



A New Academic Year Started

Like every year, also this September after the summer break, students and professors came back to crowd AQU campus in Abu Dees. Smiles of excitement for a new adventure alongside sad expressions for the end of the holidays appeared on their faces. Also for our Criminal Law Master students it was time to get back on track and our staff worked hard during the summer to prepare the best welcome ever! New courses, a variety of interesting activities, including workshops, lectures, experts roundtables as well as a brand-new section of the Criminal Law Library were ready for them.



Students in AQU Campus

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Visit To The ICJ

In August, an AQU delegation visited the **International Court of Justice** in The Hague.

Two professors among the Faculty members of AQU were selected to take part to the field visit: Dr. Mohammed Shalaldeh, professor of International Law and Dr. Abdullah Najajreh, professor of Criminal Law. The delegation had the great opportunity to visit different places, renowned for their relevance to International Criminal Law and to have a first-hand experience of the working mechanisms of the Tribunal. During their visit to the Department of Public Prosecution our two professors were briefed about all legal procedures and mechanisms within the court and had the chance to analyze some cases referred to the court.

Our delegation visited also the **International Criminal Tribunal for Former Yugoslavia** and met with representatives of the court who explained the legal procedures followed by the court and the nature of the cases referred to them.

Throughout the whole stay, the two professors had a practical extensive experience on how the court functions, in addition they were provided with



important documents made available now for students' consultation. At the end of their visit, the delegation paid a visit to the **Palestinian Community in the Netherlands**, with the presence of the Palestinian Ambassador Dr. Nabil Abu Zneid. The delegation explained them the nature of the visit and its purposes and gave a detailed explanation of the legal implications of the accession of the State of Palestine to the Statute of the International Criminal Court



The International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia



The International Court of Justice

The Word To The Experts

On the 28th October, professors, students and local experts gathered at a roundtable at AQU to discuss the theme of **Grave Violations of Rights in Armed Conflicts and Legal Mechanism of Accountability for War Criminals in International Law**. This topic is extremely relevant within the context of a Criminal Law Master, because it involves considerations concerning the actual implementation of international Criminal Law in the specific Palestinian Context. Furthermore the modality chosen, the roundtable, put together at the same table professors, experts and students, giving them the opportunity do debate and express opinions and doubts, in a more flexible and interacting way than a typical seminar.

The roundtable was divided into 4 sessions according. During the first session, representatives of the University and the Faculty of Law, including Dr. Shaladeh, facilitator of the discussion, Dr. Imad Abou Kishek, President of the AQU and Dr. Ibrahim Shaban, Dean of Faculty of Law, welcomed the participants, described the project and presented a brief description of the current situation of the Criminal Law studies in Palestine. It followed a second session during which representatives of Palestinian institutions briefed the participants about the current situation of Criminal Law as it is implemented in Palestine. In particular, Dr. Ali Muhanna, Chairman of the Supreme Judicial Council, Dr. Hasan Al-Oury, Legal advisor of the President, Ashraaf Ireiqat, Assistant of the General Prosecutor and Iyad Tayyem, Deputy Minister of Justice, discussed the following topic: **Criminal Law in Palestine, an overlook from the Institutions**. The third session saw the presentation of three different topics by three prestigious experts.

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Dr. Abdullah Abou Eid, expert of International Law, presented his paper **“Mechanisms of prosecutions of war criminals in ICL”**. Mr. Sha’wan Jabareen, Director of Al-Haq, discussed his study about **“Legal Implications of Palestinian Access to the ICC Statute”**. Finally, Mr. Hussan Shakhshsheer, education officer at ICRC, presented his paper on **“Mechanisms of Respect and Implementation of IHL in Armed Conflict”**.

Eventually, it followed an open discussion session moderated by the facilitator Dr Shalalde. The discussion was very fruitful and involved the participation of all the present attendees, including Faculty Members and students, who showed great interest and enthusiasm in the subject.



Guests and students at the roundtable



During the roundtable

Time For A Workshop

On Saturday 22nd November 2014, in the Moot Court Room at the Faculty of Law, dr. Nabih Saleh conducted a workshop, aimed at publicizing and discussing the results of his research on **“The Relevance of the Provocation Excuse in the Penal Code Applicable in the Territory of the Palestinian National Authority”**. Students and faculty members took part in the discussion and expressed their appreciation for Dr Nabih Saleh’s work.



Dr Nabih Saleh presenting his research

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Our staff at work

Our staff is always doing its utmost to offer students and professors the best conditions for studying and working. This includes brain-storming meetings, but also training sessions on managerial issues, like our “Procurement Training’ held on the 22-23 September in Ramallah with the Procurement Consultant Rania Muna.



The Procurement Training

During the meeting the participants discussed problems and challenges of the project and the mechanisms of implementation of the activities. They also discussed and approved amendments to the curricula of the Master.



The meeting in Ramallah

Together to discuss

A two day meeting was organized on the 27th and 28th in Amman in order to discuss the management of the project and evaluate the activities. The workshop included the participation of staff from AQU and NNU. From AQU: Dr Rafiq Abu Ayyash, supervisor of the project, Mrs Najwa Harhash, AQU Coordinator of the project, Dr. Ibraheem Shabaan, Dean of the Faculty of Law, Dr Mohammed Shalalde, Reseacher, Dr. Mohammed Khalaf, Coordinator of the Masters at the Faculty of Law and the former researchers, Dr Nabih Saleh, Dr. Abdullah Najajre, Dr Jihad Kiswani; from NNU staff: Dr Akram Dawoud, Mrs Faten Akram, Dr Nael Taha, Dr Fadi Sdeed.

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