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# The INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY for JUDGES

at The University of Haifa, Faculty of Law  
Summer Workshop  
July 14th to August 1st 2014

## 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 to get a taste of contemporary academic legal discourse and analysis. In addition a weekend workshop of international & national Judges will be offered to the participants.

## Academic Directors

**Prof. Amnon Carmi**, a former judge, is a Professor (emeritus) at the Faculty of Law and the former 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.



**Prof. 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 was 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, Law, Health and Ethics (Unesco Chair) 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: 14<sup>th</sup> July–1<sup>st</sup> August, 2014**

## **Academic Program**

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

**Three courses will be offered:**

### **Theoretical and Comparative Legal Procedure**

**(Coordinator: Dr. Rabeea Assy)**

It is a truth universally acknowledged that without access to fair court there can be no legal rights and hence no rule of law. The transformation from the state of nature into modern society largely depends on the extent to which legal rights are enforced in an effective and efficient way. This course will discuss theoretical aspects of legal procedure (including evidence) in both the civil and criminal contexts, and expose a number of interesting issues that will be analyzed through comparative lenses. The primary purpose is to provide new ways of thinking about legal procedure and evidence. Procedural rules are often thought of as being secondary and technical in nature, bearing no normative significance and merely facilitative. A deeper enquiry will reveal that serious theoretical issues underpin many procedural rules and that, while most procedural regimes seek to achieve the same general purpose (resolving disputes over legal rights), they often do so in different ways that may signify philosophical difference as well as different balances between the various competing interests.

### **The Rule of Law: Contemporary Challenges**

**(Coordinator: Prof. Amnon Reichman)**

The course will examine the main challenges to the rule of law in developed in developing and countries. Special attention will be paid to challenges emanating from extreme conditions (natural disasters, armed conflicts or sever internal strife). The course will address conceptual questions regarding the limits of law and the legal process, doctrinal questions pertaining to legal mechanisms in place to secure the rule of law (in ordinary and non-ordinary times) and institutional questions relating to the interplay between the various agencies in charge of protecting the rule of law. Methodologically, the course will include comparative examples, and in-depth analysis of case studies involving palpable challenges to the rule of law.

### **Law and Society**

**(Coordinators: Prof. Gad Barzilai and Dr. Alexander Kedar)**

This course unveils the theoretical, empirical and practical aspects of law and society. It begins with a theoretical analysis of the fundamentals of social and political forces in law, both domestically and from a comparative perspective. Then it drills into various specific topics like: culture in law, institutions in law, political elites in law, law and social class, law and minorities, law and social mobilization, law and a social change. Through a theoretical and empirical analysis of all topics the class is oriented to examine what law and society studies may mean for judicial decision making and what might be the ramifications on the judiciary. Class debates will be encouraged.

## 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 and ex-curriculum events

- ❑ Day trip to Jerusalem, including a visit to the Supreme Court.
- ❑ A joint colloquium with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- ❑ 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 (USD) 5,500 including tuition, accommodation on campus, lunches, social events, and academic materials. **Full and partial Scholarships are available.**

Registration will be open on February 2<sup>nd</sup> 2014. We operate a rolling admission procedure, as well as scholarships allocation, until the program has filled its places and scholarship funds are allocated.

**For further details & registration**

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**<http://weblaw.haifa.ac.il/en/JudgesAcademy>**