

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON:

**THE 2010 UNIDROIT PRINCIPLES OF INTERNATIONAL COMMERCIAL
CONTRACTS IN LIGHT OF INTERNATIONAL CONVENTIONS AND NATIONAL
LAWS: LAUNCH OF THE ARABIC VERSION OF THE 2010 PRINCIPLES**

CALL FOR PAPERS

Sultan Qaboos University

Muscat, Oman

March 23-24, 2014

The Protection Project at The Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), in cooperation with the Sultan Qaboos University, invites the submission of papers for an international conference on "The 2010 UNIDROIT principles international commercial contracts in the light of international conventions and national laws" scheduled to take place at the premises of in Muscat, Oman on March 23-24, 2014.

1. Objectives:

The Conference will provide an opportunity for professors and scholars from Oman, the Arab world, Europe and the United States to compare and identify similarities and differences between national civil codes, including the recently adopted civil code of Oman, to the 2010 UNIDROIT Principles.

2. Topics

In addressing the above objectives, scholars may address the following topics:

1. Differences and similarities between the UNIDROIT Principles of international commercial contracts and national laws;
2. The impact of the rules of Islamic law on international norms and national legislation of international commercial contracts;
3. Discuss the influence of different legal systems on the UNIDROIT Principles;
4. Illustrate the role of judges in adapting, adjusting and restoring the balance of the contractual relationship;
5. The role of the UNIDROIT Principles in harmonizing rules of contract law;
6. The UNIDROIT Principles as the applicable law in a choice of law clause;
7. The UNIDROIT Principles as a model of *lex mercatoria*;

8. The interpretative and supplementary functions of the UNIDROIT Principles;
9. The UNIDROIT Principles as a material source for rules of contract in domestic law;
10. The UNIDROIT Principles and Islamic contract law: reconciling differences and avoiding contradictions;
11. To what extent do the UNIDROIT Principles on International Commercial Contracts rely on common law rules?;
12. To what extent do the UNIDROIT Principles borrow from the civil law traditions?;
13. How were the UNIDROIT Principles affected by the rules on sales in accordance with the Convention on International Sales of Goods (“CISG”)? Differences and similarities;
14. Comparison between the principles of contract law in the UNIDROIT Principles and the Islamic Majella (“Code of contracts in accordance with Islamic law”);
15. The judicial interventions in contract in accordance with the UNIDROIT Principles;
16. The functional equivalents of the doctrine of gross disparity as stipulated in the UNIDROIT Principles in national civil codes;
17. Adaptation of contracts through the doctrine of hardship in the UNIDROIT Principles and in national civil codes;
18. The influence of the American doctrine of promissory estoppel or detrimental reliance on the UNIDROIT Principles;
19. The efficient breach doctrine in damages under the UNIDROIT Principles and in national civil codes;
20. Public order and the mandatory rules as limitations on the principle of freedom of contract in the UNIDROIT Principles.

The above list is not exhaustive and scholars may decide to address different topics related to the UNIDROIT Principles and national civil codes.

3. Rules of participation

1. Academics and Researchers are invited to submit a 500 words abstract of their paper by email to Ms. Elaine Panter, Director for Programs and Planning, The Protection Project (epanter2@jhu.edu) no later than January 10, 2014;
2. Abstracts should be accompanied by a CV and a copy of your passport;
3. The selection committee of The Protection Project and Sultan Qaboos University will select the abstracts and notify the authors by Friday, February 7, 2014;
4. A copy of the full paper must be submitted by Friday, March 14, 2014;
5. All travel and lodging expenses will be covered;
6. Conference proceedings will be published by *The Protection Project*.

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