the challenges of building international linkages and support networks.

Waheedi’s research focused on two main areas. In the field of Islamic family law, she focused on the question of interfaith marriage in Islamic jurisprudence; in particular, she researched the range of interpretations of what is considered “permissible,” i.e., the marriage of a Muslim man with a woman of an Abrahamic faith and what is traditionally “impermissible,” i.e., everything else, and thereafter explored alternative arguments and interpretations that afford an expansive rights-based reading of the text that focuses on giving the woman greater freedom to choose her spouse on equal footing with a man.

Waheedi’s second area of research covered constitutional review in Arab Gulf constitutional systems, with a particular focus on human rights provisions in the

constitutions of these countries. By examining constitutional court rulings in Kuwait, Bahrain, and the United Arab Emirate on questions of human rights—including personal rights, religious freedoms, freedom of speech, and women’s rights—the study analyzes the legal and political dynamics of these courts and the challenges of achieving judicial independence in these monarchical systems.

3. Contributions to HLS Teaching Program

In keeping with ILSP’s mission to both provide educational resources and to promote original scholarship, ILSP: LSC Director Kristen Stilt taught several courses. In the Fall Semester, she 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, with a particular focus on Islamic law.

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

ILSP: LSC considers it an important priority to support Harvard students in their academic endeavors and we welcome and encourage student participation in the ILSP: LSC scholarly community.

ILSP: LSC Student Travel Grants

ILSP: LSC accepts proposals from HLS students (and in some cases, Harvard University students generally) for research or other academic trips to the Muslim world for topics related to the Program’s areas of interests. The HLS students have often also applied to International Legal Studies for travel grants, and we coordinate with that office in such cases. In 2016–2017, ILSP: LSC awarded student travel grants to five HLS students. Opeyemi Rabiati Akande (SJD) traveled to London to do archival and library research on “The ‘Secular’ Question: Religious Freedom in British Colonial Nigeria.”; Katherine Gonzalez (JD ’17) traveled to Kuala Lumpur for her project, “Unconstitutional Corporal Punishment? The Movement for an Islamic Penal Code in Malaysia and Its Impact on Muslim Women”;

Malik Ladhani (JD '18) traveled to Kyrgyzstan to explore “Environmental Protection in the Kyrgyz Constitution”; Natalie McCauley (JD '19) traveled to Florence to participate in a meeting of Yemeni negotiators crafting a national constitution; and Myra Siddiqui (JD '17) traveled to Karachi for winter-term research on disability rights in Pakistan.

Tuition Assistance

In 2016–2017 ILSP as a whole provided financial aid for several SJD candidates and LLM students from the Muslim world in an amount totaling \$375,000. Sixteen students were supported by scholarships ranging from just under \$8,000 to as much as \$43,000. ILSP: LSC is pleased to be a part of funding our students.

Mentoring and Guidance

ILSP Directors and Visiting Fellows have traditionally been resources for HLS and Harvard University students interested in the field of Islamic law. The Program has encouraged active participation by students in program activities and provided opportunities to work with the Program in developing these events. ILSP: LSC is pleased to continue this work.

Professor Stilt engaged several students as research assistants to work on projects related to comparative constitutional law and religion and the law. Student researchers included Jonathan Kim (JD '17), Pamela Yaacoub (JD '17), Roozbeh Jabbarizadeh (SJD), Taylor R. Davis (JD '18), Amy Feinberg (JD '18) and Waskito Jat (Harvard Divinity School).

Visiting Fellow Salma Waheedi also served as a valuable resource for mentoring and guidance. She advised students on Islamic law research, including on Islamic family law, Islamic constitutional law, women’s rights, and LGBTQ rights, and country field work in Iraq, Jordan, Tunisia, Egypt, the United Arab Emirates, and Malaysia. She also provided career advising and guidance for graduating students seeking to work in the Islamic law and human rights field, including advice on securing placements with organizations such as the International Committee of the Red Cross, Yazda in Northern Iraq, Musawah, IDEA International, and the Arab Association of Constitutional Law.

5. Faculty Participation

ILSP Faculty Affiliates

ILSP continued its Faculty Affiliate program initiated in Spring 2015, and we expect that these Faculty Affiliates will remain affiliated with each part of ILSP. 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 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

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. In 2016–2017 ILSP contributed \$189,629 toward the salaries of Library staff and approximately \$37,000 to the Islamic collections.

The position of Librarian for Islamic Law is held by Gayle Fischer. This position, two-thirds of which is funded by ILSP, is critical to the Harvard Law School Library's collection of Islamic law materials. The Librarian is assisted by Eve Lauria, Islamic Acquisitions Assistant. Lauria's duties include ordering and cataloging. We would also like to recognize the outstanding support provided to Professor Stilt, our Visiting Fellows, and all students

working on any topic related to Islamic law by Stephen Wiles, Librarian for International, Foreign, and Comparative Law. Although ILSP: LSC does not contribute to his salary, Wiles is also an essential member of our community and we are grateful for his assistance.

Other Contributions

ILSP: LSC Faculty Director Kristen Stilt evaluated LLM applications for the HLS Graduate Program; served as 1L Section Leader; served as a faculty member of the Administrative Board; served on the HLS Task Force on Academic Community and Student Engagement; served as a member of the Harvard Negotiation & Mediation Clinical Program Clinical Instructor Hiring Committee; served as a member of the Wasserstein Fellows Selection Committee; and served as a member of the Dean's Search Faculty Advisory Committee.

7. Law Reform and Advocacy

ILSP has not historically engaged in law reform and advocacy activities. However, this year's ILSP: LSC Visiting Fellow, Salma Waheedi, in conjunction with her joint appointment as Clinical Advocacy Fellow with the International Human Rights Clinic, engaged in advocacy work in the area of women's rights in Islamic legal systems. For details on Waheedi's work, please see Section 2.c of this report (page 5).

8. Connections with Practice and Profession

ILSP as a whole, as well as its component entities, 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: LSC Faculty Director Kristen Stilt participated in a variety of activities and meetings in which she shared her knowledge of the field.

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

Cambridge University Press

Granting Entities

Swiss National Science Foundation

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 courses taught by Professor Stilt and participate in our workshops and lecture programs—including faculty and students from HLS, FAS, HKS, and HBS. Professor Stilt is a member of the following University boards and committees—through which ILSP: LSC continues to foster connections with other parts of the University.

Steering Committee, Center for Middle Eastern Studies

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 2017–2018

1. Executive Summary

ILSP: LSC is eager to maintain existing and create new opportunities in ways that support the Program’s mission, and expects that new ideas and plans will become more concrete in the course of the upcoming year.

ILSP: LSC made some changes to the Visiting Fellows program with the aim of attracting not only scholars but also legal practitioners who want to take a short sabbatical from their work to dedicate themselves to a writing project. In order to do that, we allowed applicants to request a fellowship period ranging from one month to an academic year, since many practitioners are not able to take a full semester or academic year away from their work. We had limited time to advertise this change before the applications were due, but intend to expand our reach this year with the hopes of including one or two practitioners in the subsequent group of Visiting Fellows.

In 2017–2018, ILSP: LSC will welcome a cohort of five new visiting fellows, each with a research topic that directly impacts law and society in the Muslim world. We look forward to their energy and their contributions to the Program. We will make available a small pool of funds to the Visiting Fellows to organize small events related to their work.

In addition, Salma Waheedi, with us as Visiting Fellow in 2016–2017 and in the summer of 2017, will be staying at HLS as Clinical Instructor with the International Human Rights Clinic and we expect to deepen our relationship with the Clinic and with the Human Rights Program even further as a result. We also expect to continue to collaborate with the Harvard South Asia Institute and with the student groups at HLS and on the Harvard campus whose interests and focus align with ours.

We anticipate that a newly revised ILSP website, featuring separate sections for each ILSP part, will allow ILSP: LSC to raise its profile via a more active and dynamic web presence, with an actively managed website and increased use of social media. New branding will allow ILSP: LSC to be more active on various social media outlets, enhancing visibility and encouraging additional engagement.

Professor Stilt will be on research leave for the Fall Semester, but we still anticipate that ILSP: LSC is well situated for a successful and vibrant year of scholarship, engagement, and activity.

2. Research, Scholarship, and Activities

While on research leave, Professor Stilt will focus on her project on the international *halal* industry, tentatively titled “*Halal Animals*.”

Visiting Fellows

The program received more than 80 applications for ILSP: LSC fellowships for 2017–2018. We are excited to host six visiting fellows during the upcoming year. All fellows will be based at HLS and will be expected to participate in ILSP: LSC activities. Fellows for the coming year are:

Aisalkyn Botoeva (Visiting Assistant Professor of Sociology, Providence College)

Research Topic: “When Islam Enters Law: Explorations of Islamic Businesses at the Intersection of Materialism, Activism and Resistance”

Term: September 1, 2017–May 31, 2018

Navid Fozi (TUBITAK Research Fellow, Middle East Technical University, Ankara)

Research Topic: “Diasporic Counterpublics: Multiplicities, Challenges, and Trajectories of Iranian Asylum Seekers in Turkey”

Term: September 1, 2017–May 31, 2018

Havva Guney-Ruebenacker (Research Assistant for Prof. Janet Halley, Harvard Law School)

Research Topic: “Islamic Marriage Contracts in American Courts: The Case of *Mabr* and Its Misunderstood Economics”

Term: September 1, 2017–May 31, 2018

Andrew March (Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, Yale University)

Research Topic: “The Caliphate of Man: Shari‘a and Sovereignty in Modern Islamic Thought”

Term: September 1, 2017–May 31, 2018 (joint appointment with Edward J. Safra Center for Ethics, Harvard University)

Dominik Müller (Head of Emmy Noether Research Group, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology)

Research Topic: “The Bureaucratization of Islam and its Socio-Legal Dimensions in Southeast Asia”

Term: February 1, 2018–April 30, 2018

Erum Sattar (SJD 2017, Harvard Law School)

Research Topic: “From the Moors to the New World: Lessons from Dynamic Water Sharing for a Colonial-Era System in the Indus”

Term: September 1, 2017–May 31, 2018

Salma Waheedi (ILSP Employee Fellow; Clinical Instructor, HLS Human Rights Clinic)

Research Topic: “Interfaith Marriage in Islamic Law: Doctrine and Application,” and “Judicial Review in Arab Gulf Constitutional Systems.”

Term: June 1, 2017–August 31, 2017

Events

Each ILSP: LSC fellow will be encouraged to organize at least one event related to his or her research. A fellow might workshop a paper on his or her research topic, organize a lecture or panel discussion with outside speakers, or deliver a lecture. Following on this year’s highly successful film series, we plan to host a similar series in the upcoming academic year. We also expect to co-sponsor a number of talks or panel discussions on current events involving Islamic law or law in the Muslim world organized by other organizations at HLS and Harvard University. We plan to co-host an event series with the International Human Rights Clinic, “Spotlight on Syria,” to examine the human impact of the Syrian crisis. The series includes a book reading by Wendy Pearlman, author of *We Crossed a Bridge and it Trembled*, a film screening and discussion with Syrian director Muhammad Bayazid, and a talk by Syrian activist Sana Mustapha on the challenges of international advocacy for the people of Syria. We also plan to host a talk in the fall by prominent Islamic feminist academic and activist Ziba Mirhosseini. We are in the early stages of exploring the possibility of convening a Working Group on Yemen at HLS, drawing upon faculty and scholars across Harvard University.

3. Contributions to the HLS Teaching Program

Professor Kristen Stilt will be on research leave in the fall. Her two Spring Semester courses include 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.

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

We will continue to engage HLS students in our work, and are developing a new flexible grant program that will allow students to apply for funding for projects or events beyond the existing travel grant program. This idea was itself generated by a student in Professor Stilt's Islamic Law course in the 2017 Spring Semester, who is interested in LGBTQ rights in Tunisia and will be conducting research there in the January term to produce a human rights report. We are in the initial stages of discussing what kind of event to organize around the release of the report and other details, such as its translation into Arabic.

5. Faculty Participation

For the academic year 2016–2017 we will continue to develop our ties with faculty members at HLS and Harvard University.

6. Other Contributions to the HLS Community

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

(7. Law Reform and Advocacy, not applicable)

8. Connections with the Practice and Profession

ILSP: LSC 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 Professor Stilt's courses and participate in ILSP: LSC events—including faculty and students from HLS, HKS, FAS, and HBS. Professor Stilt is a member of the Steering Committee of the Center for Middle Eastern Studies and on the Steering Committee of the Harvard South Asia Institute. Professor 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.