Course Objectives
Fundamental to the mission of the Rule of Law Collaborative is the design and delivery of innovative, interagency training of personnel working in environments where rule of law is a necessary and promising aspect of post-conflict stabilization. Drawing on an extensive basis of research and practical experience of USC faculty, we seek to assist practitioners in enhancing their collaboration, coordination, and effectiveness. Through these trainings participants will better understand the roles of USG agencies (State, DOD, Justice, USAID, and others) in ROL and recognize opportunities for interagency cooperation in identifying, funding, and implementing projects. Participants will develop additional skill sets in working in an interagency approach to critical problem areas, while deepening their understanding of root causes of conflict and state breakdown.

Location
The Pentagon
Pentagon Conference Center
1600 Defense Pentagon
Washington, DC 20301

Arrival & Attire
Nearest Metro: Pentagon (blue/yellow line) / Two forms of ID Required / Casual Civilian Dress

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Agenda

Day 1: Thursday, January 31, 2013

12:45pm-1:00pm  Registration

1:00pm-1:30pm  Welcome Remarks
Department of Defense
Dr. Gordon Smith, University of South Carolina

1:30pm-2:00pm  Course Overview and Defining ROL
Dr. Gordon Smith, University of South Carolina

2:00pm-2:15pm  Break

2:15pm-3:30pm  SESSION 1: RULE OF LAW MISSIONS AND MONEY
Dr. Gordon Smith, University of South Carolina
* READINGS:
  ○ Catalogue of Main ROL Assistance Providers and Their Programs
  ○ Rule of Law Success Stories
REFERENCES:

3:30pm-3:45pm  Break

3:45pm-5:00pm  SESSION 2: COMBATING CORRUPTION: AN EXERCISE
Dr. Gordon Smith, University of South Carolina
One of the persistent problems confronting rule of law personnel is corruption. This exercise illustrates the challenges in mounting interagency efforts to break the cycle of corruption.
* READINGS:

* Additional recommended reading and reference materials are optional.
Agenda

Day 2: Friday, February 1, 2013

8:15am-8:30am  
Registration

8:30am-9:30am  
SESSION 3: CUSTOMARY JUSTICE AND PASHTUNWALI IN AFGHANISTAN/Pakistan

Dr. Sudha Ratan, Augusta State University

A discussion on the ethical code of Pashtunwali and other customary forms of justice in the context of Afghanistan/Pakistan

READINGS:

- My Cousin’s Enemy is My Friend: A Study of Pashtun “Tribes” in Afghanistan
- “The Clash of Two Goods: State and Nonstate Dispute Resolution in Afghanistan” In Customary Justice and the Rule of Law in War-Torn Societies
- Tribal Law of Pashtunwali and Women’s Legislative Authority
- Afghanistan Rule of Law Project, USAID

9:30am-9:45am  
Break

9:45am-11:45am  
SESSION 4: CUSTOMARY LAW AND WOMEN’S AND GENDER ISSUES

Aparna Polavarapu, University of South Carolina School of Law

Hamid Khan, United States Institute of Peace

Karen Hall, Department of State

Kristen Check, University of South Carolina

Moderator: Dr. Gordon Smith, University of South Carolina

Panelists discuss the implications of rule of law in countries with strong customary law or Shari’a systems and their influence on women’s and gender issues.

READINGS:

- Rule of Law Reform without Cultural Imperialism?: Reinforcing Customary Justice Through Collateral Review in Southern Sudan
“Conclusion: Understanding and Engaging Customary Justice Systems” In Customary Justice and the Rule of Law in War-Torn Societies

Women’s Rights to Property in Marriage, Divorce, and Widowhood in Uganda: The Problematic Aspects, Human Rights Review, 2010

11:45am-12:00pm
Break

12:00pm-2:00pm
SESSION 5: INTERAGENCY RULE OF LAW PLANNING:
CASE STUDY ON SIERRA LEONE

Professor Joel Samuels, University of South Carolina
(Lunch Provided)
Tabletop exercise and analytical session to clarify agency roles through the use of a case study on post-conflict Sierra Leone

READINGS:


2:00-2:15pm
Wrap-up Session