

Lahore Education and Research Network (LEARN)

Year in Review 2016-17

About Us

Lahore Education and Research Network (LEARN) is a Capacity Building and Research Network of professionals based in Lahore that works in unison with other institutions and individuals on a collaborative-model bases. In this way, we act as the bridge between the institutions we work with and the professional trainers, researchers and experts we liaison and network with to provide world class training, development and research to our clients tailored as per their needs and demands.

Our current focus is on legal education and practice in Pakistan and we endeavour to provide the best trainers and programme modules customized to suit the individual needs of our clients.

Our Mission

Established in the year 2015, LEARN aims to bridge the gap between education, research and practice thereby, increasing the intellectual capacity of the trainees and to equip them with practical skills that would enable them to build on their theoretical knowledge. We believe in the collective strength of synergizing the best of talent and knowledge to bring it to people and places where it is most needed.

What We Do

LEARN operates by way of developing linkages with master trainers and experts in the field of law, politics, governance, economy, development and education as well as career and academic counselors and organizations to develop, arrange, organize and manage research and capacity building seminars and workshops to suit the particular needs of our clients.

In this way we are able to offer convenient and flexible programmes that focus on developing and harnessing specialized skills including, but not limited to, academic writing and research methodologies, presentation skills, CV and resume development, negotiation and professional development, teacher training and faculty development.

We also offer our own research, commentaries and analysis of laws and policy input for international and intergovernmental organizations, NGOs, as well as for government departments on the interplay and implications of international law areas and the consequent position of Pakistan and its resulting obligations thereof.

Our Expertise

Research Areas	Professional Development	Academic Development
Law & Politics	Intellectual Capacity Building	Academic Writing & Support
Economy & Development	Skills Development	Research Methodologies
Trade & Investment	Negotiation & Presentation	Referencing & Footnotes
Rights & Governance	Networking & Industry Practice	Personal Statements & Applications
Education	Resume Development	Career & Academic Counseling
Environment	Ethics & Conduct	Faculty Development

Our Year in Review (2016-17)

1. LEARN-PCL 'How To' Series

The LEARN-PCL 'How To' Series is a flagship initiative by the Lahore Education and Research Network in collaboration with Pakistan College of Law. The introductory series consisted of 4 training sessions spread over a period of 1 month between October –



November 2016. The ‘How To’ series is a unique initiative that focuses on the training of law students and young graduates in the practical skills and expertise in selected areas of law so as to provide them with a ‘starter’s kit’ that enables young and fresh lawyers to commence their practice in those chosen areas of law with relative ease and basic know-how.

In its initial run, the 4 chosen areas of law were:

- a. How to Conduct and present Effective Legal Research delivered by Mr. Hassan Khan Niazi Senior Associate at Axis Law Chambers.
- b. How to Register a Trademark by Ms Azmeh Ihsan, previously an Associate at Irfan and Irfan.
- c. How to Register a Company with SECP by Mr. Syed Shahab Qutub, Partner at Axis Law Chambers.
- d. How to File and Register Divorce by Mr. Ehtsham Uddin, Senior Associate at Shafiq Sons Law Associates.



We plan to continue providing practical training in law and bridge the gap between legal education and practice. For your suggestion on further topics that you would like us to cover, please write to us at info@learnpak.com.pk.

2. Publication

The final report of our popular “**Women in Law Dialogue Series**” conducted in 2016 was published by our co-sponsors Courting The Law as “***The Fairer Sex in the Legal Profession: Tracing a Woman’s Place in a Man’s World***”. The report summarizes the tri-part series dialogue, its purpose and objective as well as the lessons learnt. The main thing that we learnt is that the dialogue is far from over in

fact, more and more focus on this issue needs to be made. LEARN has decided to consolidate its efforts towards the cause of women in law and is happy to take the initiative to its next logical step. It is available at: <http://courtingthelaw.com/2017/02/07/commentary/the-fairer-sex-in-the-legal-profession-tracing-womens-place-in-a-mans-world/>



3. A Special Lecture on U.S Election 2016

A Special guest lecture was organized by LEARN at PCL to discuss the electoral process and debate on the highly anticipated U.S Election of 2016. The Lecture was conducted by Ms. Maira Sheikh, an American National and a Research Fellow at RSIL as she then was. The lecture encouraged the students to think about the impacts of the global implication of the election in the U.S and what a potential Trump Presidency may mean for Muslims and Pakistan.



4. The Arbitration Express: A One-Stop Vocational Training Course on Arbitration

The Legal and Analytical Research Center (“LARC”) and Lahore Education and Research Network (“LEARN”) jointly organized a two-day vocational training course on Arbitration on the 17th and 18th of March 2017 at Avari Lahore.



The workshop aimed to address the practical issues surrounding the area of arbitration in Pakistan and in particular seeks to build the capacity of the business and the legal community alike in relation to the drafting, the implications and the



consequences of the arbitration agreement and its interplay with local laws and enforcement mechanisms. In doing so, it also addressed the long-standing debate for the reform of arbitration in Pakistan and explored the way forward to bring

arbitration in Pakistan in line with global trends. The workshop consisted of 6 sessions, namely Introduction to Arbitration, Commencement of Arbitration, The Procedure, Challenging the Award, Recognition and enforcement of Award- local, International Arbitration and Enforcement of Foreign Award.

The Year Ahead | A Forecast

Great stuff coming soon your way including but not limited to:

- a. Short/Certificate Programmes and skills based trainings in law
- b. Women in Law: Equal Access to Opportunities
- c. Pakistan's Women in Law: a Publication
- d. Career Development Series
- e. Graduate to Associates Series
- f. Academic Development Series
- g. Policy Papers, Articles and Reform Proposals re Legal Practice and Education

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- Master Trainers
- Trainers
- Research Associates
- Research Assistants
- Volunteers/Student Ambassadors

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