

Call for Papers

**Research proposals are to be submitted before 15/12/2022
The conference is in both Arabic and English**

The developments that the world has witnessed in the past years have revealed many challenges and legal issues that have confronted the contemporary state. These developments require effective and influential academic reviews, examining gaps and shortcomings, and providing solutions and jurisprudence to ensure the legal treatment of future responses.

In light of the above, the Kuwait International Law School (KILAW) decided to organize its 9th Annual International Academic Conference under the title: “**Emerging Legal Issues: An Academic Review of the Practical Challenges Facing the Contemporary State**”, to be held on May 3-4, 2023. KILAW is honored to invite legal researchers in various Arab and international Law Schools and Universities, as well as members of judicial and legal bodies, to participate by presenting recent, qualitative and distinguished research papers based on a critical and comparative study in any of the proposed themes, with the aim of enriching the work of the conference by discussing these topics. Conference research papers can be presented in both Arabic and English, as conference sessions will be held in both languages. The venue shall be on the KILAW campus, and KILAW will cover travel and accommodation expenses for participants whose research papers are accepted.

The following are the suggested themes, with some sub-points listed as examples, but not limited to:

I. Legislative and Legal Structure and Ways to Achieve Justice and its Systems

1. The current legislative and legal structure and the factors affecting it (legislative shortcomings and lack of implementation of laws in whole or in part...).
2. Reform of electoral systems and laws, as well as constitutional and legal requirements for the selection of representative institutions.
3. The role of the judiciary in achieving legal security and stability; the limits and restrictions of the competences and powers of judges; the values of judicial work, and the foundations and controls of litigating judges.
4. Procedural laws and virtual litigation procedures: legality, practical feasibility, and challenges.
5. Updating the penal laws to achieve the philosophy of justice.

II. Combating Corruption and Recovering Looted Public Funds

1. The role of the law in confronting the emerging forms of corruption.
2. The extent of the development of the responsibility and effectiveness of the constitutional and administrative authorities in combating corruption.
3. Recovering looted public funds: the legal and institutional framework, and the role of the constitutional authorities, administrative and supervisory bodies in achieving this aim.
4. The most effective local and international requirements, practices, and measures to recover looted funds.
5. The role of civil society institutions in combating corruption, and ways to promote it.

III. Law, Morals, and Identity

1. The development and transformation of the relationship between law and ethics.
2. Codes of ethics and professional conduct in modern laws.
3. The role of moral values and controls in the work of public authorities.
4. Identity challenges in light of the different cultures of societies.
5. Preventive and punitive policies to protect societal identity.

IV. International Law and the Challenges of Preserving the Independence and Sovereignty of States

1. Regional and international wars in the light of International Law.
2. Annexation of territories of sovereign states by force, and the legality of the referendums conducted to justify this aim.
3. State sovereignty in establishing relations and joining political and military alliances and their borders.
4. The legal regime for the use of military technology, modern weapons and cyber risks.
5. Developments of international and regional interference in the internal affairs of states in the contemporary world.

V. Law, Digital Transformation, and Financial Products

1. Financial Transactions and New Technologies: Smart Contracts and Blockchain Technology and Their Applications - Growth of Digital Financial Platforms and Legal Challenges - Role of Supervisory Authorities in Encouraging Financial Innovations that Employ New Technologies.
2. The changing legal status of virtual currencies and their legal, economic, and investment implications.
3. Modern financial technologies and the Islamic financial industry.
4. Legal personality of artificial intelligence devices and systems: legal responsibility for damages arising from the operation of artificial intelligence systems and programmes - intellectual property rights on artificial intelligence systems and works of digital art - and the employment of artificial intelligence in education.
5. Legal regulation of companies and businesses in cyberspace.

VI. Law, Major Development Projects, and Housing Issues

1. Establishing economic and free zones and activating the exploitation of the islands: the legislative and institutional framework, and the economic and social challenges.
2. The establishment of industrial cities and their role in economic diversification, the development of ports and infrastructure, and the establishment of worker cities.
3. Major development projects, and the role of national and foreign investment in financing them.
4. Housing Issues: Challenges and Possible Solutions.
5. Systems and forms of private sector participation in addressing housing issues.



Participation Conditions

- The research proposal should be within the conference's themes and topics, include new and innovative ideas, and adopt a critical and comparative methodology. It should not have been previously published or submitted to an academic conference.
- The participant should be a faculty member, a member of a judicial body, or a researcher with published research work and studies.
- Each researcher has the right to submit one research proposal.

Participation Procedures and Dates

- The researcher first presents a summary of the proposal, including the idea of the research, its importance, the problem it addresses, its objectives, scope, approach, results, and recommendations. In addition to key words, the number of words in the abstract should not exceed five hundred 500 words. In addition, a brief biography, containing a list of research work and writings should be sent before **15/12/2022**.
- The summaries of the research proposals shall be reviewed by the Academic Committee of the conference, consisting of professors specialized in legal fields, taking into account the topic's importance, novelty, clarity, contribution to the field of study, and to the development of legal thought. Any summaries that do not meet the afore-mentioned criteria will be excluded.
- The conference's organizing committee shall inform the researchers whose research proposals were accepted before **30/1/2023**.
- Participants in their research work should adhere to the publication rules adopted in the Journal of the Kuwait International Law School and its appendices.
- The full texts of the research paper should be sent before **30/3/2023**.
- All research submitted is subject to arbitration, and researchers shall be provided with the referee reports to take into account the observations contained therein, before **10/4/2023**.
- The research is not considered acceptable until it is approved by the arbitrators. It should be noted that KILAW does not offer financial rewards for research accepted for participation and publication.
- The research in its final form shall be sent to the conference committee before **20/4/2023**.
- Accepted research shall be published in the conference's proceedings published by the Journal of the Kuwait International Law School, which is a refereed academic journal, issued regularly since 2013, and adopts publishing rules in accordance with international academic standards, which require the researcher not to publish his research submitted to the conference in any journal or other periodicals, without prior approval from the conference management.
- Abstracts and research papers should be sent to the following e-mail: **kiac@kilaw.edu.kw**

Formal Controls:

- The maximum number of words in each research is 8000 words, and the minimum is 5000 words, including footnotes and references.
- Font: Times New Roman - Font size: 14 - Spacing between lines: 1.15.
- Margins: Font/ Times new roman Font size: 10 - Line spacing: 1.0.

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