

The Rule of Law and Anti-Corruption Center, Doha

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The fight against corruption often goes on under the surface, away from public view; workshops that bring together practitioners from around the world, courses designed to increase awareness of the impact and corrosive effects of corruption, and capacity building endeavours in both developing and developed countries often go unnoticed. Even those who work in fields related to anti-corruption may not be aware of the full range of regional and international projects being implemented around them to reduce the impact of corruption.

ROLACC hopes to change this, and to this end we have created a quarterly newsletter that we hope will demonstrate to you, whether you work in this demanding field or are simply a concerned and interested member of the public, the many key initiatives being undertaken by us and our partners in the region, whether they are anti-corruption bodies, governments, embassies or international organisations.

In keeping with ROLACC's mission to act as a hub for anti-corruption knowledge, training and partnership both in the local region and internationally, we are pleased to present to you the first Quarterly ROLACC Newsletter. We also realise that too many emails can be annoying, and so we hope that in reading our newsletter you feel that we have struck the right balance between being informative and being succinct.

If you would like to know more about ROLACC's activities as they happen, please follow us on Twitter @Rolaccqa.

Enjoy the newsletter!

ROLACC Team

LLM in Corruption Law and Governance

Applications now open

ROLACC are pleased to announce the opening of the third intake of the LLM in Corruption, Law and Governance designed and run in partnership with the University of Sussex in the United Kingdom. **This course is fully accredited by the Qatari Ministry of Education and Higher Education, and results in a full UK master's degree upon completion.**

Since 2016, this course has been offered to students in the region, taught in Doha in order to provide working professionals the chance to work towards a UK master's degree while also continuing their regular employment. The course is run over two years (part-time) and is taught by expert academics from the University of Sussex. The program itself was launched by H.E. Abdullah Bin Nasser Al Thani, the Prime Minister and Minister of Internal Affairs of Qatar, along with H.E Dr. Ali Bin Fetais Al Marri, the Attorney General of Qatar on the 2nd of October 2016.

To date we have enrolled 37 students (15 in the 2016/17 intake, 22 in the 2017/18 intake) and have already received several applications for our 2018/19 batch of students. As of 2017, the LLM taught at the ROLACC office in Qatar is the most popular master's degree offered by the University of Sussex School of Law, Politics and Sociology. The first batch of students, who began their studies in 2016, will be graduating at the end of this year.

If you wish to apply, or for any further information, the website for the LLM Corruption Law and Governance can be found at go.sussex.ac.uk/qatar2018.

Applications are now open for this LLM and will close at the end of June 2018.



Anti-Corruption Excellence Award

Nominations now being accepted

The Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad Al Thani Anti-Corruption Excellence Award, also known as the ACE Award, is now entering its third year of celebrating the most effective, most courageous members of the global anti-corruption community. The award seeks to push into the public view initiatives by members of the public that may have otherwise escaped recognition.

Previous winners include I Paid A Bribe, an Indian initiative that provides the public with a convenient, simple and instant way to report corrupt public officials via their website. They have now expanded to over 15 countries with a further 10 coming soon. Another notable winner is Ms. Thelma Aldana, for her work in fighting against corruption as the Attorney General of Guatemala.

This award is presented annually on World Anti-Corruption Day (9th December) in recognition of individuals and institutions that have contributed significantly to global campaign against corruption. The award intends to shed light on the best practices on a global scale, to recognize and disseminate anti-corruption models from around the world, as well as to encourage and inspire similar and new initiatives in this field.

The Award has been divided into four categories; Lifetime/Outstanding Achievement, Academic Research and Education, Youth Creativity and Engagement, and Innovation. It comes with a financial prize in the hope that

Nominations for this year's award are now being accepted, and the nomination portal will stay open until the 5th October 2018.

You can access the Nomination Portal at <https://www.aceaward.com/>



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The Rule of Law and Anti-Corruption Journal

Call for papers

In March, ROLACC also launched an Academic journal, the Rule of Law and Anti-Corruption Journal, a biannual and bilingual publication, and the first journal of its kind to span both fields and search for the connections between the two.

The double-blind, peer-reviewed journal, which aims to serve as a reference for academics, acts as a platform for experts in the fields of Rule of Law and Anti-Corruption studies, and has a well-structured managerial leadership consisting of a diverse group of international officials and academics.

The journal will further the study of topics related to anti-corruption and the rule of law, and the first issue will be published in late June. Papers have been submitted since early March from all over the world, including Italy, China, Thailand, Nigeria, the United Kingdom, Russia and Tunisia. Submissions have addressed diverse issues related to corruption, both procedurally and theoretically, and topics range from issues of practice of supervision over the implementation of anti-corruption legislation by civil servants; to an assessment of the effectiveness of anti-corruption measures for the public sector and private entities; to law and economic violations to the rule of law.

The journal has extended a call for papers on all topics related to corruption or the rule of law, and anybody wishing to submit their paper can do so at journal@rolacc.qa



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Contribution to Capacity Building

ROLACC has been proud to host a number of foreign delegations this year with the purpose of building their domestic capacity for tackling corruption and implementing the rule of law. The workshops, designed around specific training needs determined by the participants and taught by expert practitioners, enabled our regional partners to strengthen and improve the tools at their disposal for tackling corruption.

- On 30 and 31 January 2018, the Rule of Law and Anti-Corruption Center, in cooperation with the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, organized a training workshop to build the national capacity of the government experts of the State of Palestine, who were participating in the second cycle of the UNCAC Review Mechanism covering Chapter II (Preventive Measures) and Chapter V (Asset Recovery).



- On 20 and 21 March 2018, a similar training workshop was organised for officials from the State of Sudan, who were also participating in the second cycle of the UNCAC Review Mechanism.



- On 17 and 18 April 2018, the Rule of Law and Anti-Corruption Center organized a training workshop for the staff of the Maritime Transport Department at the Ministry of Transport and Communications in Qatar on the judicial enforcement procedures in the crimes stipulated in the Maritime Transport Laws.

Organised Crime and Terrorism Nexus Workshop

On the 24th April, a practitioner workshop on the Nexus between Organised Crime and Terrorism was held at the ROLACC office, in association with the United Nations office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC), and the International Centre for Counter-Terrorism (ICCT) – The Hague.

The workshop was attended by a number of experts and decision-makers in the fields of Counter Terrorism and Organised Crime. In particular, ROLACC was delighted to welcome Ms. Loyde Aryee, Director of the Crime Branch of the UNODC, Ms. Tuesday Reitano, Director of the Global Initiative Against Transnational Organised Crime and Mr. Martin Gallagher, Chief Inspector of Police Scotland.

The event was chaired by Dr. Colin Clarke, Associate Fellow at the ICCT, and participants included judges, prosecutors, and law enforcement officers from The Netherlands, Turkey, Kenya, Qatar, Australia, Britain and the United States of America. The event was opened by Her Excellency Dr. Bahia Tahzib-Lie, Ambassador of the Netherlands to the State of Qatar.



Academic visits

ROLACC are also proud to have been involved in a number of academic programs over the first quarter of 2018. The purpose of these visits is to strengthen links between ROLACC and educational institutes throughout the world.

- On 18 March 2018, the Rule of Law and Anti-Corruption Center received a delegation of French judges as an exchange of experiences with the French Ministry of Justice. During the visit, the delegation was briefed on the centre's tasks, objectives and various activities. In addition, technical presentations were given by ROLACC experts that covered the procedures of organizing Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad Al Thani Anti-Corruption Excellence Award, the LLM in Corruption, Law and Governance in association with the University of Sussex, and the role of ROLACC in the fight against corruption and asset recovery.
- On 8 April 2018, the Rule of Law and Anti-Corruption Center hosted 14 students and a number of law professors at the University of De Montfort in Leicester. The visit comes as part of a training program provided by the Faculty of Law of the prestigious English University. Visiting ROLACC is one of many stops among similar visits to centres and institutions in the state. During the visit, the role of ROLACC in the fight against corruption was discussed in relation to careers in law, and also the students were given a presentation on enhancing capacities and technical assistance for Law enforcement authorities in the area of anti-corruption, money-laundering and asset recovery.



- On the 23rd March, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between ROLACC and the Universidad de Salamanca in Spain. The university, which was founded in the 13th Century, is one of the leading universities in Spain, and together with ROLACC we hope to bring this expertise to the gulf region.