

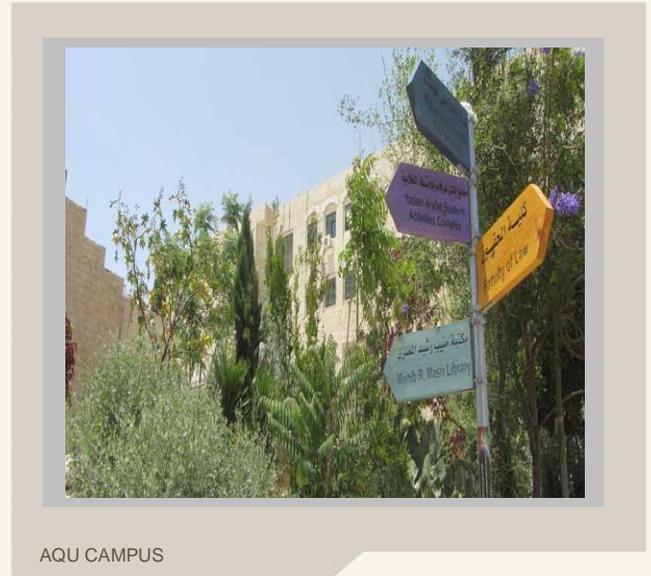
## AL- QUDS UNIVERSITY OPENS THE DOOR TO THE STUDENTS OF THE NEW MASTER DEGREE PROGRAM IN CRIMINAL LAW

With the beginning of the new semester, in January 2014, the Faculty of Law of AQU welcomed 22 new students, who decided to enrich their education enrolling the new Master Degree program in Criminal Law.

Among students, professors and members of the staff, the enthusiasm was tangible. On one hand, members of the staff and professors demonstrated a noteworthy commitment in organizing and tailoring the courses for the new Master Degree, offering for the first time ad hoc curricula in Criminal Law, on the other hand the students showed both appreciation and trust in the Faculty of Law.

They shared with us their high expectations and hopes that this new opportunity would constitute an important step in their own personal growth as well as a contribution towards the development of an efficient Palestinian legal system.

During this first semester, students attended the new courses and now that the semester is about to end it is time for an evaluation, not only for the students, busy now with their final exams, but also for us. It is time for us to understand if we met everyone's expectations and to evaluate what we could do better in the future, starting from next semester. Confiding in our dedication and commitment we are sure we will do our best to enhance the program and offer a real occasion for improving our society.



## PROFESSORS AND STUDENTS INTERVIEWED ABOUT THE PROJECT

On the occasion of the launching conference of the project, a short documentary film was produced in order to explain objectives and relevance of the project to the public and in order to introduce the real protagonists of it: our professors and students. Several interviews were carried out, and when asked about their expectations, students demonstrated a great interest in the project as well as enthusiasm for being the first of a new generation of students in CL. Also the Dean of our Faculty, Dr. Rafiq Abu Ayyash, when interviewed, expressed his opinion about the project, underlining the necessity to improve the academic offer of Palestinian universities, because only through enhancing our higher education and investing in our youth we will change our country.

# CRIMINAL LAW PROGRAM

JUNE 2014

## AL-QUDS UNIVERSITY HOSTED A SPECIAL GUEST: MR. MORENO OCAMPO

On Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2014, the campus of AQU in Abu Dees had the pleasure to host Mr. Luis Moreno Ocampo, former First Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court. Mr Moreno Ocampo was welcomed by the President of our Athenaeum, Prof. Sari Nusseibeh, the Dean, Prof. Rafiq Abu Ayyash, and the whole Teaching body of the Faculty of Law. Mr Moreno Ocampo gave an interesting lecture about the International Criminal Court, which was followed by an intense debate with the students.

Luis Gabriel Moreno Ocampo is an Argentine lawyer and was the first Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court from 2003 to 2012. In his capacity as the Prosecutor of the Court he was involved in twenty of the most serious crises of the 21st century including Iraq, Korea, Afghanistan, and Palestine and has opened investigations into eight situations in Africa. He was also an Associate Professor of Criminal Law at the University of Buenos Aires and a visiting professor at Stanford University and Harvard Law School. After the end of his tenure as ICC Prosecutor, Moreno Ocampo was the chairman of the World Bank Expert Panel on the Padma Bridge project, the Inter-American Development Bank and the United Nations.

He is a former member of the advisory board of Transparency International and a former president of its Latin America and Caribbean office. He is a Senior Fellow at the Jackson Institute for Global Affairs at Yale University. He is now in private practice at a New York law firm and "Distinguished Visiting Scholar" at New York University.



DR RAFIQ ABU AYYASH AND MR MORENO OCAMPO



THE TEACHING BODY AND MR MORENO OCAMPO

## DR. KISWANI'S EXPERIENCE IN TUNIS

Professor Jihad Kiswani, faculty member of Al-Quds University, attended a conference in Tunis University – Faculty of Law, from the 6<sup>th</sup> until the 9<sup>th</sup> of May 2014. The conference celebrated the centenary of the Tunisian penal code. Thanks to this opportunity, Dr. Kiswani had the possibility to enhance his skills and knowledge as a specialist in Criminology. In the long term the students will benefit from his experience and it will be reflected in a better quality of their studies.

## TIME FOR TRAINING

Our staff, as well as the staff of Birzeit and An Najah, benefitted from the participation into several training courses focused on different aspects of the administration and coordination of the project, with particular regard to financial matters. We had the possibility to share doubts and enhance our technical knowledge, these moments represent definitely a very important part of the project, because we have to remember that the success of this Master lays not only in the quality of the studies but also in a good organization of them.

## TIME FOR A WORKSHOP

Members of the faculties of Law of An Najah and Al Quds took part in a two day workshop.

The workshop, held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> of May in Amman, was aimed at reviewing the progresses made during the first months of implementation, evaluating achievements and challenges, and at the same time at engaging faculty members and project staff in a dialogue to explore and develop our understanding of the project implementation strategies.



STUDENTS DURING MR OCAMPO'S LECTURE



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## COMING SOON...

**Developing Two Master Degree Programs:**  
The Criminal Law Master (An Najah National University and Al-Quds University) and The Economic and Financial Law Master (Birzeit University)

Project realized thanks to the generous support of the European Commission

- **New Books!** Professors presented a list of books and magazines specialized in CL to offer our students the opportunity to deepen their knowledge and encourage research.
- **New classrooms!** Our students will benefit soon from a better studying environment, with computers available for their researches

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