

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

# RULE *of* LAW

COLLABORATIVE

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.

To date, ROLC has trained over 1,400 mid-career professionals; hosted over 1,500 symposium attendees on advanced rule of law subjects; convened over 60 seminars, colloquia and symposia; and developed more than 40 rule of law modules; as well as engaged representatives from more than 200 organizations around the world.

## ROLC ADVANTAGES

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

**Convening Authority** ROLC has the contacts, the experience, and the reputation to serve as an international convening authority on a wide range of subjects. ROLC has connected rule of law professionals to facilitate important dialogue by organizing international symposia, including:

- Institutional Capacity, Corruption, and Development
- African-American Communities and Law Enforcement
- Innovation in Rule of Law Programming
- Empowering Women in Mixed Legal Systems
- Rule of Law and the Environment
- Private Enterprise and the Rule of Law
- Rule of Law in the Northern Triangle
- Rebuilding Sierra Leone
- Rule of Law and Countering Violent Extremism
- Youth and the Rule of Law in Sub-Saharan Africa
- Practical Approaches to Strengthening Judicial Institutions
- Corruption and Economic Development in Ukraine



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

**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.

**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. ROLC has been selected to lead a number of projects that recognize its expertise in training and as a convening authority. These include:

- 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 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 (DOS-INL) 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, D.C., for hundreds of practitioners, giving them a deeper understanding of important rule of law issues.
- In 2017, ROLC was awarded a subcontract to work with the Chemonics/New Justice program in Ukraine to develop a Rule of Law Certificate Program for Ukrainian judges, prosecutors, and other legal practitioners. For the first installment of that program, over 325 individuals applied for 30 spots, and participants unanimously praised the course.
- In September 2018, ROLC was awarded a second five-year cooperative agreement from DOS-INL to increase the knowledge and skills across the U.S. Government interagency on rule of law issues. Under the JUSTRAC+ program, ROLC will continue to design and deliver training programs and symposia.



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

**Research** ROLC plays an innovative and leading role in the evolving field of rule of law studies. ROLC's network of more than 60 Core Faculty and 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. In September 2018, ROLC was awarded a two-year cooperative agreement by DOS-INL for a project called "Combatting Corruption in Conflict Countries (C-4)." The objective of the project, implemented in collaboration with the UNISHKA Research Service, is to identify significant foreign corruption schemes and their perpetrators and to produce reports on those schemes. This project is intended to prevent corruption and increase accountability on a global scale; strengthen law enforcement across borders; and tackle the corruption-security nexus.

**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 Core Faculty and 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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