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LEGAL ACADEMIA

American University, Washington College of Law, Washington D.C.  
Professor of Law (September 2003- present)  
Director, International and Comparative Legal Studies (August  
2017 - present)  
Faculty Director, LL.M. in International Legal Studies Program  
(August 2017 - present)

Assistant/Associate Professor of Law (September 1997-2003)

*Areas of specialization and interest:* International Trade Law  
(WTO/GATT); International Arbitration; International Economic Law;  
Comparative Legal Traditions; History of Free Trade; Law and Religion.

*Research Areas:*

(1) The role of the World Trade

## EDUCATION

Harvard Law School  
J.D., June 1988  
International Law Journal  
Harvard Law Record

University of Oregon, Robert D. Clark Honors College B.A.  
(honors), June 1985  
English Literature (major), Philosophy (minor); Phi Beta Kappa

## SELECTED PUBLICATIONS: BOOKS AND BOOK CHAPTERS

"The Limits of Transparency: China, the United States and the World Trade Organization (co-author with Katayoon Beshkardana) in *Cultures of*

"From the Periphery to the Centre? The Evolving WTO Jurisprudence on Transparency and Good Governance." in *Redesigning the WTO for the Twenty-First Century* (Wilfrid Laurier University Press, The Center for International





influence of Islamic Law on the Egyptian legal system.

## RESEARCH GRANTS

*"Promoting Effective Access to Justice for Victims of Sexual and Gender Based Violence in Syria - 2018 to present*

Principal Investigator: \$1.7 million grant from the Department of State. Awarded September 2018 and extended through April 30, 2021.

*"Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program" - 2011 to present*

Primary Investigator for the Hubert H. Humphrey grant from the Department of State and International Institute for Education (IIE). Obtained \$270,000 (approximately) per year.

*"Gender Equality: Voices from Global South,"* Department of State, Federal. Received \$8,000. Awarded March 2016.

*"Project on Rule of Law in the Middle East and Islamic World"*

Obtained a grant of \$18,035 in spring 2004 from the Institutional Reform and Informal Sector (IRIS) at University of Maryland.

The project, implemented by Washington College of Law, looked at certain areas where "restraints on state" was deemed to be important in terms of governance criteria developed by European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD). The countries studied were Algeria, Egypt, Jordan, Lebanon, Morocco and Tunisia. The first part of the research examined 7 areas identified by IRIS: 1. Publication of Laws (frequency, transparency, availability, etc.), 2. Public Input into Policy (official and non-official mechanisms for public input, comment, standards), 3. Retroactivity of laws (extent, policy, etc.). 4. Expropriation of Property (permissible, compensation, criteria, resources, etc.), 5. Individual Rights to Protect Commercial Rights, 6. Administrative Interpretation, and 7. Judicial Independence. The second part looked at the law of the six countries in the following areas: 1. Insolvency Law, 2. Company or Corporations Law, 3. Secured Lending, and 4. Enforcement of Commercial Agreements.

ENDOWMENTS:

Harmonizing Environmental Policies" (June 2012 - Oral Defense).

SJD Committee Member, Radwa Salah Elsamani, "Toward an Egyptian Franchising Law Based on a Comparative Study of the Laws of the United States, China and Malaysia" (April 2012 - Oral Defense).

SJD Committee Member, Marcos Orellana, "Health, Safety & Environmental Measure



Opening Remarks, "*Combatting Sexual and Gender Based Violence in Syria? How can we play a role?*" (September 12, 2020) sponsored by the AUWCL Syrian Initiative at AUWCL.

Moderator, "*Role of Government in a Changing World: Perspectives from Brazil, China, Serbia and Thailand*" (March 11, 2020) sponsored by the AUWCL Humphrey Program at AUWCL.

Moderator: "*Human Rights and Impact of the Humphrey Fellowship Program*", at Gallaudet University. (March 10, 2020)

Commentator, AUWCL Faculty Speaker Series, "*the Trans-Pacific Partnership and the China Trade Challenge*" by Mark Wu. (February 28, 2020).

Opening Remarks, Symposium on *Economic Analysis of the Law, Sixth Annual Conference of Brazilian and American Judges* (February 27-28, 2020) at AUWCL.

Moderator, The 2020 ASIL IECLIG Biennial Meeting: "*Designing International Economic Law: Challenges and Opportunities*", February 11/12, 2020 at AUWCL.

*Approach*, at WTO Public Forum, Geneva, Switzerland (October 11, 2019).

Moderator, "*Data Governance and the Fourth Industrial Revolution: Preparing our Future Lawyers*", Plenary Panel, World Bank Annual Law, Justice and Development Conference (November 2019).

Speaker, "*Future of the International Economic Order in Age of Nationalism*", University of International Business and Economics School of Law Beijing, China (May 2019)

Panelist, WTO, "*International Law and Judicial Activism*", Renmin University School of law (May 2019).

Speaker, Symposium on *International Trade in the Trump Era*, Yale Law School (February 22, 2019)

Speaker, "*International Dispute Resolution Involving States: Key Decision in 2018*". American University Washington College of Law (January 2019)







Moderator, *Views from Major Trade Partners*, Washington College of Law IX Symposium on International Trade – Regional Trade Agreements and the Challenges Ahead for the WTO (October 30, 2013)

Organizer and Moderator, *The History and Future of the World Trade Organization*, Book-Launch and Panel Discussion, Washington College of Law (October 16, 2013)

Organizer & Moderator, *The Impact of a Successful EU-US Trade Agreement and the Transpacific Partnership Agreement on World Trade*, Washington College of Law Seventh Annual International Trade and Investment Law Society Alumni Dinner Honoring Ricardo Ramirez, WCL '94, (April 22, 2013)

Panelist, "*Globalizing the Curriculum*", AALS Annual Meeting, Plenary Session, Workshop on Globalizing the Curriculum (January 2013)

Moderator, *Social Science Approaches to International Economic Law*, ASIL IELG Bi-Annual Meeting, "Re-Conceptualizing International Economic Law: Bridging the Public/Private Divide" (November – December 2012)

Moderator, *Trends in International Trade*, ILSP 30th Anniversary (October 12, 2012)

Roundtable Chair, *Trade Law: A Roundtable discussion*, ILSP 30th Anniversary Presentation (October 12, 2012)

Panelist, "*The Past and Future of International Law*", ILSP 30th Anniversary Presentation (October 11, 2012)

Moderator, *Securing the Benefits of Trade and Investment through Transparency and Anti-Corruption* (April 19, 2012)

Moderator, *The People Demand the Fall of the Regime: The Social and Legal Origins of the Arab Spring*, Washington College of Law Founders' Celebration Symposium – The Impact of the Arab Spring Throughout the Middle East and Northern Africa:

Building the Rule of the Law and the Role of the International Community in Domestic Conflicts (February 14, 2012).

Moderator, *Russia's Accession to the WTO*, with presentation by Director of the WTO Accession's Division, Chiedu Osakwe, Washington College of Law (January 23, 2012).

Chair, Comparative Law Section of AALS, Organizer of Panel for the  
Annual Meeting on *Comparative Law and Evolving Notions of Transparency*

Organizer and Facilitator, *Third Annual International Law Lecture: Crossing the Culture-Rights Divide: The Making of Human Rights into the Vernacular* (September 25, 2009) (WCL)

Panelist, "WTO Dispute Settlement: Challenges and Successes" (May 27, 2009) (WCL)

Organizer and Moderator, *Global Governance and the WTO: A Conversation about the Past, Present and Future of the Dispute Settlement Mechanism of the WTO* (November 2008) (WCL)

Organizer, Moderator, Panelist and Discussant, Sixth Annual Baha'i Conference on Law: *Exploring the Intersections of Religion and Governance: Past, Present and Future* (October 10-11, 2008) (WCL)

Speaker, *Second Annual International Trade & Investment Law Society Award Dinner*, Washington College of Law (March 10, 2008)

Speaker, "Current Trends and Developments in International Trade Law" (ABA Young Lawyers Division) (April 2008)

Speaker, "WTO as a Supra-National Regulatory Body", Fourth Annual Global Administrative Law Conference (GAL IV) in Viterbo, Italy (June 13-14, 2008)

Speaker, "Trade Liberalization and the Problematic of Corruption in Pursuing Development through Trade", Inaugural Meeting of the Society of International Economic Law (SIEL) in Geneva, Switzerland (July 15-17, 2008)

Speaker, "WTO Law & Practice: The State of the Discipline" (February 2008)



Moderator and Commentator, *Evolution of EU Policies on Trade, Labor, Consumer Protection and Environmental Policy*, 50th Anniversary of EU (March 28, 2007)

Organizer and Speaker, *The Effect of the WTO on Domestic Administration of Laws* (March 27, 2007) (ILSP 25th Anniversary)

Panelist, "David & Goliath: The Softwood-Lumber Dispute", WCL Founders' Celebration Symposium (March 8, 2007)

Organizer, Chair, Panelist, and Discussant, "Trade as Guarantor of Peace, Liberty and Security?" American Society of International Law (ASIL) – International Economic Law Group (IELG)/Washington College of Law Conference (February 26-28, 2005).

Co-organizer and Moderator, *NAFTA and Regional Integration Specialization*, Washington College of Law Founders' Celebration Symposium (March 2005).

Moderator and Commentator, *WTO Accession of Jordan and Russia*, International Legal Studies Program (ILSP), Washington College of Law (2004).

Moderator, Meeting of the WCL-Global Consortium Conference, moderated discussion on dual JD programs, Washington College of Law (October 2004).

Chair, *Islamic Commercial Law & Finance*, ABA Middle Eastern Law Division, at Fulbright & Jaworski (July 2004).

Chair, *Constitutional Reform in Iran*, ABA Middle Eastern Law Division, at Fulbright & Jaworski (June 2004)

Chair & Speaker, *Introduction of Sharia'h Law*, ABA Middle Eastern Law Division, at Fulbright & Jaworski (May 2004)

Speaker, "New World Legal Orders Conference", University of Toronto & Osgoode School of Law (April 2004)

Speaker, "Oneness of Humanity as a Contemporary Legal Principle", Baha'i Law Conference, Columbia University, New York. (March 2004).

Panelist, "Legal and Economic Integration and Globalization of the Middle East", ABA International Law and Section Annual Meeting (May 7-10,



2003).

Panelist, "International Law Standards for Domestic Governance", ASIL Annual Meeting (April 4, 2003).

Organizer and Commentator, *Interrelationships: International Economic Law and Developing Countries*, Annual Meeting of the American Society of International Law, International Economic Law Group (IELG) (October 4-6, 2002).

Moderator, *An Environmentally Friendly WTO?* Washington College of Law, American University, sponsored by Environmental Law Society







