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
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Arrival & Attire
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Agenda

Day 1: Thursday, January 30, 2014

12:45pm-1:00pm  Registration

1:00pm-1:15pm   Welcome Remarks
Faye Ehrenstamm, Deputy Director, Office of Overseas Prosecutorial Development, Assistance and Training (OPDAT), Department of Justice

1:15pm-1:30pm   Course Overview and Defining ROL
Dr. Gordon Smith, University of South Carolina

1:30pm-2:45pm   SESSION 1: RULE OF LAW MISSIONS AND MONEY
Dr. Gordon Smith, University of South Carolina
* READINGS:
  o Catalogue of Main ROL Assistance Providers and Their Programs
  o Rule of Law Success Stories
* REFERENCES:

2:45pm-3:00pm   Break

3:00pm-5:00pm   SESSION 2: COMBATING CORRUPTION: AN EXERCISE
Joel Samuels, 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:
  o World Economic Forum G20 Working Group on Improving Transparency and Eliminating Corruption

* Additional recommended reading and reference materials are optional.
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Day 2: Friday, January 31, 2014

8:15am-8:30am  
Registration

8:30am-9:45am  
SESSION 3: CUSTOMARY JUSTICE AND PASHTUNWALI IN AFGHANISTAN/PAKISTAN

Dr. Sudha Ratan, Georgia Regents 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

9:45am-10:00am  
Break

10:00am-11:45am  
SESSION 4: PANEL: VULNERABLE POPULATIONS AND THE RULE OF LAW

Victor Boutros, Department of Justice

Karen Hall, Department of State

Payal Shah, University of South Carolina

Brian Keane, U.S. Agency for International Development

Moderator: Kristen Check, University of South Carolina

Panelists assess progress/challenges in the rule of law arena facing interagency actors through examples of success stories and lessons learned in the field.

11:45am-12:45pm  
Lunch Break

12:45pm-1:00pm  
World Justice Project Rule of Law Index Discussion

Dr. Gordon Smith, University of South Carolina
SESSION 5: INTERAGENCY RULE OF LAW PLANNING:
CASE STUDY ON SIERRA LEONE

Professor Joel Samuels, University of South Carolina

Tabletop exercise and analytical session to clarify agency roles through the use of a case study on post-conflict Sierra Leone

READINGS:


2:45-3:00pm  Wrap-up Session