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ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- 2013 – Current Assistant Professor of Business Law
College of Business Administration, Sharjah University
Sharjah, United Arab Emirates
- Summer 2013 Visiting Scholar
Windsor Law School, University of Windsor
Ontario, Canada
- 2012 –2013 Visiting Assistant Professor of Business Law
College of Business Administration, Sharjah University
Sharjah, United Arab Emirates
- 2011 – 2012 Postdoctoral Researcher
Queensland University of Technology
Faculty of Law and Creative Commons
Brisbane, Australia
- 2005 –2006 Full-time Lecturer
Faculty of Law, Birzeit University
Ramallah, Palestine
- Summer 2002 Part- time Lecturer
Faculty of Law, Al Zaytoonah University of Jordan
Amman, Jordan
- February - June 2002 Part- time Lecturer
Faculty of Law, Al Balqa Applied University
Amman Jordan

EDUCATION

- 2008 – 2011 PhD, Faculty of Law
Dissertation Title: *Intellectual Property and Development: Theory and Practice*
Queensland University of Technology (QUT)
Queensland, Australia

- 2007 – 2008 Doctoral Candidate/LL.D. Candidate
Law (Trademark Law)
University of Ottawa, Faculty of Law, Ottawa, Canada.
(Completed all course requirements and transferred to QUT)
- 2006 – 2007 LL.M. (Masters of Laws specializing in e-commerce)
Columbia University
Columbia Law School
New York, United States of America
- 1999 – 2000 LL.M. (Masters of Laws, specializing in intellectual property)
University of Buckingham, School of Law
Buckingham, United Kingdom
- 1993 –1997 LL.B – Law (Bachelor in Laws)
Faculty of Law, Yarmouk University
Irbid, Jordan

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- September 2012 – current Tutor for World Intellectual Property Organization
(WIPO) Academy, Distance Course on IP Management
(DL-450), Geneva, Switzerland
- August 2011 – current External Legal Consultant for Odeh and Baker Advocates
and Legal Consultants, Amman, Jordan
- 2008 – 2010 Project leader and legal advisor, Creative Common
Jordan, Amman, Jordan
- May- August 2007 Legal Research Intern – Open Society Justice Initiative- New
York, United States
- February - May 2007 WIPO intern- WIPO Coordination Office – United
Nations, New York, United States
- 2004 – 2005 Trademark lawyer, Al – Tamimi & Company
Dubai, United Arab Emirates
- 2002 – 2004 E-commerce lawyer, Abu- Ghazaleh Intellectual
Property (AGIP) Amman, Jordan
- October - June 2002 Legal consultant, Diver Shipping LLC
Dubai, UAE
- July - October 2001 Legal consultant, Abbas Al Hawai Law Firm

Dubai, UAE

- 2000 – 2001 Trainee Lawyer, Dr Anis F. Kassim (Attorney and law office legal consultant) Amman, Jordan
- 1997- 1998 Trainee Lawyer, AL Alwai Mansoor Jamal and Co. (formerly Mansoor Jamal and Co.) Muscat, Oman

PUBLICATIONS

Books/ Monographs

- 2013 *Intellectual Property and Development: Theory and Practice*. Berlin: Springer.
- 2006 *Critical Review of the Proposed Palestinian Electronic Commerce and Signature Laws*. Ramallah: Ford Foundation Publications.(Arabic).

Peer Reviewed Articles

- Forthcoming “UAE Copyright Law and Technological Advances”. *International Review of Law Journal* (forthcoming in 2016).
- Forthcoming “The Adoption of the American Model of Fair Use in Gulf States – A Comparative Analysis of Exceptions to Author’s Rights in Common Law and Civil Law Countries”. *European Intellectual Property Journal (EIPR)* (forthcoming in 2016).
- 2013 “A Pragmatic Approach to Intellectual Property and Development: A Case Study of the Jordanian Copyright Law in the Internet Age.” *The Loyola of Los Angeles International and Comparative Law Review*. 35 (2): 209-272.
- 2012 “IP and Development- A Road Map for Developing Countries in the 21st Century.” (with Brian Fitzgerald; first author). *NIALS Journal of Intellectual Property Journal*. 1 (2): 44- 64.
- 2011 “Copyright and Innovation in the Digital Age: The United Arab Emirates.” (with Brian Fitzgerald; second author). *European Intellectual Property Review (EIPR)*. 11 (32): 565- 574.
- 2009 “The Legality of Free and Open Source Software Licenses: the Case of Jacobsen v. Katzer.” (With Brian Fitzgerald; second author). *Shari’a and Law Journal*. 40 (23): 2-33.
- 2005 “Conflicts over Domain Names.” *Shari’a and Law Journal*. 22.1 (January 2005): 239-327. (Arabic)
- 2002 “Contracting and Proving Contracts in Cyberspace.” *Shari’a and Law Journal*. 26.4: 229- 288.

Book Chapters

- 2013 “Intellectual Property and Development.” (with Anne Fitzgerald; second author). In Jahid Hossain Bhuiyan, ed. *International Trade Law and the WTO*. Sydney: Federation Press. 430- 486.
- 2011 “The Legality of Free and Open Source Software Licenses: the Case of Jacobsen v. Katzer.” (with Brian Fitzgerald; second author). In Brian Fitzgerald, ed. *Knowledge Policy for the 21st Century*. Toronto: Irwin Law. 115- 127.
- 2011 “Cyberinfrastructure Inside Out: Definitions and Influencers Shaping its Emergence, Development, and Implementation”(with Kerk Kee, Lucy Gradduck, Bridget Blodgett; third author) in Daniel Araya (et al), *Nexus: New Intersections in Internet Research*. New York: Peter Lang. 157- 189.

Short Articles (Unrefereed)

- 2010 ‘Copyright in the Digital Age’, with Brian Fitzgerald; second author) *Legal Lights*. 18. December 2010: 4-8 and 17.
- 2006 “Will the Internet Remain a Global Public Commons?- The Future of the Internet between Freedom and Censorship.” *Al Hayat*. 22 January 2006 (Arabic).
- 2004 “Legal Issues posed by Mobile Commerce.” *Law Update Al Tamimi*. Issue 16, December 2004: 21- 22.
- 2003 “Legal Issues Posed by M-commerce.” *Arab Knowledge and Management Society Newsletter (AKMS)*. December 2003, 4-6 (Arabic).
- 2003 “FAQ on the Commons in Cyberspace.” *Arab Society for Intellectual Property (ASIP)*. November 2003, 1-3 (Arabic).
- 2003 “ilaw 4 Program.” *Abu Ghazlaeh Intellectual Property Bulletin (AGIP)*. May/June 2003, 6-7.
- 2003 “Intellectual Property in Cyberspace.” *ASIP*. October 2003, 3-5 (Arabic).
- 2003 “Overview on Creative Commons Organization.” *ASIP*. May 2003, 4-7 (Arabic).
- 2003 “Will the Internet Remain Owned by all?” *AKMS*. April 2003, 3-6 (Arabic).
- 2003 “Website Agreements .” *ASIP*. March and April 2003, 4-6 (Arabic).

- 2003 “Are UAE Courts Prepared to Resolve Domain Name Disputes?” *AGIP Bulletin*, January 2003, 3.
- 2002 “Peer- to-Peer Copying.” *AGIP Bulletin*. December 2002, 2.
- 2002 “Infringements of Copyright in Cyberspace.” *ASIP Newsletter*. December 2002, 5-6 (Arabic).

In Preparation

Rami Olwan, “Visually Impaired Persons, Accessibility Rights and the Implementation of the WIPO's Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works: The Case of Developing Countries”.

Rami Olwan, “Intellectual Property Management of SMEs in the Emirates of Dubai”.

FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS

- 2013- 2014 Seed grant for Faculty Development, Sharjah University, “Visually Impaired Persons, Accessibility Rights and the Implementation of the WIPO's Marrakesh Treaty to Facilitate Access to Published Works: The Case of Developing Countries”.
- 2011- 2012 Write UP and Postdoctoral Scholarship, Faculty of Law, QUT
- 2009 Oxford Internet Institute Summer Doctoral Program, Brisbane, Australia (funded by ARC Centre of Excellence for Creative Industries and Innovation (CCI)).
- 2008- 2011 Australian government scholarship and ARC Centre of Excellence for Creative Industries and Innovation (CCI), PhD in law, QUT
- 2006-2007 Open Society Institute, Rule of Law Program Fellowship, Master of Laws, Columbia University
- 2005- 2006 Ford Foundation, grant to the Palestine Economic Policy Research Institute (PEPRC), *Critical Review of the Proposed Palestinian Electronic Commerce and Signature Laws*
- 2003 Internet Law Program- Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (funded by Berkman Center for Internet and Society at Harvard Law School).

LIST OF PUBLIC LECTURES (selected)

- 2015 “Reforming IP Education in Arab Countries.” Presented to the 5th Global Intellectual Property Congress (GIPC), New Delhi, India, 15-17 December.

- 2015 “The Adoption of American Fair Use in UAE Copyright Law.” Presented to the Gulf Research Conference – Workshop - 5 Intellectual Property in the New Era in the GCC States: Enforcement and Opportunity, Cambridge University, Cambridge, United Kingdom, 24- 27 September.
- 2015 “Intellectual Property and Economic Growth in Developing Countries: The Case of the Information Communication Technology (ICT) Sector in Jordan” Presented to the 5th International Conference on Economics, Trade and Development-ICETD, Seoul, South Korea, 8-9 March.
- 2015 “Reforming UAE Copyright Law in the Digital Age.” Presented to the 7th Global Intellectual Property Convection (GIPC), Mumbai, India, 15-17 January.
- 2013 “Fair Use in Developing Countries: The Empirical Questions.” presented to the Third Intellectual Property Congress, Cape Town, South Africa: 9-13 December.
- 2013 “Voluntarily Mechanisms and Copyright in developing Countries.” Presented to The Oxford Internet Institute’s Summer Doctoral Program (OII SDP), University of Toronto, Faculty of Information (i-school), Toronto, Canada: 12 July.
- 2012 The CI Asia- Pacific and the Middle East meeting, Kula Lumpur, Malaysia, 5-7 March 2012 and the Consumers in the Information Society, Access, Fairness and Representation Conference, Kula Lumpur, Malaysia, 8-9 March 2012 (sponsored by Consumers International CI).
- 2011 “The Development Agenda” presented to the Blue Sky Conference, Bather’s Pavilion, Balmoral, Sydney, Australia:25 February.
- 2011 “Beyond Copyright Industries: Publishing and Digital Futures.” Brisbane, Australia: 21 September.
- 2010 “Copyright Law in the Arab World- Engaging with Policy and Law Makers.”(with Brian Fitzgerald and Abdullah Johar) presented to the CCI Symposium, Melbourne, Australia, November 10-12.
- 2010 “Digitally Open: Innovation and Open Access Forum and CC Arab World.” second meeting, Sharq Village, Doha, Qatar 23 - 24 Oct 2010 (sponsored by ICT Qatar).
- 2010 “Introduction to Copyright and Creative Commons’, presented to the Free Software Day, State Library Victoria, Melbourne, Australia: 18 September.

- 2010 “Copyright and Development.” presented to the Global Consumer Dialogue Meeting on A2K, *Kuala Lumpur*, Malaysia: 17 April.
- 2010 “Creative Commons in Jordan.” a talk with Moeed Ahmad from Al Jazeera (head of new media) on Creative Commons, Melbourne: 18 Feb.
- 2009 “Resolving Domain Name Disputes.” The International Forum of the Union of the Mediterranean and the Challenges of Information Technology (IFUMCIT), International Congress Centre, Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt: 19-20 November.
- 2009 “Open Content Licensing and Creative Commons- A Jordanian Perspective” presented and chaired a workshop entitled ‘Open Content and Open Content Licensing in the Arab World: Opportunities and Challenges Facing their Use and Applicability.’ Internet Governance Forum, Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt: November 15-18.
- 2009 “Creative Commons Jordan” presented to the Copyright Conference in the Digital Age and Launch of Creative Commons, Amman, Jordan: 15 November.
- 2009 “Copyright and Innovation in the Digital Age: The United Arab Emirates” presented to E-governance and E-commerce Conference, Abu Dhabi, UAE: 19-20 May.
- 2009 “Copyright and Development- Jordan a Case Study” presented to the ‘Copyright Future: Copyright Freedom Conference’, Old Parliament House, Canberra, Australia: March 27-28.
- 2009 “Country Report for Jordan for Consumers International (CI) regional Meeting on Access to Knowledge (A2K)” presented to the Global Consumer Dialogue Meeting on A2K, *Kuala Lumpur*, Malaysia: 17 February.
- 2009 “Open Content Licensing and Creative Commons- an Arabic Perspective” presented to the Open Content Arabic Workshop, King Abdulaziz City for Science & Technology (*KACST*), Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia (KSA), 17-18 January.
- 2009 “Introduction to Digital Issues in Cyberspace” presented to the CC Information Session organized by IREX, Jordan Media Strengthening Program (JMSP), Amman, Jordan: 6 January.
- 2008 “Introduction on Domain Name Disputes” presented to the Intellectual Property in the Digital Age Workshop, Bibliotheca Alexandrina (Library of Alexandria), Alexandria, Egypt, 20-22 December.

- 2008 “Copyright and Bloggers: A Jordanian Perspective” presented to the Conference on New Media Law & Policy, Al Isra- Private University, Amman, Jordan, December 1-2.
- 2008 “Digital Revolution and Latest Developments to the Jordanian Copyright Law” presented to the CCI International Conference entitled ‘Creating Value: Between Commerce and Commons’ Brisbane, Australia, 25- 27 June.
- 2008 “Creative Commons in Jordan” presented to the CC Australia Conference, Brisbane, Australia, 24 June.
- 2006 “Intellectual Property Laws in Palestine” presented to the Conference on the Legal Aspects of the European-Mediterranean Economic Integration, Birzeit University, Ramallah, Palestine: 18 March.
- 2006 “A critical Review of the Proposed Palestinian Electronic Commerce and Signature Laws” presented to the Palestinian Legislative Council in the seminar organized by MAS, Ramallah, Palestine: 4 January.
- 2004 “Conflicts over Domain Names” presented to the Conference on Law and Computer, Yarmouk University, Irbid, Jordan: 12-14 June.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES

- 2013- 2014 Student Affairs Committee (SAC), College of Business, Department of Management, Marketing and Public Administration, member
- 2013- 2014 Recruitment Committee (RC), College of Business, Department of Management, Marketing and Public Administration, member
- 2012-2013 Website and College Catalogue, College of Business, Department of Business, Department of Management, Marketing and Public Administration, member

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS AND AFFILIATIONS

- 2007- current Alumni of Columbia University, New York, member
- 2007 current Alumni of International House, New York
- 2001- current Jordanian Bar Association, member