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GENERAL PROFILE: Ardi Imseis is a scholar-practitioner of international law and relations with 19 years of international and domestic experience. Between 2002 and 2014, he served in senior legal and policy capacities with the United Nations in the Middle East and is former Senior Legal Counsel to the Chief Justice of Alberta. He is a Member of the UN's Group of Eminent International and Regional Experts on Yemen, the Human Rights Council-mandated commission of inquiry on armed conflict in Yemen. Among other things, he combines a general expertise in public international law (in particular international human rights, humanitarian, refugee, criminal, and UN law) with core common law areas of practice. He has taught at a number of universities around the world and has provided expert testimony before various high-level bodies, including the UN Security Council and to members of the UK House of Lords and the French Senat. He is a dynamic individual who combines proven intellectual and institutional leadership capabilities in both academic and public international settings. His research has been published in leading international journals and has attracted substantial support from leading funding bodies.

NATIONALITY: Canadian

EDUCATION:

- 2018 **University of Cambridge**, Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge, United Kingdom
Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) - Politics and International Studies
Supervisor: Prof. Marc Weller; Examiners: Profs. John Dugard, Richard Falk.
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Doctoral Fellow
Canadian Centennial Fund Scholar
Colfer Fund Scholar
E.D. Davies Scholar – Fitzwilliam College
College Senior Scholar – Fitzwilliam College
- 2002 **Columbia University, School of Law**, New York, United States of America
Master of Laws (LL.M.) – Public International Law and International Human Rights Law
Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar
Columbia University Human Rights Institute Fellow
Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Fellow
Parker School Certificate of Achievement in International and Comparative Law
- 1999 **Dalhousie University, Faculty of Law**, Halifax, Canada
Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.)
G.O. Forsyth Prize
Smith Lyons Prize
(transferred from University of Windsor Faculty of Law after first year)
- 1995 **University of Toronto**, University College, Faculty of Arts and Sciences, Toronto, Canada
Bachelor of Arts (B.A. Hons.) - International Relations & History
Graduated Cum Laude

BAR ADMISSION AND SPECIALTY TRAINING

- 2010 **Law Society of Alberta**, Bar Admission, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada
Barrister-at-Law, Solicitor of Court of Appeal for Alberta and of the Alberta Court of Queen's Bench
- 2001 **Law Society of Upper Canada**, Bar Admission, Toronto, Canada
Barrister-at-Law, Solicitor of the Court of Appeal for Ontario and of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice

Sept. 03 – April 04 **Harvard University**
Certificate – Program of Technical Assistance on International Humanitarian Law to UN Operations in the occupied Palestinian territory

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE:

Dec. 20 – present **United Nations, Group of Eminent International and Regional Experts on Yemen (GEE)**
Member
Appointed by the UN High Commissioner of Human Rights to serve as a Member of the GEE, a three-member commission of inquiry mandated by the UN Human Rights Council to investigate and report on violations and abuses of international human rights and humanitarian law committed by all parties to the armed conflict in Yemen since September 2014.

July 18 – present **Queen’s University, Faculty of Law, Canada**
Assistant Professor of Law
Associate Director, Global Law Program, Bader International Studies Centre
I teach public international law, international humanitarian law and legal ethics and professional responsibility. In addition, I am Associate Director of the Academic Programs, and professor of international human rights and refugee law in the Queen’s Global Law Program at the Bader International Studies Centre, Herstmonceux Castle, East Sussex, United Kingdom.

Feb. 07 – Sept. 14 **United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA)**
Head, Field Legal Office, West Bank Field Office, East Jerusalem
As head of UNRWA’s Legal Office in Jerusalem I was the chief legal counselor to the Director of UNRWA Operations in the West Bank. Matters on which the advice of my office was regularly solicited included: international refugee law, international human rights law; international humanitarian law; the privileges and immunities of the United Nations; the legal personality of the United Nations and its subsidiary organs; the law of State responsibility; UNRWA’s legal relations with governmental authorities; international institutional law; international labour law; and general contract, property and tort law. Conducted day to day liaison with governmental authorities in order to safeguard Agency operations and the human rights of Palestine refugees, including as impacted by actions or omissions of both the Israeli and Palestinian authorities. Advised on the legal and policy aspects of the Agency’s Operation’s Support Officer Programme, including on human rights and protection related interventions with Israeli and Palestinian authorities, members of the UN Country Team and NGOs. Established and maintained contact with local lawyers with a view to assisting Palestine refugees in need of international protection as well as to resolving potential disputes and claims against the Agency. Advised on claims for Registered Refugee Status against UNRWA’s Consolidated Eligibility and Registration Criteria. Sought access to Agency staff in detention, ascertained the conditions under which staff were being detained, and provided staff with appropriate legal assistance during and after periods of detention. Conducted internal investigations and participated on internal boards of inquiry on matters as varied as sexual assault and fraud. Supervised a team of five persons, including internationally and locally trained and professionally qualified staff lawyers.

May 14 – August 14 **United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)**
Senior External Relations Officer, Cairo, Egypt
Reporting directly to UNHCR Regional Representative to the League of Arab States and the Arab Republic of Egypt, I was tasked with leading the External Relations and Communications Unit at UNHCR, with a focus on policy and refugee protection advocacy. Day-to-day functions included, *inter alia*: ensuring that UNHCR Egypt’s external partners were informed regularly on all aspects of the protection and well-being of persons of concern

and the status of UNHCR operations; keeping abreast of challenges posed by the political and humanitarian operating environment; ensuring that UNHCR Egypt provided necessary inputs for fundraising and resource mobilization efforts; and supporting senior management in representing UNHCR in the UN Country Team and other UN coordination *fora*. The posting was temporary while on secondment from UNRWA.

Aug. 10 – August 11

Court of Appeal of Alberta, Canada

Senior Legal Counsel to the Chief Justice of Alberta

Provided direct legal counsel to the Chief Justice of the Court of Appeal of Alberta. Regular duties included analysis of highly detailed case material before the Court, provision of legal advice on complex substantive and procedural matters, drafting of judgments for the Chief Justice, preparation of high level legal research and memoranda, preparation of speeches for the Chief Justice, and providing all other services in the nature of a barrister and solicitor for the Chief Justice. Areas of practice were as varied as the broad jurisdiction of the Court, and included cases in the following areas: mass civil claims for damages; property; criminal convictions and sentences (murder, assault, drug offences, fraud, etc.); administrative discipline; oil and gas; contract; tort; negligence; summary dismissal; and various interlocutory matters. The Court of Appeal for Alberta is a court of inherent jurisdiction empowered to hear civil, criminal and any other matter not expressly vested by statute in another court. It is the highest court in the Province of Alberta with appeals only to the Supreme Court of Canada (as less than 2% of all cases heard are actually appealed to the Supreme Court, the Court of Appeal is effectively the court of last resort in Alberta). The posting was temporary while on special leave from the UN.

Sept. 02 – Jan. 07

United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA)

Senior Policy Analysis Officer, Headquarters, Gaza Strip

Advised the Commissioner-General's Office and senior management on the substantive development of UNRWA policy. This included: regular and timely analysis of the political, legal and socio-economic state of the Agency's operating environment; daily reporting on developments affecting Agency operations, including the Wall and its associated regime; and critical assessment of the Agency's major program interventions, including formulation and drafting of recommendations and action plans. Drafted speeches, talking points, discussion papers, briefing papers, inter-Agency communiqués and official correspondence for use by Commissioner-General in dealings with the diplomatic and donor community. Central in formulating and drafting Agency policy in respect of the international protection of Palestine refugees with particular reference to international refugee law, humanitarian law and human rights law; gender equality in refugee registration and service provision; human rights-based approaches to humanitarian interventions; and, the disengagement of Israel from the Gaza Strip and its implications for UNRWA operations under international humanitarian law. Appointed September 2002 as Policy Analysis Officer; promoted March 2006 to Senior Policy Analysis Officer; transferred February 2007 to Head, Field Legal Office, West Bank Field Office.

July 99 – July 01

Kramer Henderson LLP, Barristers, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Associate Lawyer

Civil litigation practice. Regularly appeared before the Ontario Superior Court of Justice and various tribunals in the Province of Ontario. Experience in all aspects of civil litigation and mediation, including mass civil claims and transnational litigation involving comprehensive research in comparative common and civil law jurisdictions. Conducted trials, pre-trial hearings, interlocutory motions, discovery, written and oral examinations, applications, and appeals. Areas of practice included: human rights litigation; shareholders rights and remedies; contract and real property disputes; banking litigation; departing employees and fiduciary obligations; professional negligence; general torts; injunctions and other pre-trial remedies; construction liens; and bankruptcy and insolvency.

OTHER ACADEMIC AND TEACHING POSITIONS (including *pro bono*):

- July 2015 – June 2016 **American University in Cairo**, Department of Law, Egypt
Visiting Research Scholar
I was invited by the Department of Law at the AUC to take up this position while conducting field research for my doctorate.
- Jan.-Mar. 2016 **University of Cambridge**, Department of Politics and International Studies, United Kingdom
Supervisor
Provided supervisions in undergraduate course on Comparative Politics (POL 4), consisting of small group teaching seminars and grading of term papers.
- Feb. 08 – Dec 2019 **Palestine Yearbook of International Law**
Editor-in-Chief
The Yearbook is jointly published by Brill Nijhoff publishers and the Birzeit University Institute of Law. Since 1985, it has established itself as a leading English-language international law journal in the Arab World, and is the principal source of information on public international law and the question of Palestine. In addition to articles by leading scholars, researchers and practitioners, the Yearbook offers a wide array of UN documentation, key legislation, court decisions, book reviews and other relevant legal materials translated from the original Arabic and Hebrew languages.
- 2013 – 2018 **Queens University**, Faculty of Law, Canada
Visiting Lecturer in Public International Law & Instructor International Refugee Law
Invited on an annual basis to lecture on public international law to Canadian law students enrolled in the Queen Law School's Global Law Program at the Bader international Studies Centre, Herstmonceux Castle, East Sussex, United Kingdom. Topics covered have included international humanitarian and human rights law, the law of the United Nations, and Third World Approaches to International Law theory. In 2017, I taught an intensive course on international refugee law.
- 2011 **University of Alberta**, Faculty of Law, Canada
Sessional Lecturer in International Criminal Law
Taught a seminar course in international criminal law, focused on the "core" international crimes of genocide, crimes against humanity, war crimes, and aggression, as well as other international crimes of serious concern including torture, apartheid and terrorism. Topics covered included: jurisdiction; national prosecutions of international crimes; extradition and mutual legal assistance; the history of international criminal prosecutions; the Ad Hoc International Criminal Tribunals; the International Criminal Court; international criminal procedure, including the rights of the accused; defences and excuses; amnesties and immunities; sentencing, penalties and reparations for victims. Duties included close supervision and grading of student research. Nominated for prestigious Pringle/Royal Sessional Teaching Award in recognition of superior teaching as judged by students.
- Mar. 2010-2013 **Tel Aviv University**, Faculty of Law, Israel
Visiting Lecturer
Invited in my personal capacity to lecture on international refugee law, specifically in relation to the status of Palestinian refugees in international law to law students in Tel Aviv University's Refugee Rights Clinic. Topics covered included: the origins of the Palestinian refugee problem, Palestinian refugee rights under international law, UNRWA and the Palestine refugees, Article 1D of the 1951 Convention Relating to the Status of Refugees and UNHCR, and Israeli asylum law and Palestinian refugees.
- Mar. 07 – May 08 **Bethlehem University**, Occupied Palestinian Territory
Senior Lecturer in International Refugee Law
Lectured *pro-bono* in international refugee law as part of Bethlehem University's Masters programme in International Cooperation and Development (MICAD), coordinated by the

School of Business in cooperation with the University of Pavia (Italy), University College Dublin (Ireland) and Radboud University (Netherlands). The lectures were given to 35 mid-career professionals enrolled in the programme, which aims to cultivate and empower local development in the occupied Palestinian territory. Duties included close supervision and grading of student research.

Jan. 06 – Jan. 07

Birzeit University, Institute of Law, Occupied Palestinian Territory

Assistant Professor of Public International Law

Held a part-time appointment as an Assistant Professor at Birzeit, where I taught a survey course in public international law to graduate students on a *pro bono* basis while serving as a UN official with UNRWA. The course included a special focus on international human rights law, international refugee law, international humanitarian law, and international criminal law. Other topics covered included: sources of law; subjects of law; the relationship between municipal and international law; recognition of states and governments; state jurisdiction and responsibility; the law of treaties; international refugee law; the law of international organizations; peaceful settlement of disputes; and the use of force. Duties included close supervision of student research.

May 2004

Harvard University, Program on Humanitarian Policy and Conflict Research (HPCR)

Lecturer

Invited in my personal capacity to lecture on the nature, purpose and applicability of international humanitarian law as part of a training course administered by Harvard University on international humanitarian law for the donor and diplomatic community in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory. Based on my practical and theoretical experience in the area of international humanitarian law, topics lectured upon included: basic principles of international humanitarian law; civilian participation in hostilities; distinctions between international humanitarian law and international human rights law; principal international humanitarian law instruments; application of international humanitarian law to occupied territory; and opportunities and challenges of international humanitarian law in situations of belligerent occupation.

Sept. 01 – Jan. 02

Columbia University, School of International and Public Affairs, New York, United States

Teaching Assistant, Public International Law

Assisted in the instruction of a graduate course in public international law. Led graduate seminar discussions on selected topics, provided general tutoring and aided in setting and grading examinations as well as other methods of student evaluation. Topics of instruction covered included: sources of law, subjects of law; the relationship between municipal and international law; recognition of states and governments; state jurisdiction and responsibility; the law of treaties; international human rights law; international humanitarian law; international refugee law; the law of international organizations; peaceful settlement of disputes; and the use of force.

Sept. 98 – May 99

Dalhousie University, Faculty of Law, Canada

Legal Researcher and Editor, International Human Rights Law

Edited and upgraded the faculty textbook in international human rights law. Developed an intimate familiarity with a wide array of international human rights law instruments, case law and practice. In addition, gained an in-depth understanding of the various conventional and extra-conventional human rights mechanisms available through the UN System, including the main treaty-monitoring bodies, and thematic and country mandates of Special Rapporteurs, Special Representatives and independent experts.

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS:

Books:

The United Nations and the Question of Palestine: Rule by Law and the Structure of International Legal Subalternity (working title) (Cambridge University Press, forthcoming 2021)

Articles, Essays and Extended Reviews:

“The United Nations Partition of Palestine Revisited: On the Origins of Palestine’s International Legal Subalternity” (2021) 57 **Stanford Journal of International Law** (forthcoming).

“State of Exception: Critical Reflections on the *Amici Curiae* Observations and Other Communications of States Parties to the Rome Statute in the Palestine Situation” (2020) **Journal of International Criminal Justice** (forthcoming).

“Negotiating the Illegal: On the United Nations and the Illegal Occupation of Palestine, 1967-2020” (2020) **European Journal of International Law** chaa055, <https://doi.org/10.1093/ejil/cha055>.

“Critical Reflections on the International Humanitarian Law Aspects of the ICJ *Wall* Advisory Opinion” (2005) 99:1 **American Journal of International Law** 102.

“On the Fourth Geneva Convention and the Occupied Palestinian Territory” (2003) 44:1 **Harvard International Law Journal** 65.

“‘Moderate’ Torture on Trial: Critical Reflections on the Israeli Supreme Court Judgment Concerning the Legality of General Security Service Interrogation Methods” (2001) 19:2 **Berkeley Journal of International Law** 328; (2001) 5:3 **International Journal of Human Rights** 71.

“Law, Reality and the Oslo ‘Peace’ Process” (2000) 20:3 **Oxford Journal of Legal Studies** 469. (on-line PDF format: http://www3.oup.co.uk/oxjlsj/hdb/Volume_20/Issue_03/pdf/200469.pdf) (Extended review of *From Occupation to Interim Accords: Israel and the Palestinian Territories* (The Hague: Kluwer Law International, 1997). Also appeared in (2000) 18:1 **Boston University International Law Journal** 47.

“Facts on the Ground: An Examination of Israeli Municipal Policy in East Jerusalem” (2000) 15:5 **American University International Law Review** 1039. (on-line PDF format: <http://www.wcl.american.edu/journal/ilr/15/imseis.pdf>)

“Zionism, Racism and the Palestinian People: Fifty Years of Human Rights Violations in Israel and the Occupied Territories” (1999) 8 **Dalhousie Journal of Legal Studies** 1.

“Statelessness and Convention Refugee Determination: An Examination of the Palestinian Experience at the Immigration and Refugee Board of Canada” (1997) 31:2 **University of British Columbia Law Review** 317.

Book Chapters:

“Speaking Truth to Power: On Edward Said and the Palestinian Freedom Struggle”, in A. Iskandar & H. Rustom, eds., *Edward Said: Emancipation and Representation* (University of California Press, 2010).

“On the Fourth Geneva Convention and the Occupied Palestinian Territory”, in V. Kattan, ed., *The Palestine Question in International Law* (London: British Institute of International and Comparative Law, 2008) (originally published in (2003) 44:1 **Harvard International Law Journal** 65).

“Facts on the Ground: An Examination of Israeli Municipal Policy in East Jerusalem”, in V. Kattan, ed., *The Palestine Question in International Law* (London: British Institute of International and Comparative Law, 2008) (originally published in (2000) 15:5 **American University International Law Review** 1039)

"Preserving Humanitarian Space in a Long-Term Conflict", in *Human Security for All: A Tribute to Sergio Vieira De Mello* (New York: Fordham University Press, 2004) (Written in my professional capacity for Peter Hansen, Commissioner-General of UNRWA, 1996-2005).

Book Reviews and Short Academic Contributions:

Palestine's Horizon: Toward a Just Peace (R. Falk, Pluto Press, 2017) (2018) 187:3 **Journal of Palestine Studies** 112.

"Ubi Jus Ibi Remedium: On the Prospects, Problems, and Potential of Implementing Public International Law in Occupied Palestine", in (2014) Vol. XVII **Palestine Yearbook of International Law** 1.

"Forward", in Sfar, M. and Schaeffer, E., *A Guide to Housing, Land and Property Law in Area C of the West Bank* (Jerusalem: Norwegian Refugee Council, 2012) 3.

"Introduction: Third World Approaches to International Law and the Persistence of the Question of Palestine", in (2009) Vol. XV **Palestine Yearbook of International Law** 1.

"Introduction: The Goldstone Report and Beyond", in (2010) Vol. XVI **Palestine Yearbook of International Law** 1.

"Palestinian Refugees", in *The State of the World's Refugees: Human Displacement in the New Millennium* (Geneva: The Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, 2006) 112-113 (Written in my professional capacity for UNRWA).

The Occupation of Justice: The Supreme Court of Israel and the Occupied Territories (M. Krezmer, SUNY Press, 2002) (2002) 32:2 **Journal of Palestine Studies** 108.

The Oslo Accords: International Law and the Israeli-Palestinian Peace Agreements (G. Watson, Oxford University Press, 2000) (2002) 32:1 **Journal of Palestine Studies** 110.

The Palestinian Exodus: 1948-1998 (E. Rogan, Ithica Press, 1999) (2000) 30:1 **Journal of Palestine Studies** 99.

The Status of Palestinian Refugees in International Law (L. Takkenberg, Oxford University Press, 1998) (1999) 8 **Dalhousie Journal of Legal Studies** 223; also appeared as "Legalizing Palestinians" (1999) 29:1 **Journal of Palestine Studies** 91; (printemps 2000) 23 **Revue d'etudes Palestiniennes** 130.

Islamic Legal Interpretation: Muftis and Their Fatwas (B. Messick, Harvard University Press, 1996) (1999) 33:1 **University of British Columbia Law Review** 223.

Op-Eds, Blogs and Editorials

"UNRWA in a Time of Crisis: Separating the Red Herrings from Legitimate Shortcomings", *Al-Shabaka*, 8 October 2019, available at: <https://al-shabaka.org/commentaries/unrwa-in-a-time-of-crisis-separating-the-red-herrings-from-legitimate-shortcomings/>

"Security Council Resolution 2334: An Old-New Approach to Palestine at the United Nations?", *Jadaliyya*, 26 December 2016, available at: <http://www.jadaliyya.com/pages/index/25756/security-council-resolution-2334-an-old-new-approa>

"Trudeau and Israel/Palestine: Paragon of Progressives or Much Ado About Nothing?", *Embassy*, 6 April 2016, available at: <http://www.embassynews.ca/opinion/2016/04/06/trudeau-and-israel/palestine-paragon-of-progressives-or-much-ado-about-nothing/48462>

"Remembering the 2014 Gaza Conflict: One Year On" (Text of 20 July 2015 Address to the United Nations Security Council), *Cambridge Review of International Affairs Views*, 22 September 2015, available at: <http://www.cria.polis.cam.ac.uk/blog/?p=404>

“Palestine and the ICC: Why International Law Matters in the Middle East, *Cambridge Review of International Affairs Views*, 6 April 2015, available at: <http://www.cria.polis.cam.ac.uk/blog/?p=277>; republished by *Al-Ahram Online*, 16 April 2015, available at: <http://english.ahram.org.eg/NewsContentP/4/127852/Opinion/Palestine-and-the-ICC-Why-International-Law-Matter.aspx>

“Quebec Judge’s Ban on Hijab in Courtroom a Judicial Fiasco”, *Law Times*, 30 March 2015, available at: <http://www.lawtimesnews.com/201503304570/commentary/speaker-s-corner>.

HIGH LEVEL ADDRESSES IN DIPLOMATIC OR GOVERNMENTAL FORA:

- Oct 2019 **United Nations Roundtable on Legal Aspects of the Question of Palestine**, Irish Centre for Human Rights, Galway, Ireland. Invited by the UN to present on “Best Practices of Third States and Others under Security Council Resolution 2334”. (closed to public and media).
- May 2016 **United Nations Security Council** Arria-formula meeting. Invited by the Permanent Missions to the United Nations of Egypt, Angola, Malaysia, Senegal and Venezuela to address the UN Security Council on protection of civilians in the occupied Palestinian territory.
- Dec. 2015 “International Law and Palestine: A Practitioner’s View From the Ground”; invited to deliver this lecture at a public colloquium entitled *La Vie Quotidienne en Territoires Palestiniens Occupés*, organized by Senator Gilbert Roger, Sénateur de la Senie-Saint-Denis, at the **French Sénat**, Palais du Luxembourg, Paris, France.
- Sept. 2015 **United Nations International Meeting on the Question of Palestine**, Brussels, Belgium. Invited by the UN to present on “Legal Aspects of Israeli Settlements in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem”. Co-convened by the UN, Organization of the Islamic Conference and the League of Arab States. See: <http://unispal.un.org/databases/dprtest/ngoweb.nsf/f12fded4d0597000852573fc005b9471/8565f53fedf1eb1585257e90004fe42c?OpenDocument>.
- July 2015 **United Nations Security Council** Arria-formula meeting. Invited by the Permanent Missions to the United Nations of Malaysia and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to address the UN Security Council on the occasion of the one-year anniversary of the 2014 war in Gaza. See: <http://www.whatsinblue.org/2015/07/aria-formula-meeting-on-gaza.php?page=all&print=true>.
- May 2015 **United Nations Roundtable on Legal Aspects of the Question of Palestine**, International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, The Hague. Invited by the UN to present on “Opportunities and Strategies to Engage State Parties to the Geneva Conventions to Adhere to their Responsibilities in Upholding International Humanitarian Law” (closed to public and media).

CASE WORK/EXPERT WITNESS TESTIMONY/COMMISSIONS OF INQUIRY

- Sept. 2020 Situation of Human Rights in Yemen including Violations and Abuses since September 2014, Comprehensive Report of the Group of International and Regional Experts on Yemen, 8 September, UN Doc. A/HRC/45/6.
- June 2020 Member, Board of International Experts, “International Law and Defining Russia’s Involvement in Crimea and Donbas”, Global Rights Compliance, Kiev, Ukraine. Invited to serve on a board of international law experts on the law of belligerent occupation as it applies to Russia’s presence in Crimea and Donbas.

- Mar. 2019 *Relocation of the United States Embassy to Jerusalem (State of Palestine v. United States of America)*, ICJ, 28 Sept. 2019. Providing pro bono legal advice to counsel for on questions going to admissibility of the jurisdiction of the Court.
- Oct. 2018 Expert testimony given in *Adham Hassoun v. Jeff Sessions, Attorney-General of the United States, et al.*, No. 18-cv-586 (WDNY).
- Dec. 2018 Provided legal advice to the UN Human Rights Council Independent International Commission of Inquiry on the Protests in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, UN Doc. A/HRC/40/74.

CONFERENCES ORGANIZED

- May 2019 “International Law at a Crossroads”, Faculty of Law, Queen’s University, Bader International Study Centre, Herstmonceux Castle, East Sussex, UK (organized with Prof. Nicolas Lamp and Chantal Rousseau).

SELECTED PRESENTATIONS AT UNIVERSITIES AND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES:

- June 2020 “Recommendations to the United Kingdom in Response to Annexation of Occupied Territory under International Law”, invited address to **Liberal Democratic Party, United Kingdom** (delivered virtually).
- May 2020 “UN Commissions of Inquiry: Reflections on Yemen”, Faculty of Law, **Queen’s University**, Bader International Study Centre, Herstmonceux Castle, East Sussex, UK (delivered virtually).
- Feb. 2020 “The Trump Plan and International Law: Problems and the Way Forward”, delivered at “The ‘Deal of the Century’ and the Future of the Middle East, Human Rights Research and Education Centre, **University of Ottawa**, 6 February 2020.
- Nov. 2019 “The Wall in Occupied Palestine and Israel”, Wall Symposium, Yan-Lin Centre, **McGill University**, 15 November 2019.
- May 2019 “Wither the International Rule of Law: Palestine and the Trump Administration’s Assault on the International Legal and Multilateral Order, delivered at “International Law at a Crossroads”, Faculty of Law, **Queen’s University**, Bader International Study Centre, Herstmonceux Castle, East Sussex, UK.
- Feb 2019 “Self-Determination and the Settler Colony: A Critical International Legal Account”, delivered at the Faculty of Law, **University of Toronto**, Canada.
- Oct 2018 “Illegal Occupation of the State of Palestine and its Legal Consequences”, **Al-Haq, the West Bank Affiliate of the International Commission of Jurists**, Ramallah, occupied Palestinian territory.
- June 2018 “Recognizing Palestine: What Legal and Policy Implications for the United Kingdom?”, **European Council on Foreign Relations**, London, UK.
- Mar. 2018 “UNRWA and the Palestinian Refugees: From 1949 to the Age of Trump”, delivered at Kings College, **University of Cambridge**, UK.
- Nov. 2017 Civil Society Brainstorming with UN Special Rapporteur Michael Lynk: Where Next for an International Law Based Approach for Israel/Palestine?, **European Council on Foreign Relations**, Brussels, Belgium.
- Oct. 2017 “Public International Law and the Question of Palestine: A Conversation”, delivered at Pembroke College, **University of Cambridge**, UK.

- Apr. 2017 "Law, Legitimacy and the Responsibility of the United Nations for the Question of Palestine: Critical Reflections", delivered at the **University College Cork**, Ireland.
- Mar. 2017 "Law, Legitimacy and the Responsibility of the United Nations for the Question of Palestine: Critical Reflections", **School of Oriental and African Studies**, University of London, London, UK.
- Oct. 2016 "The International Criminal Court in 2016: Principles, Problems, Prospects", Gonville and Caius College, **University of Cambridge**, UK.
- Nov 2016 "Can Law Stop the Demolition of a Bedouin School in the West Bank? Spotlight on Khan al-Ahmar", **University of Warwick**, Economic & Social Research Council, Conway Hall, London, UK.
- Apr. 2016 "Palestine Refugees and the Curious Case of Sheikh Jarrah", Centre for Migration and Refugee Studies, **American University in Cairo**, Cairo, Egypt.
- Feb 2016 "Stability in the Middle East?" Invited to hold public conversation with Nicky Padfield, Master of Fitzwilliam College, along with Edward Chaplin (ret. UK Ambassador to Iraq, Jordan, Italy) and Jonathan McIvor, MBE, Fitzwilliam College, **University of Cambridge**, UK.
- Dec. 2015 "Prolonged Occupation of Palestine: The Case for a Second Advisory Opinion of the International Court of Justice", public lecture delivered at the **American University of Paris**, Paris, France.
- Oct. 2015 "The Role of International Law in the Relationship Between Israel and Palestine", Masterclass jointly conducted with Israeli academic, Orna Ben-Naftali, at the **Australian National University**, Centre for International Justice and Governance.
- Oct. 2015 "Prolonged Occupation of Palestine: The Case for a Second Advisory Opinion of the International Court of Justice", public lecture delivered at the **Australian National University**, Center for International Justice and Governance, 7 October 2015, Canberra, Australia.
- Jan 2015 "The Law and Practice of the United Nations: An Introduction", delivered at Fitzwilliam College, **University of Cambridge**, UK.
- May 2014 "On Civilization and the Law of Nations: Critical Reflections on Subalternity and Public International Law", delivered at the **Queen's University** Bader International Studies Centre, Herstmonceux Castle, East Sussex, UK.
- June 2013 "The Legal Function in the Law and Practice of the United Nations", delivered at the 2013 Palestine Works Law Fellows Conference, **Al-Haq Center for Applied International Law**, Ramallah, occupied Palestinian territory.
- June 2013 "Public International Law and the Foundations and Development of International Humanitarian Law", delivered for the **International Association of Professionals in Humanitarian Assistance and Protection**, East Jerusalem, occupied Palestinian territory.
- June 2013 "Forced Population Transfer under International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights Law", delivered at **BADIL** conference on "Forced Population Transfer - Elements and Responsibilities", Ramallah, occupied Palestinian territory.
- May 2013 "The Law of Belligerent Occupation: Principles, Practice, Problems", delivered at the **Queen's University** Bader International Studies Centre, Herstmonceux Castle, East Sussex, UK
- May 2013 "Options and Strategies of International Law for Palestine", Chair of Panel with Professors John Dugard, George Bisharat and John Reynolds, at conference on "Law and Politics: Options and Strategies of International Law for the Palestinian People", **Birzeit University** Institute of Law, Birzeit, occupied Palestinian territory.

- June 2012 “The Forced Displacement of Palestine Refugees in the West Bank, including East Jerusalem”, delivered at the School of Law, **School of Oriental and African Studies**, University of London, London, UK.
- June 2007 “Acquisition of Territory, Annexation and the Jordan Valley”, delivered at the 10th International Humanitarian Law Forum organized by **Diakonia**, East Jerusalem, occupied Palestinian territory.
- May 2007 “International Law and the Continuing Challenge of the Subaltern Other”, delivered at the School of Law, **School of Oriental and African Studies**, University of London, London, UK.
- Nov. 2005 “International Humanitarian Law and Prolonged Military Occupation”, delivered at an international conference entitled “From Theory to Practice: Upholding International Humanitarian Law in the Occupied Palestinian Territories”, **Al-Haq, the West Bank Affiliate of the International Commission of Jurists**, Ramallah, occupied Palestinian territory.
- Dec. 2004 “International Humanitarian Law and the ICJ Wall Advisory Opinion”, delivered at the **American University of Cairo**, Department of Political Science, Cairo, Egypt.
- Dec. 2004 “International Law and the Subaltern Other”, delivered at the **American University of Cairo**, Department of Political Science, Cairo, Egypt.

RESEARCH GRANTS, FELLOWSHIPS, AWARDS AND DISTINCTIONS:

- 2015 **Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Doctoral Fellowship** awarded CAD \$60,000 in support of study towards the Ph.D. degree at the University of Cambridge.
- 2015 **ED Davies Scholar** awarded GBP £1250 by Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge, in support of graduate study in the department of Politics and International Studies, University of Cambridge.
- 2015 **College Senior Scholar** awarded honorary title by Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge, for contributions to college life.
- 2014 **Canadian Centennial Scholarship Fund** awarded GBP £1500 in support of graduate study in the department of Politics and International Studies, University of Cambridge.
- 2014 **Colfer Fund** awarded GBP £1500 in support of graduate study in the department of Politics and International Studies, University of Cambridge.
- 2011 **Pringle/Royal Sessional Teaching Award** nominated for this prestigious award in recognition of superior teaching of International Criminal Law as judged by students at the University of Alberta, Faculty of Law.
- 2002 **Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar, Columbia University School of Law** awarded in recognition of superior academic achievement as demonstrated by finishing in the top fifteen per cent of the graduating class at Columbia University School of Law.
- 2002 **Parker School of Foreign and Comparative Law, Columbia University School of Law** awarded Certificate of Achievement in International and Comparative Law in recognition of demonstrated expertise and record of accomplishment in those fields.
- 2001-2002 **Human Rights Fellowship, Human Rights Institute, Columbia University School of Law** awarded USD \$30,000 in recognition of demonstrated record of accomplishment in the field of international human rights law and to pursue further research in the area. As a Human Rights Fellow, I actively participated in the proceedings of the Human Rights Institute, including the exchange of ideas about

human rights law, theory and practice, with leading human rights advocates, teachers and practitioners in the world.

- 2001-2002 **Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada Fellowship** awarded CAD \$13,250 in support of study towards the LL.M. degree at Columbia University School of Law, 2001-2002.
- May 1999 **G.O. Forsyth Prize, Dalhousie University, Faculty of Law** awarded to the student at Dalhousie Law School whom the Faculty deems to be the most deserving in the sense of combining the qualities of scholarship and character.
- April 1999 **Smith Lyons Prize, Dalhousie University, Faculty of Law** awarded annually to the student at Dalhousie Law School whose written work demonstrates excellence in legal scholarship.

MEMBERSHIPS & BOARDS:

American Society of International Law (2004-2012; 2014-present)
Cambridge Center for Palestine Studies, Academic Board (2019-present)
Canadian Bar Association (1996-2001)
Canadian Diabetes Association (1992)
International Civil Service Commission (2002-2014)
John E. Read International Law Society - Faculty of Law, Dalhousie University (1997-99)
Law Society of Upper Canada (2001-present)
Law Society of Alberta (2010-present)