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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)  
Director, Hubert Humphrey Fellowship Program (2009, 2011–present) Director, International Trade and Investment Program (2014–present)  
Director, LL.M. in International Legal Studies Program (2005 and 2009)  
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 Organization (WTO) in promoting due process, transparency, and sustainable development.
- (2) Comparative Legal Traditions with focus on comparison between “secular” and “sacred” legal systems.

### *Teaching areas*

Washington College of Law, U.S.: Comparative Law; International Trade Law (WTO/GATT); International Business Transactions; International Investment Law; Humphrey Seminar on International Law; WTO Moot Court Competition.

WTO course in Geneva (Switzerland): International Rule Making and Dispute Settlement: WTO, WIPO and the Multilateral System. (Since 2011)

Summer Online program: US and WTO Trade Law and Policy (Launched summer 2020)

## **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 Transparency: Between Promise and Peril* (Routledge Publishing, Berger, Fengler, Owetschkin and Sittman eds. 2021).

“Climate Change Innovation, Products and Services Under the GATT/WTO System” (co-author with David Gantz), in *Research Handbook on Intellectual Property and Climate Change* (Edward Elgar Publishing, Sarnoff ed. 2015).

“The United States’ Multidimensional Approach to Combatting Corruption”, in *The Impact of Corruption on International Commercial Contracts*, International Academy of Comparative Law (Springer, Bonnell and Meyer eds., 2015).

“Transparency in International Economic Relations and the Role of the WTO” (co-author with Matthew D’Orsi), in *Research Handbook on Transparency: Comparative Approaches* (Edward Elgar Publishing, Padideh Ala’i & Robert Vaughn eds., 2014).

*Research Handbook on Transparency: Comparative Approaches* (co-edit with Robert Vaughn), Edward Elgar Publishing, 2014. Using comparative approaches, the Handbook provides a framework for considering the diverse goals of transparency, and explores the complexity of circumstances and values that transparency considers.

“Origins of GATT/WTO” in *International Trade Law and the WTO* (Federation Press, Carr, Alam and Bhuiyan eds. 2013).

“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 Governance and Innovation, and IDRC (Canada), Padideh Ala'i 2010).

*Trade as Guarantor of Peace, Liberty and Security? Critical, Historical and Empirical Perspectives* (co-edited with Broude & Picker), ASIL Publishing, Transnational Legal Studies Series (2006)

“Leopold & Morel: A Story of ‘Free Trade’ and ‘Native Rights’ in the Congo Free State” in *Trade as Guarantor of Peace, Liberty and Security? Critical, Historical and Empirical Perspectives* (ASIL Publishing, Transnational Legal Studies Series, Ala'i, Broude & Picker eds. 2006).

“Transparency and the Post Cold-War Trading System” in *Trends in World Trade: Essays in Honor of Sylvia Ostry* (New Carolina Press, Alex Alexandroff and Raj Bahla eds. 2006)

### **SELECTED PUBLICATIONS: ARTICLES**

“The Importance (and Complexity) of Mainstreaming Gender in Trade Agreements, in Center for International Governance and Innovation Series on: Mainstreaming Gender in Trade Agreements at [cigionline.org](http://cigionline.org). (2019)

“The Vital Role of the WTO Appellate Body in the Promotion of Rule of Law and International Cooperation: A Case Study”, 44 *Yale J. Int'l Law* online 86 (2019)

“The Many Faces of Transparency”, Proceedings of ASIL 109<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting (2016) (Contribution to the Section entitled “Transparency and Procedural Due Process in International Economic Law”).

“Role of Transparency at the World Trade Organization”, ASIL Proceedings of the 109th Annual Meeting (2015).

"Civil Consequences of Corruption in International Commercial Contracts: U.S. National Report", *American Journal of Comparative Law*, Vol 62 (2014), (pp. 185- 211).

“The Impact of the Financial Crisis on Trade & Investment”, ASIL Proceedings of the 104th Annual Meeting (2011) (pp. 447-451).

“Transparency and Expansion of the Trade Mandate”, 26(4) AU International Law Review 1009 (2011).

“Trade and Sustainable Development”, 4(2) Sungkyunkwan Journal of Science and Technology Law 63 (2011).

“Turkey: At Crossroads of Secular West and Traditional East”, 24(4) AU International Law Review 679 (2009).

“The WTO and the Anti-Corruption Movement”, 6(1) Loyola University Chicago International Law Review 259 (2008).

“A Human Rights Critique of the WTO: Some Preliminary Observations”, 33 (3&4) George Washington International Law Review 537 (2001) (in Symposium Issue: Global Trade Issues in the New Millennium with introduction by H.E. Supachi Panitchpakd – Director General of the WTO).

“Judicial Lobbying at the WTO: The Debate over the Use of Amicus Curiae Briefs and the U.S. Experience”, 24 (1&2) Fordham International Law Journal 62 (2000) (in Trade Symposium Issue Dedicated to the Office of the Director General of the WTO).

“The Legacy of Geographical Morality and Colonialism: A Historical Assessment of the Current Crusade Against Corruption”, 33(4) Vanderbilt Journal of Transnational Law 877 (2000).

“Free Trade or Sustainable Development? An Analysis of the WTO Appellate Body’s Shift to a More Balanced Approach to Trade Liberalization”, 14 AU International Law Review 1129 (1999).

### **SELECTED PUBLICATIONS: OTHER**

“Supra-national Governance and the WTO”, published electronically by the NYU School of Law, Institute for International Law & Justice (2008), and available at <http://globaladminlaw.blogspot.com/2008/10/paparts-from-viterbo-iv-gal-seminar-now.html>.

“Controlling Corruption in International Business: The International Legal Framework”, published in Encyclopedia of Life Support Systems, UNDP/UNESCO Publication (2004-2005).

“Developing Legal Benchmarks for Monitoring Implementation of Euro-Mediterranean Association Agreements” (co-author), published as part of

the Report by the Institutional Reform and Informal Sector (IRIS) at University of Maryland to the International Development Association (IDA) of United Kingdom (June 2004).

Co-author, *Introduction to the U.S. Legal System*, translated to Chinese and published by Research Center of the State Council of the People Republic of China (1996).

“Report on the Current Legal and Political Structures of the West Bank and Gaza”, submitted to IRIS at University of Maryland and USAID (December 1994) (unpublished manuscript).

“Financial Institutions Reform Recovery and Enforcement Act of 1989: A Legal Summary and Analysis” (Co-author), published by *Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue* (1989).

“The Paradoxical Nature of the “Shari’ah” or Islamic law: A Guide to Human Nature” (1988) (unpublished manuscript).

## **LEGAL EXPERIENCE**

**Reichler, Milton and Medel**, Washington, D.C.

*Attorney at Law* (1991-1997). Represented developing country governments and governmental entities before international organizations, arbitral tribunals as well as in US courts in matters related to international commercial transactions, international trade and banking regulation, law and development.

**Jones, Day, Reavis & Pogue**, Washington, D.C.

*Associate*, Corporate Section (1988-1991). Specialized in corporate and international banking practice, including, but not limited to: licensing and transfer of technology; sales agency and distributorship arrangements; sale and marketing of derivative securities and acquisitions of financial institutions. Advised foreign companies with respect to their U.S. banking-related activities and represented such companies before regulatory banking agencies, specifically the Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

**Hashem, Ibrahim & Tawfik**, Cairo, Egypt

*Foreign Legal Consultant* (1987). Advised Egyptian businesses with regards to transactions with U.S. companies in international business transactions. Drafted international commercial contracts. Researched the effect and

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:

Successfully obtained a \$300,000 endowment towards an annual lecture in International Trade Law from Wenger Family Foundation. \$25,000 contribution in 2020. In negotiations for further funding for Trade, Investment and Development (TID) program.

## DOCTORATE SUPERVISION

- SJD Committee Member, Abdalrahman Saud Alangari, "Legal Reform of Saudi Construction Practices to meet Economic Development Goals in Saudi Arabia" (2020).
- SJD Committee **Chair**, Katayoon Beshkardana, "Judicial Activism at the WTO and ICSID Annulment Committee" (August 2017 – present)
- SJD Committee Member, Antonio Morelli, "High-Profile Withdrawal from International Negotiations and States' Commitment to Multilateral Agreements" (January 2018 – May 2019)
- SJD Committee Member, Mbakiso Magwape, University of Pretoria, "Establishing a Legal Framework of Special and Differential Treatment under the WTO: Definitive Rights of Developing Countries" (November 2017 – present)
- SJD Committee Member, Maha Almutlak, "A Comparative Analysis Study of the Difficulties Facing The Children of Saudi women from a non-Saudi Father" (August 2015- Present)
- SJD Committee **Chair**, Christy Tang, "China v. China, The Paradox in Regulating Food and Product Safety" (September 2009 - December 2013)
- SJD Committee Member, Radwa Salah Elsaman, "Toward an Egyptian Franchising Law Based on Comparative Study of the Laws of the United States, China and Malaysia." (June 2010 - June 2012)
- SJD Committee Member, Soyoung Jung, "Dual Facets of Harmonizing Environmental Protection Policies in International Trade: The WTO's Internationally Harmonizing Economic Policies and States' Internally Harmonizing Environmental Policies." (August 2009 - June 2012)
- SJD Committee **Chair**, Navid Sato, "The Role of the WTO Dispute Settlement System on Improving its Internal Institutional Legitimacy" (August 2008 - April 2011).
- SJD Committee **Chair**, Bashar Malkawi, "Jordan and The World Trading System" (2005).
- SJD Committee Member, Soyoung Jung, "Dual Facets of Harmonizing Environmental Protection Policies in International Trade: The WTOs Internationally Harmonizing Economic Policies and States' Internally

- Harmonizing Environmental Policies” (June 2012 – Oral Defense).
- SJD Committee Member, Radwa Salah Elsaman, “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 Measures and International Economic Law” (July 23, 2009 – Oral Defense).

## **SELECTED SEMINARS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Opening Remarks, “*XVI Symposium on International Trade: US Post-Elections: What Real Changes to Expect in International Trade*”, with the Embassy of Brazil. (November 2020)

Organizer: “*Fourth Distinguished Lecture on International Trade: US Trade Policy at a Crossroads with Ambassador Susan Schwab*”, (November 2020).

Co-Organizer and Moderator with Dr. Fanta Aw, *the Power and Impact of International Education*, (November 2020-American University)

Moderator and co-organizer with Dr. Fanta Aw, *International Education at Cross Roads*, (November 2020-American University).

Co-organizer: “*(Re) assessing U.S. Economic and Financial Regulatory Policy in Era of Covid and Beyond*” (October 2020).

Remarks, “*Trade and Inclusivity: Small and Mid-Size Enterprises (SMEs) and Women’s Access to Trade*”. (October 6, 2020) as part of the Third African Legal Conference (Fall 2020). (AUWCL/African Law and Policy Association).

Speaker: *Introduction to International Law for Incoming Law Students* (September 16, 2020)

Moderator: *International Law Careers* (July 28, 2020)

Organizer, lecturer and Co-Director of Certificate Course on: *WTO and US Trade Law and Policy* (July 13-17, 2020).

Opening Remarks, “*A Conversation with Syrian Women: The Way Forward*” (March 12, 2020) sponsored by the AUWCL Syrian Initiative at AUWCL.



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 14-15, 2020), University of Miami School of Law.

Moderator, “*Children’s Rights Today: Reflections on the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child*”, (November 20, 2019), at AUWCL.

Moderator, “*Regulatory Aspects of the US-China Trade War*” (November 14, 2020), at AUWCL.

Organizer, panelist and moderator, “Symposium: *International Trade, Worker Rights and Development: New Partnerships for the Future of Work*”, November 12, 2019 at AUWCL (co-sponsored by the Bush School at Texas A & M University).

Opening Remarks: *XV Symposium on International Trade: Seeking Answers to a Changing Trading System*, co-sponsored by the Brazilian Embassy, November 5, 2019 at AUWCL.

Moderator, *AULR Federal Circuit Symposium panel on International Trade*, November 1, 2019 at AUWCL.

Panelist, *Mainstreaming Gender in Trade Agreements: A Whole Agreement*

*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)

Opening Remarks, Symposium on “*Artificial Intelligence and the Law*”, Fifth Annual Conference of Brazilian and American Judges. (March 7-8, 2019)

Panel discussion leader, “*Disputes Between States*”, International Dispute Resolution Involving States: Key Decisions in 2018, WCL (January 15, 2019)

Speaker, “*WTO Dispute Settlement*”, International Dispute Resolution Involving States: Key Decisions in 2018, WCL (January 15, 2019)

Panel discussion leader, “*Trade Outlook: The View from Governments*” ABCI Institute, WCL, WCL. (October 24, 2018)

Organizer, “*The Great Paradox: Economic Nationalism in an Interdependent Age*”, Third Annual Wenger Distinguished Lecture on Trade: The Great Paradox: Economic Nationalism in an Interdependent Age, Henry E. & Consuelo S. Wenger Foundation, American University Washington College of Law. (October 11, 2018)

Panel discussion leader, Organizer, “*A Conversation on the WTO Appellate Body in Unsettling Times, The Value of International Economic Law History in Unsettling Times*”, The Society of International Economic Law 6<sup>th</sup> Biennial Global Conference, hosted by AUWCL with sponsorship by: SIDLEY, Akin Group, Steptoe, Hughes Hubbard & Reed, Brill Nijhoff,

Trade Law Guide, Cambridge University Press, Springer, tray, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Kings College London, Equal Representation in Arbitration. (July 12-14, 2018)

Presenter, *"Transparency and its Limits"*, Transparency and Society – Between Promise and Peril Herrenhausen Conference, Volkswagenstiftung, Berlin- Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities (BBAW), Berlin, Germany. (June 12 & 14, 2018)

Co-organizer and moderator, *"International Adjudication: Peaks, Valleys, and Rolling Hills"*, The 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Grotius Lecture, American Society of International Law and AUWCL International Legal Studies Program, Hyatt Regency Capitol Hill. (April 4, 2018)

Opening remarks and organizer, *"Empowering Citizenship in Our Shared Digital Future"*, Conference on Empowering Citizenship, Hubert H. Humphrey Fellowship Program, WCL (April 3, 2018)

Opening Remarks, *"WTO Participation and Potential Violation"*, US Trade Policy Panel, International Trade and Investment Law Society, WCL. (April 2, 2018)

Organizer, *"US Trade Policy as an Instrument of Foreign Policy: A Fundamental Change in Direction?"*, Ambassador Alam Wolff Lecture, International & Comparative Legal Studies Program, International Trade and Investment Law Society, and Trade, Investment and Development Program, WCL. (February 5, 2018)

Organizer and Introductory Speaker *"Current Standing and Future Prospects of the World Trading System"*, Wenger Annual Distinguished Lecture on Trade, Henry E. & Consuelo S. Wenger Foundation, Program on Trade, Investment and Development & WCL Office of Development and Alumni Relations, WCL, Washington D.C. (November 8, 2017)

Organizer, *"Comparative Law, Faith and Religion: The Role of Faith in Law"*, American Society for Comparative Law, Washington, D.C. (October 26, 2017)

Organizer, *"The Future of Trade Agreements under the Trump Administration,"* WCL, Washington DC. (February 23, 2017)

Panel discussion leader, *"The Rise and Fall of Major Trade Deals,"* WCL, Washington DC. (January 12, 2017)

Organizer, "*U.S. Trade Policy at A Crossroads: The Way Forward*", Wenger Annual Distinguished Lecture on Trade, Henry E. & Consuelo S. Wenger Foundation, Program on Trade, Investment and Development & WCL Office of Development and Alumni Relations, WCL, Washington D.C. (November 10, 2016)

Panel discussion leader, "*Forget the Past: What Sort of Trade Policy My Country Needs Going Forward*," XII Annual Symposium on International Trade, ABCI Institute, Brazilian Embassy and WCL, WCL. (October 27, 2016)

Organizer, The Tenth International Trade and Investment Law Society Program and Distinguished Alumni Dinner, WCL, Washington DC. (April 14, 2016)

Organizer, *Gender Equality: Voices from the Global South*, IIE and the Department of State, WCL, Washington DC. (April 4, 2016)

Panel discussion leader, "*The Future of International Trade and Investment Law: A Discussion of Recent Developments and Opportunities for Legal Professionals*," WCL. (February 13, 2016)

Co-organizer, *ISDS in TTIP: A Discussion on an Appellate Body Mechanism for International Arbitration*, Arnold and Porter, WCL. (January 28, 2016)

Co-organizer, *Navigating EU Law and the Law of International Arbitration*, PIOLD, TID, Business Law Program, Center on Commercial Arbitration, and European Law Association, WCL. (November 16, 2015)

Co-organizer, *Understanding TPP: A Conversation on the Trans-Pacific Partnership*, ITILS and TID, WCL. (November 10, 2015)

Panel Discussion Leader, *Panel on Trade Policy Now and Beyond the Nairobi Ministerial*, XI Annual Symposium on International Trade, presented by ABCI Institute WCL, October 22, 2015.

Organizer and keynote speaker, *Book Launch Panel: WTO Accession and Trade Multilateralism*. Panelists: Chiedu Osakwe and Uri Dadush, presented by WCL Program on Trade, Investment and Development, October 15, 2015.

Remarks on the Award Recipient and commitment of law school to trade

law, pro bono work, and on the new trade program founded by Prof. Ala'i, Ninth Annual Distinguished Alumni Award Dinner, presented by ITILS and WCL, WCL. (April 15, 2015).

Panel discussion leader, "*The Future of WTO Dispute Settlement and Investor-State Dispute Settlement in the Face of Recent Grassroots and Public Push-back*," Ninth Annual Panel in Honor of Distinguished Alumni, International Trade and Investment Law Society; presented by ITILS and WCL, WCL. (April 15, 2015).

Panel discussion participant, "*Transparency and Procedural Due Process in International Economic Law*," ASIL Annual Meeting, ASIL, Washington DC. Scope: International. (April 10, 2015).

Keynote Speaker, "*Georgian Crisis in Criminal Justice*," Georgian Crisis in Criminal Justice, WCL, WCL. (March 3, 2015).

Organizer, *Trade Defense and Remedies: An Update on Brazilian Developments*, presented by WCL Program on Trade, Investment and Development (February 26, 2015).

Organizer, *A Tale of Three Cassandras: Jean Moonet, Paul Prebisch, and Adebayo Adedji, Lecture by Adekeye Adebajo* and presented by WCL Program on Trade, Investment and Development (January 22, 2015).

Panel discussion leader, "*Trends and Challenges Ahead in International Trade and Investment- Views from Governments*," X Symposium on International Trade, ABCI Institute, WCL. (October 10, 2014).

Panel discussion leader, "*Panel 1: Eli Lilly and the Canadian NAFTA Challenge, Secondary Use Pharmaceutical Patents: Litigation and Trade Policy Briefing*, Public Citizen & WCL. (June 5, 2014).

Remarks and Introduction, 8th Annual International Trade and Investment Law Society Alumni Dinner, WCL, WCL, D.C. (April 9, 2014).

Moderator, "*Bilateral Investment Treaties Versus Regional Trade Agreements*," Washington College of Law Founders' Celebration Symposium – Managing the Global Environment Through Trade: WTO, TTP and TTIP Negotiations, and Bilateral Investment Treaties Versus Regional Trade Agreements (February 18, 2014)

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 and Good Governance* (2011)

Speaker, "The Role of Comparative Law in The Law School Curriculum", Annual Meeting of the American Society of Comparative Law (October 2011)

Speaker, "Three Globalizations of Duncan Kennedy: Revisited", University of Boulder, Colorado (October 2011)

Organizer and Panelist, *WTO and China*, Washington College of Law (April 14, 2011)

Roundtable Participant, *Canada-EU Trade, Environment and Technology Exchange Agreement*, University of British Columbia, Canada (2010)

Moderator, *Climate Change Heats Up the Trade Debate*, Washington College of Law Symposium organized by the International Trade & Investment Society of WCL and the ABA Section on International Law International Trade Committee (April 12, 2010)

Moderator & Panelist, *Practicing Law in an Interconnected World: Exploring Trends & Opening Dialogues*, Miami, Florida (April 8-10, 2010)

Panelist, "Implications of the Global Financial Crisis on Trade & Investment Regimes", Annual Meeting of the American Society of International Law (ASIL) (March 26, 2010).

Moderator, *Strengthening the IP Enforcement through TRIPS and Other Means*, as part of *Beyond TRIPS: The Current Push for Greater International Enforcement of Intellectual Property*, Washington College of Law (November 5, 2009)

Introduction and Moderator of Remarks given by Minister of Justice of the Russian Federation: Alexander Kononov on: *Rule of Law in Russia*, Washington College of Law (November 4, 2009)

Panelist, "Rise of Protectionism and the WTO", Washington College of Law (October 29, 2010)

Organizer and Moderator, *A Conversation with WTO Appellate Body Member Ricardo Ramirez* (September 2009) (WCL)

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 15, 2008)

Organizer and Panelist, "Turkey at Crossroads of Secular West and Traditional East", Washington College of Law (January 9, 2008)

Key Note Speaker, "WTO and its Impact on Global Governance", Divine Art of Living Annual Conference: Baha'i Perspectives on Globalization, San Diego, California (November 22-27, 2007).

Speaker, "The Challenge of Regional Trading Arrangements", Emerging Dynamic Global Economies (EDGE Network) Annual Meeting, Vancouver, British Columbia (October 12-15).



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 (October 24, 2001).

Panelist, "Diversity and International Law", Canadian Council of International Law (CCIL) Annual Conference *Globalism: Peoples, Profits, Progress?* Ottawa, Canada (October 18-21, 2001).

Panelist, "Post Colonial Legal Projects: Uses of Theory in Legal Reform", Washington College of Law Founders' Celebration Symposium (April 27, 2001).

Moderator, *What are the Responsibilities of Business in a Global Economy?*, International Legal Studies Program Reunion, Washington College of Law, American University (March 2001).

Moderator, *Role of Civil Society at the WTO, World Bank and the IMF*, Annual Meeting of the American Branch of the International Law Association, New York City (October 2000).

Panelist, "Increasing Disparity between the Rich and Poor: International Law and the Perils of Globalization", Sixth European Baha'i Conference on International Law and Order at the Hague, Netherlands. (Oct. 1, 2000).

Commentator, *Global Trade Issues In the New Millennium*, George Washington University Law Center. (Sept. 22, 2000).

Panelist and Conference Organizer, *Combating Corruption: Recent Multilateral Initiatives*, Washington College of Law (April 6, 1996).

Guest Speaker, "International Commercial Transactions", Seminar on International Commercial Transactions, Harvard Law School (Spring 1993).

## **SELECTED LECTURES**

Lecture: “*Pandemics and the WTO*” (WCL online forum January 2021)

Lecture: “*WTO Law and Policy*”, American Law School in Afghanistan (Summer 2020)

Lecture: “*Future of the WTO Appellate Body and Judicial Activism* (May 2019), Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (Beijing, China).

Lecturer, *International Trade Law* (Lecture to Moscow State University students at WCL on January 30, 2017).

Lecturer, *Lecture on International Trade Overview* to Foreign Officials, organized by US Department of State (May 2, 2016).

Guest Lecturer, *Introduction class to Trade Law*, American University (November 2014 & 2015)

Workshop on International Trade at Sungkyunwan University in Korea (2009)

Guest Lecturer, *WTO/International Trade Law*, University of Ottawa. (October 2009).

Lecturer, *Legal Aspect of International Trade Series: Anti-dumping, Subsidies and Countervailing Measures*, A Distance Learning Course sponsored by the Legal Vice Presidency of the World Bank in partnership with the World Bank Institute and the WTO (February 26, 2002).

Lecturer, *Selected Issues in U.S. and International Trade*, University of Haifa, Faculty of Law (May-June 2001).

Lecturer, *International Trade/WTO-GATT*, International Business Law Program, Universidad Javriana, Bogota, Colombia (September 2000).

Workshop Director and Lecturer, *Managing Legal and Political Risks in International Business Transactions: International Trade Week*, American University Washington College of Law (June 21-25, 1999).

Lecturer, *International Trade/WTO-GATT*. International Business Law Program, Universidad Javriana, Bogota, Colombia (May 1999).

Lecturer, *Extraterritorial Reach of U.S. Laws*, Foreign Law Seminar, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP (October 1998).

Workshop Director and Lecturer, *Managing Legal and Political Risk in International Business Transactions*: International Trade Week. American University, WCL (June-July 1998).

Program Guest, World Vision Television: *USIA on Corruption in the Judiciary* (July 1998).

Lecturer, *International Trade/WTO-GATT*, International Business Law Program, Universidad Javriana, Bogota, Colombia (May 1998).

Lecturer, *Financial Regulations in the United States* (Winter, 1993, Washington, D.C.) Conference sponsored by Reichler, Milton & Medel for Chinese Government Officials.

Lecturer, *Role of Legal System in a Market Economy*, Beijing, China (July, 1993).

Lecturer, *Enforceability of Arbitral Awards*, International Law Institute (ILI), Washington, D.C. (1991)

## **ACTIVITIES**

- Elected Member, WCL Dean Search Committee (2020-2021))
- Member, WCL Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee (2019-2020 & 2020-2021)
- Member, AU University wide Faculty Committee on Diversity and Inclusion.
  
- Hiring Committee Co-Chair for Director of Graduate Admissions (2019)
- Committee Chair, International Recruitment Committee (2018, 2019, 2019- 2020)
- Member, Faculty Development Leadership Cohort: Interrupting Bias in Academia (American University – Provost Office) (2018-2019)
- Committee Member, Dean's Executive Committee (August 2017 – Present)
- Committee Chair, WCL Faculty Committee of Wenger Family Lecture Series on International Trade (April 2016-Present)
- Member, AU/WCL Dean Selection Committee (August 2015 – March 2016)
- Chair, WCL Appointments Committee (2014-2015)
- Chair, WCL Public Interest Committee (2013 – 2014)
- Member, WCL Selection Committee for the Public Interest /

- Public Service (PIPS) Scholarship (January 2014 – May 2014)
- Academic Board Member, European Law Students' Association (ELSA) and World Trade Organization (WTO) Moot Court Competition. (August 2014 - Present)
- Regional Advisor and Organizer, All American Regional Round, ELSA/WTO Moot Court Competition (2011-2015)
- Faculty Advisor, Faculty Advisory Board of the WCL Center on International Commercial Arbitration. (October 1, 2009 - Present)
- Faculty Advisor, International Trade and Investment Law Society (ITILS) (2008 – present)
- Faculty Advisor, American University International Law Review (1997-present)
- Advisory Board, Iran Rooyan (2011 – present)
- Advisory Board, ASIL IELG (2010 – present)
- Executive Committee Member, Women in International Economic Law, Society of International Economic Law (2008 – present)
- Chair, AALS Comparative Law Section (2010-2011)
- Chair-Elect, American Association of Law Schools (AALS) Comparative Law Section (2009-2010)
- Co-Chair, International Economic Law Working Group (IELG) of ASIL (2003-2005)
- Vice-Chair, ABA Middle Eastern Law Division (1997-2000)

### **MEMBERSHIP:**

- Member, Academic Board, European Law Students Association (ELSA) John H. Jackson WTO Moot Court Competition (2015 – Present)
- Member, Executive Committee, Society of International Economic Law (SIEL). (January 2016 - Present)
- Associate Member, International Academy of Comparative Law. (June 25, 2014 - Present)
- Member, Trade Policy Experts Group in Washington D.C. (September 2010- Present)
- Member of the Advisory Board of the IELG, American Society of International Law, International Economic Law Interest Group. (January 2009 - Present)  
Member, Society of International Economic Law. (January 1, 2008 - Present)
- Executive Committee Member, Women in International Economic Law, SIEL. (January 1, 2008 - Present)
- Chair-Elect, Executive Committee member, Comparative Law Section, American Association of Law Schools. (January 1998 - Present)

- Chair, IELG Interest Group ASIL, American Society of International Law. (January 1, 1996 - Present)
- Co-Chair of the Comparative Law Section, American Association of Law School. (2011 - 2012)
- Member, WTO Institutional Reform Working Group. (January 1, 2007 - December 1, 2010)
- Member, American Society of International Law (ASIL) (1996 – present)
- Member, WTO Institutional Reform Working Group of the Emerging Dynamic Global Economies Network (2007 – 2010)
- Member, District of Columbia Bar International Trade Planning Committee (1997-2010)

**LANGUAGES:** English and Persian (Farsi)