



Call for Papers

The increasing social challenges in the first decades of the third millennium highlight the opportunities to correct the direction of investment in financial, industrial and technical capabilities in order to enable quick and effective responses to growing social needs. These changes can contribute in achieving sustainable development by taking advantage of the flow of emerging and modern technologies, the infinite flow of human creativity, and the attempts in developing societies to revive the hopes of millions of people for an effective contribution to contemporary human civilization.

In this context, **Kuwait International Law School** announces its 7th Annual International Conference during 19-20 of April 2020 on Legal Regulation for Investment Development as a platform to discuss vital issues and present contemporary jurisprudence solutions.

KILAW invites academic researchers from various colleges and universities around the world to contribute with research papers. Travel and accommodation expenses for accepted participations will be covered by KILAW.

The conference will cover the following themes:

First: Constitutional and legislative challenges to motivate and encourage investment:

- Constitutional foundations and controls to encourage investment.
- Methods of developing investment legislation and legal frameworks; whether the multiplicity of investment laws constitutes a barrier to its promotion.
- Restrictions on organizing investment activities and investment licensing systems.
- The role and the limits of State economic policies in development plans on investment promotion.
- Legal and economic controls for privatization and public-private partnerships regarding investment promotion.
- Legislative and financial oversight of government policies in the area of investment promotion.



Second: The administrative and judicial control authority over investment projects:

- The efficacy of administrative appeals in solving problems facing investors.
- The legal nature of regulations, bylaws and decisions issued by the authorities regulating and overseeing investments.
- Limits of the powers and competences of investment regulating and supervising bodies and their relationship with the guardianship authorities (the cabinet - the competent minister).
- Limits and nature of the judicial police to monitor the implementation of laws, regulations and decisions on investment.
- Feasibility and importance of establishing specialized courts for investment matters.
- Prolonged litigation procedures and their impact on investment businesses; the role of the judiciary in encouraging investment.
- Evaluating the feasibility and significance of the role of arbitration and other alternative means in resolving investment disputes.

Third: Foreign investment, national laws and international agreements:

- Legal and executive framework for incentives, benefits and guarantees offered for foreign investment and ways and criteria of utilizing them (by the State and by foreign investors).
- Legal systems of double taxation agreements and the promotion of mutual investments.
- Protection of foreign investments in the light of international instruments.
- International mechanisms for resolving foreign investment disputes.
- Competition and transparency systems in the management of investment business.
- Regulations and forms of investment financing and the role of banking and financial institutions.
- Systems to protect the local and global environment from the risks of some investments.



Fourth: The legal status of special economic zones and incentives for investing in them:

- Experiences of establishing economic zones and their legal framework.
- Nature and types of activities of special economic zones and their relationship to the economic and social system of the State.
- Regulations and limits for the competences and powers of managing special economic zones, and their independence from guardianship authorities.
- Guarantees and conditions under which special economic zones achieve their national goals.
- Regulations and rules for the national economic zones relations with external parties: limitations, controls and area.
- Bodies and systems of monitoring the actions and accounts of the special economic zones and their activities.
- The legal framework for the enhancement of small and medium enterprises' role in investment business.

Fifth: Employing technological means in the development of investment:

- The role and effects of e-contracts in investment businesses (regulation, enforcement, challenges).
- The legal framework for business intelligence and artificial intelligence projects, big data and block chains and their role in promoting investment.
- The role of technological means in educational and training investments, especially in the legal field.
- The role of using technological means in investment fields to achieve equality and equal opportunities for investors.
- The legal and financial framework to motivate the role and opportunities for youth in the field of employing and investing information technology.
- Intellectual and industrial property protection systems and their guarantees.
- The cyberspace and its neutrality in light of international law and international agreements.



Sixth: The role of business criminal law in encouraging investment:

- Methods of addressing economic and financial crimes that undermine opportunities for investment development.
- Confronting the growing types of money laundering crimes.
- The legal framework to address the increase in fiscal fraud and tax evasion.
- Addressing corruption crimes that undermine investment development opportunities.
- Appropriateness of current bankruptcy laws and regulations and opportunities for their development in encouraging investment.
- Cybercrime and its effects on investment development opportunities.
- Environmental safeguards and related crimes.



Participation procedures:

- Submission of an abstract not exceeding 500 words, in addition to a brief CV before 31/1/2020.
- The organizing committee shall inform researchers whose papers are accepted before 10/2/2020.
- The full texts of the papers should be received before 25/3/2020.
- All submitted papers will be subject to peer review. Researchers are provided with the referees' reports in order to take into account their observations before 31/3/2020. A research will not be considered accepted until approved by referees.
- The final version of research papers should be received by the Conference Committee before 8/4/2020.
- Abstracts and research papers should be sent through the link below:

<http://kilaw.edu.kw/annualConference/>

The formal specifications of the submitted research:

- Maximum number of words: 15,000 / number of pages: 30.
- Font type: Times New roman - Font size: 14 - Line spacing: 1.15.
- Footnotes: font type: Times New Roman, font size: 10.

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