

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

# RULE *of* LAW

COLLABORATIVE

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Founded in 2010, the Rule of Law Collaborative at the University of South Carolina is committed to the development of rule of law as a discipline, the advancement of theoretical and research-based applications in the field, and the refinement of policies relating to rule of law development. ROLC's staff has extensive on-the-ground experience implementing a wide variety of rule of law activities around the world in partnership with local and international NGOs, as well as with government and multilateral donors.

## ROLC ADVANTAGES

- Innovative Training
- International Convening Authority
- Interdisciplinary Research
- Unique Professional Network

**Convening Authority:** ROLC has connected rule of law professionals to help facilitate important dialog by organizing international symposia, including:

- Institutional Capacity, Corruption, and Development
- Innovation in Rule of Law Programming
- Empowering Women in Mixed Legal Systems
- Rule of Law and the Environment
- Rebuilding Sierra Leone
- Reforming the Egyptian Judiciary
- Corruption and Economic Development in Ukraine
- Rule of Law in the Northern Triangle
- Rule of Law and Countering Violent Extremism
- African-American Communities and Law Enforcement
- Youth and the Rule of Law in Sub-Saharan Africa



**Director Joel Samuels moderates a discussion at a symposium on African-American Communities and Law Enforcement.**

ROLC has the contacts, the experience, and the reputation to serve as an international convening authority on a wide range of subjects.

**Training:** Since its creation, ROLC has focused on the design and delivery of innovative training programs for professionals working on rule of law and justice sector reform. What sets ROLC apart is its interdisciplinary approach, which has earned ROLC a reputation for world-class rule of law training.

- In 2010, ROLC was awarded a three-year contract with the Office of the Judge Advocate General of the Army to deliver a variety of interagency training courses for U.S. Government officials from the Departments of State, Justice, Commerce and Defense, as well as USAID and other agencies with the goal of facilitating better interagency cooperation in rule of law promotion activities. More than 750 officials benefitted from these programs.

- In September 2014, ROLC was awarded a five-year cooperative agreement from the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs at the U.S. Department of State to design and deliver training programs and to organize symposia and conduct research, among other activities, under the aegis of the JUSTRAC program. Through JUSTRAC, ROLC has delivered successful justice sector training programs in Washington, DC for hundreds of practitioners, giving them a deeper understanding of important rule of law issues.



**Deputy Director Hamid Khan presents a module at a ROLC rule of law training in Washington, D.C.**

**Resource Hub:** ROLC has developed a resource hub at its website, [www.rolcsc.org](http://www.rolcsc.org). The site contains current rule of law news, research, events, inter-disciplinary contacts and a unique, interactive map that tracks rule of law activities by country. The site complements ROLC's role as a collaboration center by linking participants of ROLC events and fostering improved cooperation.

**Research:** ROLC plays an innovative and leading role in the evolving field of rule of law studies.

- ROLC's network of more than sixty Faculty Associates from the University of South Carolina have written about the root causes of state failure and collapse of rule of law, as well as strategies for post-conflict stabilization, justice sector reform, institutional capacity building and conflict remediation.
- ROLC Faculty Associates come from a broad range of disciplines, including Anthropology, Criminal Justice, Education, Environmental Studies, Geography, International Business, Journalism and Mass Communications, Law, Medicine, Philosophy, Political Science, Public Health, Social Work, Sociology, and Women's and Gender Studies.

**Network:** ROLC has developed a multidimensional network of professionals in academia, civil society, government, and the private sector. As a natural extension of its academic foundation, ROLC has cultivated partnerships with faculty and institutions around the world. This network provides access to experts across the full range of backgrounds and experiences for rule of law project design and implementation.

**Public Outreach:** ROLC is committed to enhancing public awareness of the vital role of rule of law around the world. Every year ROLC sponsors public lectures, symposia, and other events on important international rule of law issues. ROLC Faculty Associates lecture around the world and are regular commentators in media outlets of all forms, in both the United States and abroad, on issues relating to rule of law, justice sector reform, and government legitimacy.

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