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The International Network to Promote the Rule of Law

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Thanks/welcome.

Acknowledgement of anyone in the room who is or has been involved in the project

- Thanks especially to INL Afghanistan for having us today and for their support over the years

**INPROL is a global network of professionals
dedicated to promoting justice, security and
the rule of law worldwide.**

**Every member has access to the knowledge,
experience, and ingenuity of *all* members.**

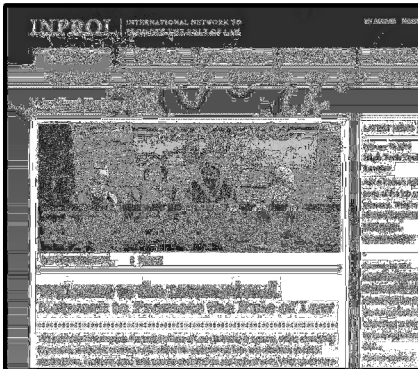


Spearheaded by the US Institute
of Peace and partners with tremendous support from INL
Afghanistan

**INPROL gives members the tools
to imagine, design, build and
implement rule of law reforms
and innovations.**

By documenting lessons learned, fostering the exchange of ideas and facilitating innovation, INPROL and its members are working towards filling “the knowledge gap” – and towards a profession better able to empower societies to realize their RoL goals

What can INPROL do for you?



- Connect you with Expertise
 - Community of Peers
 - Discussion Forum
- Create & Curate Resources
 - INPROL Publications
 - Libraries & Country Page
- Publicize your Work
 - News, Blog, Events, Jobs

- How specifically can INPROL help?
 - Will go through 3 main ways can be of use to you/your organization and the tools INPROL offers to achieve this

Community of Peers

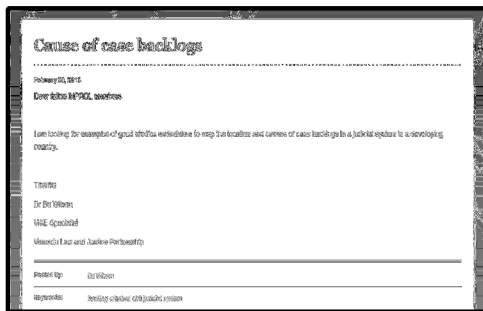


- At our core are our members and Council of Experts
- Immediate connection to 2,500+ rule of law professionals
- Access to the knowledge of recognized experts

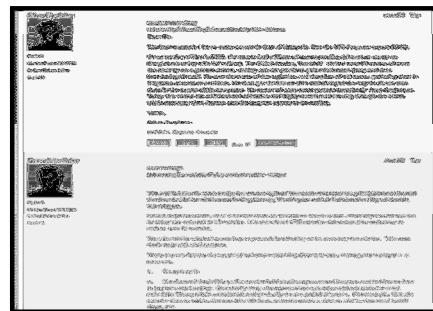
1. Core is our members and their knowledge and experience
 1. Come from range of disciplines and backgrounds, all work on RoL reform in post-conflict and developing countries
 2. Along with over 2500 members have Rule of Law and Police Experts Council of about 40 world renowned experts
2. Membership is by application and limited to people with serious interest of expertise in these areas. Ensures high level of discussion. Signup is free - more later. Many features most importantly disucssion are members-only
3. Why the network
 1. By creating network of experienced RoL professionals and a place for them to meet it means we can give you instant access to the knowldege of 2500 people
4. So how does this work in practice?

Accessing Community Expertise: Discussion Forums

Ask a Question

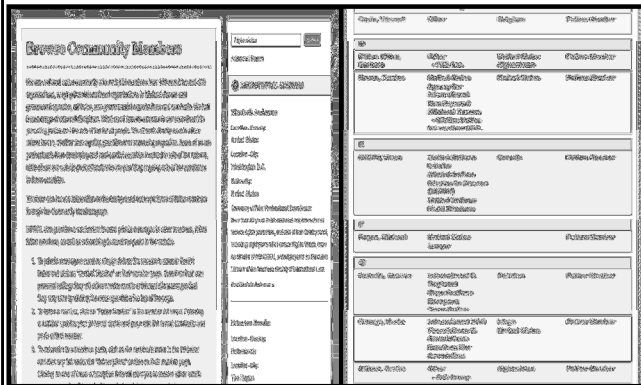


Community Feedback



- Encounter a problem in your work, have a theoretical question (i.e. police primacy) etc.
 - Can pose this question to INPROL's entire member network
 - Post directly in one of our 3 forums: Rule of law, police and facilitated dialogue or email it to the inprol team
- After review by a team member is posted on the website and an email will go out to all members alerting them to the question
 - Other members submit comments, resources and links in response
- Can see here someone asked a very broad question looking for examples of studies of the causes of case backlogs, got about 10 answers with links to studies as well as commentary from people (including experts' council) who've had experience in this area)
- We welcome all kinds of questions from the very simple to the complex
 - Anything from "does anyone have a powerpoint on X? to POLICE PRIMACY
 - Also ask ppl to take research survey OTHER EXAMPLES

Accessing Community Expertise: Personal Connections



- One-to-one connection with other members and experts
- Search directory and message
- Facilitated by INPROL staff

In addition to posing a question to all INPROL members, you can seek out the help of other members and experts directly

- Example: had someone looking for very specific case study information on criminal justice reforms in a small area of the world. INPROL team ID'ed a member who had done extensive work in that area, talked to him, then connected the two directly.
- Can do this by
 - Browse or Search member directory by name, click on organizations, look for particular areas of expertise
 - Email INPROL staff

The INPROL Team



- Facilitate and contribute to online discussions
- Broker personal connections
- Conduct research tailored to member needs

This brings up one of the great and unique features of INPROL - that you are not left to navigate the network or make these connections alone. The network is supported by a team of facilitators whose job it is to help you find the resources and people you need.

We: Facilitate online discussions For example:

1. You have a question and you either (1) don't know if it's right for INPROL or (2) aren't quite sure how to frame it – email the facilitators and we can talk through it
2. You can't find members with the expertise you need – we can help you locate the right person in the network
3. You have a question that for any number of reasons you can't post publicly - talk to a facilitator and we can figure out a way to post it under our account, look into it internally etc.

Once question posted

1. contribute preliminary research so you get a quick response, reach out to specific members and experts with relevant knowledge- in short oversee to ensure you receive useful information

Not only guide discussions and connect members

- There are sometimes questions that can't be adequately answered by an existing resource or through member discussion
- Large part of our work is to identify members questions where there simply isn't a useful, accessible existing publication and do in depth research to answer this need
- Results in 2 kinds of publications (talk about next)

Research Memoranda

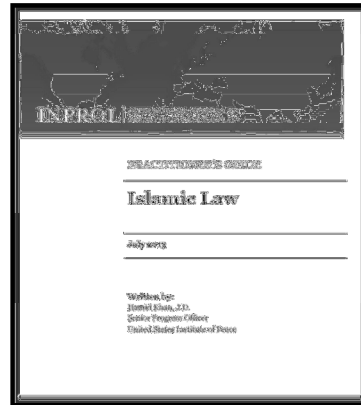
- Written in response to member questions
- Recent topics addressed:
 - Interim justice and security arrangements
 - Building post-conflict investigative capacity



- Our help goes beyond guiding discussions, locating resources and connecting members
- In some cases, members and partners questions can't be adequately answered by pointing to an existing resource or a discussion on the online forums
 - For example UNDPKO working in Liberia - they and the government considering whether or not, as part of a package of criminal justice reforms to introduce plea bargaining into the legal system.
 - Asked a question in the forum looking for pros and cons, specifically in post-conflict countries and specifically looking at the effects on a developing RoL
 - Received several responses, but none that fully answered the question.
 - Worked with member who was an expert in this area, interviewed persons who were or had been involved in similar reforms and produced a document of about 30 pages that was then distributed to UN staff and Liberian government to help them as they deliberate. Also freely downloadable INPROL site so when anyone has a similar question - it's there
- We work closely with the member who asked the original question to make sure they are getting the resources they need
 - Point to emphasize this research is driven by and tailored to member needs

Practitioner Guides

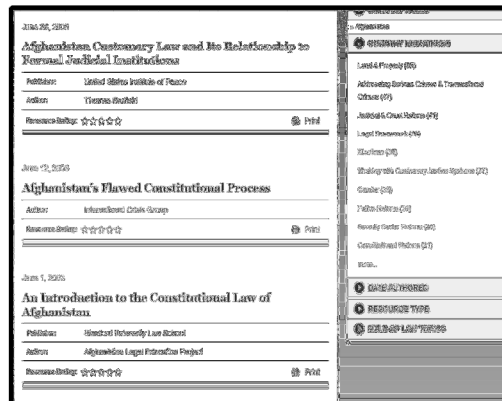
- Overview of key topics
- Distill best practices and lessons learned:
 - “Introduction to Islamic Law”
 - “Common Law and Civil Law Traditions”



- Practitioner's Guides are primers on a specific rule of law issue or area. Guides are written at the request of INL Afghanistan and focus on filling urgent gaps identified in the literature - areas where no useful resources are available. Guides provide a comprehensive overview of the topic, and distill best practices where relevant.
- The most recent guide provides a concise introduction to Islamic Law.
 - Proven very useful to many of our partners
 - Currently being translated into ????
- Both Research Memos and Practitioner's Guides are freely downloadable from our site and we encourage you to print, share etc.

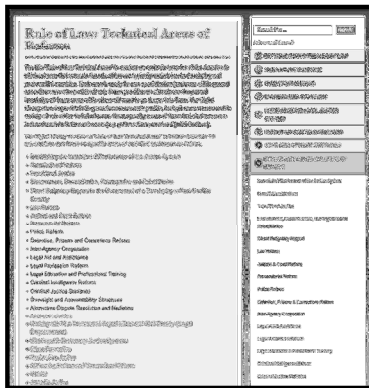
Digital Libraries

- Rule of Law and Afghanistan Libraries
- 3,300+ curated resources
- Accessible online
- Organized by topic



- In addition to connecting you with people and documents we also make your job easier by collecting key documents and resources for rule of law practitioners in one place.
- Collection of over 3000 in our digital library
 - Links to docs available online or in some cases with permission of authors/
 - screened for relevance and
 - vetted
 - updated weekly
- While we generally don't feature country specific documents, because of our focus on Afghanistan, we have a dedicated library of Afghanistan specific resources
 - See picture Stanford Law textbooks, which I know I have personally referred several people to
- Not only a great way to streamline your research, but
 - also a great place to feature your own publications – can submit through the website (point to button in pic) or email them directly to the facilitators.
 - I.e. Stanford textbooks (also note have pointed people towards them in response to queries)
 - In addition to providing links to publicly available documents we can also serve as a space to house and share program related documents that you think could be useful to others
 - I.e. we are working with UNAMA's Land and Property division to host all their releasable documents within the Afghanistan library
 - Can be anything you useful – powerpoints, concept notes, working papers etc. and can work with you to describe and credit it to your organization
- Also welcome members to send links to documents not their own that they've found useful

Rule of Law Topics



- Primer on key rule of law topics
- Everything from constitutional reform to non-state policing to cultural awareness

Publicizing your Work: News & Blogs

- Spotlights the latest developments & innovative programs
- Features members' blog posts, updates and programs



Site also hosts news items and a rule of law blog.

- News items are updated daily and chosen to highlight important RoL related developments
- Blogs - publish reposted and original pieces. INPROL staff authors many of them, and several related to Afghanistan. These blog posts (like that shown) can talk about a new report or article, recap an event or describe an interesting program. Also love to post content authored by members, including cross posting
 - Great way to publicize what you or your organization is doing.
 - Have an idea - we can work closely to develop it, or just send
 - Happy to feature events, new reports or just highlight your program
 - Encourage members to contact us about the blog through the website (post button) or by email
- Also have a strong twitter and social media presence to further publicize your work

Events & Jobs



- Calendar of rule of law events
- Jobs submitted by members and organizations

Along the same lines can use INPROL to publicize events and job opportunities

- Targeted at an audience already interested and knowledgeable about this area
- As with news etc. can submit directly through the website or by emailing

**Become an INPROL member by
visiting www.inprol.org**

**Connect with us on Twitter
(@INPROL), Facebook, and LinkedIn**

**Contact the INPROL Team directly:
inprol@inprol.org**

Encourage you all to become members

- Both because we think INPROL offers tangible benefits to you, but because the more people we have the stronger our network becomes

Membership is completely free

- Can sign up online
- Or fill out form provided (easier)

Also provided an email address where can contact us directly with any questions about membership or otherwise

We welcome you all to our future conferences of
OMICS Group International

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