



Criminal Law and the Rights of the Child

Training Workshop

28-29 June 2010, London

Programme

This workshop is intended to bring together law professionals (including practitioners and judges) from the countries covered in the British Institute of International and Comparative Law's study on the "Criminal Law and the Rights of the Child" with law professionals from the United Kingdom. Through this workshop, judges and lawyers from around the world will share their views on the current criminal justice processes applicable to young offenders. Discussions among participants will highlight the successes and potential shortcomings of the various models of criminal processes applied to young offenders.

Presentations by the panelists will be followed by an opportunity for questions and discussion.

The Welcome Dinner for delegates will take place on Sunday 27 June 2010 at 7 pm:

Sofra Covent Garden
36, Tavistock Street
London WC2E 7PB

Day 1 – Monday 28 June 2010

9:30 – 10:30	Registration Tea and Coffee
10:30 – 11:00	Welcome Address Professor Robert McCorquodale , Director of the British Institute of International and Comparative Law (BIICL)
11:00 – 12:30	Session 1: The Criminal Law and the Rights of the Child Project in relation to the International Legal Framework This panel will discuss the international human rights standards in relation to the rights of the child in the criminal justice, as well as the relevant international criminal law aspects. The evolution of criminal justice systems applicable to children and juvenile offenders will be presented to provide a historical background. Chair: Kristin Hausler (BIICL) Panelists: Dr Nisrine Abiad (BIICL), “Rights of the Child in Criminal Law Project : Defining the Framework” Jonathan Cooper OBE (Doughty Street Chambers), “The Application and Relevance of the International Framework for Promoting and Protecting Human Rights to the Rights of the Child”
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch
14:00 - 15:30	Session 2: Islamic Comparative Perspective This panel will discuss juvenile criminal justice systems from an Islamic perspective. Elements of Sharia law as applicable to young offenders will be discussed and a comparative perspective will be drawn from the various countries covered by the study. Chair: Professor Robert McCorquodale Panelists: Professor Javaid Rehman (Brunel University) “Child Rights in International Law and Juvenile Justice: A critical examination of the OIC Convention on the Rights of the Child and Islamic State Practices” Dr Farkhanda Zia Mansoor (BIICL), “Minimum Age of Criminal Liability – A Comparative Perspective”
16:15 - 17:30	British Museum visit with Venetia Porter, curator of Islamic Art
18:00	Dinner for Delegates Tas Restaurant, 22 Bloomsbury Street London WC1B 3QJ

Day 2 – Tuesday 29 June 2010

9:30 - 10:30	Tea and Coffee
10:30 - 12:00	<p>Session 3: The Rights of the Child: Comparative Perspectives This panel will discuss children and juvenile delinquency and highlight the main problems associated with young offenders, including the risk factors, the role of the family and the community. The panel will also discuss the definition of child offenders and the issue of the threshold age. The different approaches between three different States will be discussed.</p> <p>Chair: Dr Nisrine Abiad (BIICL)</p> <p>Panelists: Judge Nisrine Alouieh “Protection measures under law 422/2002 in Lebanon” Magda Boutros “Criminal Law and the Rights of the Child in Egypt” Dr Mark Hoyle “ The UAE Perspective” Judge Yüksel Erdogan “Juvenile Justice System in Turkey”</p>
12:00 - 13:30	Lunch
13:30 - 14:30	<p>Session 4: The UK Criminal Justice System for Young Offenders This panel will discuss processes of criminal justice in the UK, including the issue of access to justice and fair trial, alternative dispute processes such as mediation and conciliation procedures.</p> <p>Chair: Dr Farkhanda Zia Mansoor (BIICL)</p> <p>Panelist: Kate Akester (solicitor and consultant) “Youth Justice in the UK”. Bill Kerslake (Head of Effective Sentences, Youth Justice Board), “Youth Offending: A whole system approach in England and Wales”</p>
14:30 - 15:30	<p>Closing Address</p> <p>Mostafa Jamal Omid (Prosecutor – Iran) Professor Mashood A. Baderin (SOAS)</p> <p>Chair: Dr Nisrine Abiad</p>
15:30 - 16:30	Refreshments
19:00	<p>Final Dinner for Delegates Souk Restaurant, 1A Short’s Gardens, Covent Garden London WC2H 9AT</p>