



Faculty of Law and Political Sciences (FLPS)

Annual Report

I. REFLECTION

The academic year of 2017-2018 is the second year after the receiving of the International Accreditation from the Foundation for International Business Administration Accreditation (FIBAA) for its BA, MA and PhD Programs for five years starting on November 25, 2016 and ending with the winter term of 2021-2022. The institution's delegate to the faculty, confirming the compatibility of the quality of the faculty academic programs with the international criteria, attained this accreditation following a series of successful visits. Such accreditation adds to the international rank of the faculty as one of the most prominent locally and internationally. Indeed, obtaining accreditation has made the faculty more proficient among the law faculties in Lebanon and the region, which has been confirmed by the increase in the number of students in the various programs.

In the period following accreditation, the FLPS continued to develop its curriculum and set up internally the objectives of the University's strategy. Furthermore, the Faculty continue to enhance the teaching method in the perspective of the preparation of scientific, qualified and trained cadres to exercise their legal and political work, keep pace with the legal and political labor market requirements, and which is compatible with the developments in various areas of legal and political sciences.

In the perspective of providing eminent post-graduate programs, which contribute to the development of society and the qualification of researchers, the FLPS have reactivated the Master and PhD program in Political Sciences in 2016/2017.

In addition, and in accordance with the university's strategy to strengthen scientific research, the Faculty has relaunched its legal journal under the name "Journal of Legal Studies" that will express the thinking of specialists with regard to legal problems.

II. TEACHING & LEARNING

- The FLPS continues to provide and to encourage new teaching methods. In this perspective, the UN Office on Drugs and Crime has offered a scholarship to the Human Rights Center for the legal clinics at the Faculty of Law and Political Science at Beirut Arab University. This support seeks to combat human trafficking and to raise awareness on issues relevant to slavery, sexual abuse and beggary. In fact, under the supervision of BAU staff-members, lawyers and judges. The scholarship project offers to the students of FLPS the opportunity to keep pace with the legal and political labor market requirements, and enhances their ability to efficiently compete at the local, regional and international labor market level, and to work with the respective organizations on cases of human trafficking by securing free legal counselling to protect the victims.



III. HIGHLIGHTS

• Publication of the Journal of legal studies

In the perspective of promoting and developing the scientific research in the legal and political fields, the FLPS re-launched the Journal of Legal Studies a semi-Yearly refereed Journal of the Faculty of Law and Political Sciences (FLPS) at Beirut Arab University (BAU).

The Editorial Committee member is composed from the Faculty member with Prof. Mohammad Hassan Kassem as Editor in chief. The Journal Advisory Board is composed from a notorious Member with : Prof. Ibrahim Najjar (Professor at the Faculty of Law and Political Science at Saint-Joseph University – Beirut, Attorney at Law, Former Minister of Justice), Prof. Talaat Mohamed Dowidar (Dean of the Faculty of Law at Alexandria University), Prof. Dr. Hani Mohammad Dowidar (Dean of the College of Law at Abu Dhabi University), Jdg. Prof. Sami Mansour (President Emeritus of the Court of Cassation – Lebanon, Professor of Law at Lebanese Universities), Prof. Fayez El Hajj Chahine (Dean Emeritus of the Faculty of Law & Political Science at Saint-Joseph University - Beirut), Prof. Dr. Omar Mohammad Salem (Dean of the Faculty of Law at Cairo University), Prof. Fayyad M. Al-Qudah (Dean of the School of Law at the University of Jordan), Prof. Gerard Blanc (Professor Emeritus of Commercial Law at Aix-Marseille University).

Published articles went into a rigorous screening process known as blind peer review, whereby independent experts provide the author with critical commentary and suggestions to improve their final paper, prior to publication.

For the academic year 2017/2018, the re-launch of the journal represents a major advance for research within the faculty with opportunities for publication for teachers but also represents a way to strengthen collaboration in the field of legal scientific research with other universities in Lebanon and in the region.

• The preparation course for the entrance to the Judicial Studies Institute

In order to strengthen the social role of the University and to forge links with all the components of Lebanese society, The FLPS has organized a course for the preparation of the entrance to Judicial Studies Institute.

For the first time in Lebanon, this opportunity was open free to all law students from all Lebanese universities. The courses were taught by professors and judges, and lasted from 11/10/2017 until 15/12/2017. It was a great success with the participation of 114 students.



• **Increasing the number of publications**

In the perspective of supporting research excellence and developing the research potentials at the Faculty, The FLPS fixed the objective of increasing the number of publications of its staff member. It is worth to mention that this goal was achieved and the faculty prepared the action plan for publication for the next year.

Examples of some publications and written scientific activities of the Staff member for this academic year:

Dean of the FLPS Professor Mohamad Hassan Kassem

الظروف الطارئة L'imprévision بين القانون المدني المصري (١٩٤٨) وقانون العقود الفرنسي الجديد (٢٠١٦)، مجلة الدراسات القانونية تصدرها كلية الحقوق والعلوم السياسية ، جامعة بيروت العربية، العدد الأول ٢٠١٧، ص ١٠ – ٤٤

Judge Professor Sami Mansour

ق.أ.د سامي منصور، العيوب في صياغة الحكم القضائي، مجلة الدراسات القانونية تصدرها كلية الحقوق والعلوم السياسية، جامعة بيروت العربية، العدد الأول ٢٠١٧، ص ٤٥ – ٦٣

Judge Professor Sami Mansour

ق.أ.د فوزي أدهم، نحو رؤية جديدة للمسؤولية الجزائية للطبيب في لبنان، مجلة الدراسات القانونية تصدرها كلية الحقوق والعلوم السياسية، جامعة بيروت العربية، العدد الأول ٢٠١٧، ص ٤٦ - ٨٢ .

Prof. Mohamad W. Abdulrahim

Prof. Mohamad W. Abdulrahim, International Humanitarian Law : Development Principles & Execution, Journal of Legal studies Issued by Faculty of Law and Political Science – Beirut Arab University, Volume 1 2017, pp 6- 38.

Dr. Wafic Hijazi

د. وفيق حجازي، العقوبات غير المقدرّة في لفقہ الإسلام - دراسة فقهيّة مقارنة، مجلة الدراسات القانونية تصدرها كلية الحقوق والعلوم السياسية ، جامعة بيروت العربية، العدد الأول ٢٠١٧، ص ١١٨-١٥٨

Dr. Tarteel Darwish

د. ترتيل تركي الدرويش، القانون الموضوعي واجب التطبيق أمام المحكمة الخاصة بلبنان – دراسة مقارنة، مجلة الدراسات القانونية تصدرها كلية الحقوق والعلوم السياسية ، جامعة بيروت العربية، العدد الأول ٢٠١٧، ص ١٥٩ – ٢١٦
د. ترتيل تركي الدرويش، ضوابط الإعلام في المحكمة الخاصة بلبنان، مجلة الحقوق والعلوم السياسية الجامعة اللبنانية، العدد السابع عشر ٢٠١٨/١، ص ٢٩٧-٣١٦

Dr. Ali Mourad

د. علي مراد، كيف جرى تقويض فاعلية النسبية؟، المفكرة القانونية، عدد خاص انتخابات ٢٠١٨، نيسان ٢٠١٨

Dr. Ali Mourad, 'Citizenship and Municipality', Handbooks on Municipal Governance in Lebanon (2 versions: Arabic and English) Publication Nahnoo Association –Lebanon, 2018.



Dr. Sara Zein

Dr. Sara Zein, La place du Droit Anglo-Américain dans les contrats internationaux, Journal of Legal studies Issued by Faculty of Law and Political Science – Beirut Arab University, Volume 1 2017, pp 39-91

• **Strengthening scientific activities through a series of conferences**

To complement the academic program the FLPS organizes lectures and conferences on a broad range of topics relevant to the study of Law where Practitioners and academics present and discuss their views on current Legal questions:

- Conference Realism and Law (20/10/2017), with the participation of Prof. Judge Sami Mansour and Prof. Mohamad Said Abdulrahim.
- Conference entitled "Fighting Corruption: Strategies and Constraints" (21/11/2017), with the participation of Dean Prof. Mohamad Hassan Kassem and Prof. Judge Ali Ibrahim.
- Conference on the Future of the investigating judge, 30/10/2017, with the participation of Prof. Judge Fawzi Adham and Judge Maroune Zakhour.
- Conference on the new electoral Law in Lebanon, (2/3/20178), with the participating of Dr. Ali Mourad and Mr. Said Sanadiki.
- Conference entitled "Personal Status Laws between the sanctity of the text and the legitimacy of interpretation", (28/03/2018) with the participants representing the majority of religious community in Lebanon.
- To encourage multi-disciplinary studies conducted between the Faculty of Law and Political Sciences and other faculties. The FLPS co-organized with the Faculty of Human Sciences a conference titled "Literature and Law" (30 /04/2018).

• In the perspective of developing students' academic services and to offer Excellent Services to Library-Users, The FLPS provided for this academic year a large number of books and updated the free access to legal journals online, facilitated access to the Library by increasing the opening hours and benefiting from the legal database subscriptions provided by the University.

• In the perspective of strengthening public engagement and supporting the organization of different social and cultural activities and encouraging the participation of students in the social issues of the community, the FLPS established partnerships with local, regional and international legal institutions to provide programs relevant to job-market requirements.



IV. COLLABORATION

- During this academic year, FLPS strengthened the channels of communication, and stimulated the scientific and cultural exchange with the faculties locally, regionally and globally, in addition to the development of the bonds of relationship and cooperation with the diverse legal institutions and judicial bodies. In fact, FLPS has several cooperation agreements with international academic institutions in the fields of educational activities as well as student and staff exchanges between FLPS and other universities.
- The cooperation with universities includes the supervision and examination of Master theses by lecturers of the Lebanese Universities. On regional level, the network includes universities like the Philadelphia University (Jordan), Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies (United States, partner of FLPS within the framework of the legal clinics), American University of Cairo, Cairo University, Alexandria University, University of Kuwait, and Qatar University, as well as organizations like the Beirut Bar Association, the UN, the Council of Ministers in Lebanon, and the Lebanese Parliament.
- The participation of the Staff Member organization of workshops and conferences :
 - The Dean of the FLPS Professor Mohamad Hassan Kassem participated in several conferences such as a Conference held on April 27th 2018 at Filière Francophone de Droit – Lebanese university. The intervention of Prof. Kassem discussed the aspect of realism in Private Law ”in particular the philosophical aspects and the role of the judge in the Civil law countries.
 - Dr. Myriam Younes participated in several conferences and workshops as member of the National Commission for Lebanese Women. Furthermore, she participated in several scientific conferences and workshop such as :
 - ✓ participation to conference "Hand in Hand Towards a better Environment" organized by Faculty of sciences – BAU and presenting a paper on The right of healthy environment in Lebanon (25/10/2017-BAU Debbieh campus)
 - ✓ participating as Lecturer in the "Intensive course on Human rights : International agreements and Lebanese laws" and presenting a paper on ‘ "United nations regulation for the protection of Human rights "- Maison de l'avocat (15/3/2018)



- Dr. Wafic Hijazi participated in several conferences such as :
 - ✓ Participation to the first congress about religious & cultural dialogues in Egypt – organized by King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz International Centre for Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue (KAICIID),(1-5 may 2018)
 - ✓ Participation in the Fourth World and national Forum for Al-Azhar Graduate - Indonesia "الوسطية في الإسلام – الأبعاد والاتجاهات" and presenting a paper entitled "الوسطية والفتوى ضوابط ودلالات" (17-20 / 10/2017)
- Dr. Tarteel Darwish participated in several conferences such as
 - ✓ Participation to the Conference "transitional justice , dialogue around Acknowledgment" , organized by the Supreme Judicial Council, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime and American Embassy-Lebanon (28 – 29 / 09/2018)
 - ✓ Participation as Lecturer to the debate on "Death penalty" – Lebanese University – Fourth section – Bekaa (17/05/2018)
 - ✓ Participation as Lecturer to the conference on " Lebanese women's right to nationality" Irshad and Isslah Association and Lebanese women's right to nationality and full citizenship Campaign right of lebae(24/02/2018).
- Dr. Tala Zein participated in several conferences such as :
 - ✓ Participation to the Round table "la pratique du droit commercial au Liban – 75 ans après le Code " and presenting a paper entitled " l'apport de la soft Law : évolution éthiques, morales et professionnelles – Kaslik University " (7/4/2018)
 - ✓ Participation to the Conference "Nouvelles technologies et crimes " and presenting a paper entitled "les nouvelles technologies et criminalité" – Sagesse University (23/8/2018)
- Dr. Ali Mourad participated in several conferences such as :
 - ✓ Participation to the round table on "Youth education" in the Conference entitled "youth, social change and anti0violence strategy" – Lebanese Culture Ministry, UNESCO and EUROMED network – (25- 26 / 1 /2018)
 - ✓ Participation to the Seminar "Humanitarian transition and ethics in Lebanon" and presenting a paper entitled "Le respect des principes éthiques humanitaires dans un contexte politico-économique à haut risque



✓ : l'exemple de la situation des réfugiés syriens au Liban" – French Red Cross & University Saint-Joseph – (16-17 / 11/ 2017)

- Students activities in collaboration with Human Rights Center (HRC) :
 - The faculty participated in the Moot Court Simulation on “Refugees Rights” that was organized by the HRC at Beirut Arab University in collaboration with Raoul Wallenberg institute, Beirut Campus, 18-19 June 2018.
 - The Faculty participated in the 8th Regional summer course on “Refugees Rights in terms of International Legal Framework” that was organized by the Human Rights Center at Beirut Arab University in collaboration with Raoul Wallenberg institute and IBL Bank with participation of 37 students from 9 different Arab countries (Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, Egypt, Jordan, Iraq, Palestine, Lebanon and Syria), Debbie Campus, 12-16 July 2018.
 - Group of students are participating with the English language course scholarship HEEAP (Higher Education English Access Programme) organized by the Human Rights Center under the cooperation agreement between HOPES- Madad Project implemented by the British Council Lebanon with direct facilitation and coordination of Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law which included 300 scholarships funded by the European Union in Lebanon’s Regional Trust Fund.

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