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EXPERTISE AND EXPERIENCE

- Natural Resources Law (Water, Energy, and food); climate change and Environmental Law; International Trade and Intellectual Property Rights & EU Law
- Belgium, China, Italy, Lebanon, Poland, United Kingdom & United States

EDUCATION

Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies, Pisa, Italy, Oct. 2017 – Sep. 2020

- PhD Candidate in Law
- Thesis: “Managing Transboundary Groundwater Resources via Customary International Law: Towards an Increased Harmonization of the Global Instruments Governing Shared Aquifers”

Summer Law Institute (SLI), Beijing, China, Jul. – Aug. 2014

- Curriculums: “Climate Change, Energy and Environmental Protection” (SICCEP) & “Intellectual Property Rights and China” (IP-China)

College of Europe, Warsaw, Poland, 2012 – 2013

- Master of Arts in European Interdisciplinary Studies
- Specialization in International Law; European Studies, International Relations and Development

Lebanese University “Filiere Francophone de Droit”, Beirut, Lebanon, 2008 – 2012

- Bachelor in Comparative French and Lebanese Law

CURRENT POSITIONS

gLAWcal – Global Law Initiative for Sustainable Development, Essex, United Kingdom, July 2014 – Present

- Research Associate and Project Manager, <http://www.glawcal.org.uk/our-team/imad-antoine-ibrahim>
- Researching, publishing peer-review articles in journals and chapters with international publishers. Assisting in peer-reviewing papers for journal special issues and book series
- Consultancy for international organizations, Governments and Public and Private Sector companies
- Monitoring policy developments in the area of sustainable development in general, and in key areas of gLAWcal advocacy work, such as energy, climate change and environmental matters
- Drafting project proposals for external funding applications. Translations and language revisions for scholars from China and other countries

West Virginia University, United States, Aug. 15, 2018 – Present

- Non-Resident Research Fellow at the Center for Innovation in Gas Research and Utilization (CIGRU) & Institute of Water Security and Science (IWSS)
- Conducting research on international water and energy law and the Water-Energy-Food nexus (WEF)

Lebanese Oil & Gas Initiative – LOGI, Beirut Lebanon, 2016-Present

- Energy policy expert, <http://www.logi-lebanon.org>

- Providing legal expertise on a wide range of issues mainly the environmental impact of future offshore oil and gas activities and the adequacy of the Lebanese national regulations applicable to this sector
- Lobbying Lebanese policy makers and educate Lebanese citizens on the key decisions facing the oil and gas industry

PREVIOUS POSITIONS

Center for United Nations Constitutional Research – CUNCRC, Nov. 1, 2018 – Feb. 30, 2019

- Resident Research Fellow, in the framework of *Joseph Schwartzberg Workable World Trust Fellowship*, <http://cuncr.org/who-we-are/staff-fellows>
- Conducting research on the Water-Energy-Food Nexus in the context of transboundary aquifers and international groundwater law

CIRC4Life Innovation Camp Program, Cracow, Poland, Nov. 12-15, 2018

- External expert selected to contribute to the development of ideas regarding CIRC4Life project
- Sharing and gaining in-depth understanding about the current state-of-art and existing challenges relating to circular economy business models

University Institute of European Studies (IUSE), Turin, Italy, May. 2017 – Apr. 2018

- Research Fellow at Institute <http://iuse.it/en/>
- Conducting research on international trade, energy, intellectual property and technology transfer
- Drafting a paper on the role of green technologies in ensuring the shift toward low carbon societies

Tsinghua University, Beijing, China, Feb. – Dec. 2016

- EU Commission Marie Curie Fellow at the Center for International and Comparative Political Philosophy and Tsinghua University Law School, Center for Intellectual Property Law
- Conducting research on specific topics associated with the impact of liberalism in Europe and China on the conclusion of Free Trade Agreements and embracing globalization

Università degli Studi del Piemonte Orientale, Novara, Italy, Feb. – Dec. 2016

- Non-Resident Research fellow at the Department of Economy and Enterprise Studies, <https://www.uniupo.it/it>
- Conducting also research on the development of the role of the European Union and China in the international climate change regime in the light of the development and liberalism issues
- Peer-review and revision of scientific articles

Beijing Normal University, Beijing, China, Apr. 2015 – Feb. 2016

- EU Commission Marie Curie Fellow at the Business School, Research Center for Climate Change and Trade and at the Beijing Normal University, Law School
- Conducting research on assigned topics related to the sustainable use of conventional energies, in particular Offshore Petroleum Exploration and Extraction from a legal perspective for environmental protection purposes

Tsinghua University, Beijing, China, Jan. – Apr. 2015

- EU Commission Marie Curie Fellow at Tsinghua University School of Law, Center for Environmental, Natural Resources & Energy Law (THCEREL) and Tsinghua University Law School, Center for Intellectual Property Law
- Conducting research on assigned topics related to the international legal system applicable to renewable energy

University Institute of European Studies (IUSE), Turin, Italy, Jan. – Apr. 2015

- Non-Resident Research Fellow at the Institute, <http://iuse.it/en/>

- Conducting research on assigned topics related to EU and International legal frameworks, policy developments & trade rules

Al Jad Law Firm – Beirut, Lebanon, Aug. 2013 – Jul. 2014

- Trainee lawyer
- Drafting oil and gas contracts and agreements.
- Reviewing international conventions related to conventional energy

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Lebanese Parliament, Beirut, Lebanon, Jul. – Sep. 2011

- Intern
- Conducting research related to the international agreements ratified by the parliament

Lebanese Association for Democratic Elections, Beirut, Lebanon. May, 2010

- Supervising of the Lebanese municipal election, authorized from the ministry of justice

SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Member of the different research groups that have worked or are currently working on the following projects:

- **Nov. 2018 – Present: “A Circular Economy Approach for Lifecycles of Products and Services: CIRC4Life”.** The project has received funding from the European Union’s Horizon 2020 research and innovation programme under grant agreement no 776503, <https://www.circ4life.eu>. The CIRC4Life (No 776503) is a project of three-years commencing May 2018 supported by the European Commission H2020 circular economy programme, with project budget of 7.3 million Euros.
- **Oct. 2018 – Present: “Advancement of Science and Engineering for Localized Gas Utilization”.** The project is being conducted by West Virginia University Center for Innovation in Gas Research and Utilization (CIGRU) and funded by the West Virginia Research Challenge Grants. The project has been approved and funded for a total funding of 1.294.897 USD with a supplementary in-kind co-funding/share contribution from WVU for a total of 940.000 USD for a total amount of the project which accounts to 2.138.305 USD.
- **2017 – 2018: “Partnership for Oil for the Common Good in Lebanon”.** The project is supported by Norwegian People Aid (NPA) Lebanon and funded by the Norwegian Development Agency (Norad) with a Maximum budget of US 3,000. The project is carried out by the Lebanese Oil & Gas Initiative (LOGI). The goal of this policy brief is to focus on the concept of the pre-source curse and its applicability to the Lebanese context.
- **June – December 2017: “Enhancing Transparency & Accountability in Lebanon’s Oil and Gas Sector”.** The project is carried out by the Lebanese Oil & Gas Initiative (LOGI). The Project is approved and funded by the Dutch embassy, Beirut, Lebanon. The total indicative budget for this project is \$90,608.
- **Mar. 2017 – 31. Oct. 2017: “Strengthening Civil Society Participation in Lebanon’s Oil and Gas Sector Development to Mitigate the Social and Environmental Impacts of Resource Extraction”.** The project is approved and funded by the Friedrich Ebert Foundation (Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung: FES), Germany. The amount of the grant award shall be 28,700 USD to be expended as per the Grantee’s approved budget.
- **Jul. – Sept. 2016: “Current Trends of Chinese Law towards Non-Trade Concerns such as Sustainable Development and the Protection of Environment, Public Health, Food Safety, Cultural, Social and Economic Rights, Labour Rights and the Reduction of Poverty from the Perspective of International Law and WTO Law”.** Project funded by the China-EU School of Law (CESL) at the China University of Political Science and Law (CUPL) in collaboration with University of Turin Department of Law (Italy), as well as other institutes and universities. The activities of CESL at CUPL are supported by the European Union and the

People's Republic of China. The funding (50.500 Euros) covered the organization of three workshops: at the University of Turin, Department of Law and Center of Advanced Studies on Contemporary China (CASCC) in Turin, at the Maastricht University Faculty of Law and at the China-EU School of Law and Tsinghua University School of Law in Beijing. A collected book will be published in three languages: English, Chinese and Italian (funding assigned: 25.500 Euros).

- **Mar. – Dec. 2016: “Liberalism In Between Europe and China – Assessing the Socio-Cultural and Politico-Legal Dimensions of the Differences in Terms of Interpretation and Enforcement of Economic, Social and Environmental Rights in Europe and China (LIBEAC)”**. The project is part of 7th Framework Programme (FP7) of the European Commission - Marie Curie International Research Staff Exchange Scheme (IRSES), Call identifier FP7-PEOPLE-IRSES-2012, <http://www.libeac.org>. The total budget for the project is 718.200 Euros and the budget for the Grant at IUSe in Turin is 184.800 Euros and at gLAWcal is 165.900 Euros.
- **Apr. 2015 – Feb. 2016 & Jul. – Dec. 2014: “Partnering Opportunities Between Europe and China In The Renewable Energies and Environmental Industries” (POREEN)**. The project is part of the 7th Framework Programme (FP7) of the European Commission - Marie Curie International Research Staff Exchange Scheme (IRSES), Call identifier FP7-PEOPLE-IRSES-2012, <http://poreen.eu>. The project has been approved and funded by the EU commission in April 2012 for four years duration January 2013-December 2016. The total budget for the project is 718.200 Euros and the budget for the Grant at IUSe in Turin is 184.800 Euros and at gLAWcal is 165.900 Euros.
- **January – April 2015: “Evaluating Policies for Sustainable Energy Investments: Towards an Integrated Approach on National and International Stage” (EPSEI)**. The project is part of the 7th Framework Programme (FP7) of the European Commission - Marie Curie International Research Staff Exchange Scheme (IRSES), Call identifier FP7-PEOPLE-IRSES-2010 <http://epsei.eu>. The project has been approved in July 2010. The project has formally started on the 15th April 2011 until 15th April 2015. During the duration of the project, several joint publications, collected books and joint lecturers are planned among the members of the project. The total funding of 583.000 Euros and the budget for the Grant at University of Turin was 138.300 Euros and at gLAWcal was 107.100 Euros.

GRANTS AND FELLOWSHIPS

- **Nov. 12-15, 2018: Individual Grant as an External Expert in the framework of the CIRC4Life Project** (accommodation, meals and flights)
- Nov. 1, 2018 – Jan. 30, 2019: **Joseph Schwartzberg Workable World Trust Fellowship** at the Center for United Nations Constitutional Research – CUNCR, Brussels, Belgium
- Oct. 2017- Oct. 2020: PhD Fellowship in the framework of the **PhD in Law** at Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies funded by the **Ministry of Education, University and Research (MIUR) of the Italian Government**
- 2016: Individual Grant as **European Commission Marie- Curie Action Fellow** at Tsinghua University, Beijing, China
- 2016: Research Grant from **Università del Piemonte Orientale**, Department of Economy and Enterprise Studies, Novara, Italy
- 2015: Individual Grant as **European Commission Marie- Curie Action Fellow** at Beijing Normal University, Beijing, China
- 2015: Research Grant from **University Institute of European Studies (IUSe)**, Turin, Italy
- 2015: Individual Grant as **European Commission Marie- Curie Action Fellow**, at Tsinghua University, Beijing, China
- 2015: Research Grant from **gLAWcal – Global Law Initiatives for Sustainable Development**, Essex, United Kingdom

- 2012-2013: **College of Europe** Grant: free tuition with access to classes, library and all facilities, full board (free accommodation and meals), 2 return ticket flights. Funding: **20, 000 Euros**

PUBLICATIONS

- Imad Antoine Ibrahim, “*Financing Projects for Improving Climate Change Resilience: The Cases of Djibouti and Yemen*”, in Walter Leal Filho (ed), HANDBOOK OF CLIMATE CHANGE RESILIENCE 1-20 (Springer 2019).
- Imad Ibrahim, Thomas Deleuil, Paolo Davide Farah, “*The Principle of Common But Differentiated Responsibilities in the International Regime of Climate Change*”, in Paolo Davide Farah, Elena Cima (eds), CHINA’S INFLUENCE ON NON-TRADE CONCERNS IN INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC LAW 146 – 157 (Routledge 2016).

PAPERS SUBMITTED FOR PUBLICATION

- The Establishment of a Flexible but Complex Regulatory Framework Organizing Offshore Oil and Gas Activities”, Paper submitted and under review.
- Dissecting the International Legal System Applicable to Renewable Energy”, Paper submitted under review.

PUBLICATIONS IN PREPARATION

- The Role of the Green Growth Technology as a Substitute for the use of Natural Hydrocarbons and as an Essential Transitory Phase toward the Adoption of Renewable Energy. Paper in preparation.
- The Role of the Conventional Energy’s Private Sector in Particular Oil and Gas Companies in the Transition Towards Renewable Energies, Paper in preparation.
- Analyzing the Impact of Liberalism in Europe and China on the Conclusion of Free Trade Agreements and Embracing Globalization, Paper in preparation.
- The Development of the Role of the European Union and China in the International Climate Change Regime, Paper in preparation.

MEMBERSHIPS

- Member of the International Society of Public Law (ICON.S) (since February 2019).
- Member of Mediterranean Youth for Water Network: Water Governance Working theme (since January 2019).
- Member of the Law and Development Research Network (since December 2018), <https://lawdev.org>
- Member of the European Association of Development Research and Training Institutes (EADI) (since September 2018).
- Member of the European Society of International Law (since September 2018).
- Vice-Chair of the American Society of International Law (ASIL) - Interest Group on Intellectual Property Law (since Jul, 1.2018), <https://www.asil.org/community/intellectual-property-law>
- Member of Rural Water Supply Network (RWSN) (since June 2018).
- Member of the Water Youth Network (since May 2018).
- Member of the World Commission on Environmental Law (WCEL) for the 2017-2020 quadrennial period at the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), <https://www.iucn.org/commissions/world-commission-environmental-law> (Sep. 2017 – Sep. 2020).

Previous Memberships

- Member of the Italian Branch of the International Law Association ILA (2016-2017).

- Member of the European Delegation to the Harvard project for Asian and International Relations, Manila, Philippines, 2015.
- Member of Beirut Bar (since September 2014 until 2017).

LANGUAGES

Arabic (native); English (fluent); French (fluent); Italian (A2 Level)

CONFERENCES, SEMINARS OR WORKSHOPS

Paper Presenter at the following conferences:

- **Dec. 13, 2018:** 8th International Conference on Information Law and Ethics organized by the University of Antwerp, Belgium.
- **Nov. 6, 2018:** Annual Joint Workshop in Legal Studies, organized by the European University Institute and Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies, Pisa, Italy.
- **Oct. 25-26, 2018:** Tendencies in Legal Approaches and Instruments for the Protection of Ecological Systems Conference, organized by Aarhus University, Denmark.
- **Oct. 12, 2018:** Law via the Internet Conference 2018: Knowledge of the Law in the Big Data Age. The conference is organized by the Consiglio Nazionale delle Ricerche, Istituto di Teoria e Tecniche dell'Informazione Giuridica, Florence, Italy.
- **July. 18, 2018:** Climate Justice Seminar 2018 – Corfu and Vitsa, Greece. The Workshop was organized by the Center for United Nations Constitutional Research (Brussels, Belgium).
- **May. 8, 2018:** IV STALS Doctoral Workshop, STALS (Sant'Anna Legal Studies) seminars, Within the Jean Monnet Module “Eur. Publ. ius- European Public Law-ius”. The Workshop was organized by Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies, Pisa, Italy.
- **Apr. 25, 2018:** 10th Annual Postgraduate Research Symposium on Environmental Law, held at the School of Law, University College Cork, Cork, Ireland and organized by the university.
- **Jan. 4, 2018:** Workshop on the Pros and Cons of a Career in International Law, held at the Lebanese University, Filière Francophone de Droit”, Beirut, Lebanon.
- **Aug. 12, 2016:** Workshop on Understanding the Past to Face Contemporary Challenges: Liberalism Today through a Historical and Comparative Perspective, held at Beijing Foreign Studies University, Beijing (China) organized by gLAWcal – Global Law Initiatives for Sustainable Development (United Kingdom).
- **Aug. 11, 2016:** Workshop on Global Energy and Environmental Cooperation in Between Europe *and* China, held at Beijing Foreign Studies University, Beijing (China) organized by gLAWcal – Global Law Initiatives for Sustainable Development (United Kingdom).
- **Aug. 20-24, 2015:** Harvard Project for Asian and International Relations (HPAIR) 2015 Workshop on “Confronting Asia’s Development Challenges through Innovation”, held in Manila, Philippines.
- **Aug. 10, 2015:** Workshop on Energy & Renewable Industries and Environmental Protection in Europe and China, held at Peking University School of Government, Beijing (China) organized by gLAWcal – Global Law Initiatives for Sustainable Development (United Kingdom).