Curriculum Vitae
Nicholas HD Foster

Key Points

Research
General comparative law
Comparative commercial and corporate law
Islamic commercial law
Law of Islamic finance

Teaching
SOAS Director’s Teaching Prize 2005-2006; broad range of subjects taught.

Administration
Extensive administrative experience, including:
- UG Tutor 1999-2005
- UG Deputy Examinations Officer 1996-1999 and 2007-2013
  devised numerous administrative systems.

Education

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<td>1980-81</td>
<td>College of Law, Guildford</td>
<td>Solicitors’ Final Examination</td>
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<td>1981-82</td>
<td>Université d’Aix-Marseille III</td>
<td>Diplôme d’études supérieures d’université</td>
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<td>(3rd level, French law)</td>
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Employment History

2018-present Independent scholar, Research Associate, SOAS University of London
2009–2018 Senior Lecturer in Commercial Law, SOAS University of London
1999–2009 Lecturer in Commercial Law, SOAS University of London
1996–1999 Lecturer (part-time), SOAS University of London
1993–1996 Sole practitioner; Visiting Lecturer, SOAS University of London
1992–1993 Nabarro Nathanson, Solicitor, Banking Department
1989–1992 Guy Faustaire, Managing Partner
1985–1989 Coward/Clifford Chance, Solicitor, Company/Commercial Department
1983–1985 Coward Chance, Articled Clerk

Research and Publications

Editorship Etc

Principal founder of the Journal of Comparative Law, principal co-editor inception to 2007

Principal founder, director and secretary of The Association for Comparative Legal Studies Limited, owner of the Journal of Comparative Law and the book series JCL Studies in Comparative Law1

Founder and editor, SOAS Law of Islamic Finance Working Papers Series2

Publications

Reports for Governments

1. (With a colleague) (2017) Supplementary report on the same topic (c 7,300 words)
2. (With a colleague) (2016) Report on law reform (c 37,600 words)

Edited Collections


4. (with Camilla Baasch Andersen) 2006 (1) Journal of Comparative Law

5. (with Camilla Baasch Andersen) 2006 (2) Journal of Comparative Law

6. 2007 (1) Journal of Comparative Law

2 https://www.soas.ac.uk/cimel/workingpapers.

8. (With Maria Federica Moscati and Michael Palmer) Issue 2014 (2) Journal of Comparative Law (section entitled Interdisciplinary Study and Comparative Law) 1-310


Articles


16. ‘Owing and Owning in Islamic and Western Law’ (2003-2004) 10 Yearbook of Islamic and Middle Eastern Law Brill 1-37


30. ‘The Emergent Islamic Finance Legal System: A Practical Method or a Dead End?’ (2011) 182 *New Horizon*

31. ‘Commerce, Inter-Polity Legal Conflict and the Transformation of Civil and Commercial Law in the Ottoman Empire’ in Cotran, E and Lau, M (eds) (2011-2012) 17 *Yearbook of Islamic and Middle Eastern Law*, 1-49


33. ““Змішані правові системи” арабського Близького Сходу’ (2013) 2 *Порівняльне правознавство (Comparative Jurisprudence)* (in Ukrainian: ‘The “Mixed Systems” of the Arab Middle East’) 283-298
34. ““Lead Us Not into Temptation”: the Formulation of the Present Orthodoxy and the Deficiencies of Regulation” (2014) SOAS Law of Islamic Finance Working Papers Series No 1 available at: http://www.soas.ac.uk/cimel/workingpapers/


Book Chapters


Notes

49. ‘The Civil Law/Commercial Law Distinction in Arab Commercial Law’ (1998) 10 Wig and Gavel (University of London Law Journal) 142-144


Unacknowledged contribution


Much of the standard form contract which forms the core of this book was drafted by me as an employee of Nabarro Nathanson.

Forthcoming

(With Simon Archer) ‘Islamic Financial Law: Law without a Legal System’ (to be submitted to the International and Comparative Law Quarterly)
Work in Progress

2. Article: ‘Categorisation, Comparative Law and Mixed Systems’
3. Article: ‘Problematic at Best and Uninteresting at Worst”? Comparing Remote Legal Systems’
4. Article: ‘Islamic Finance in France: A Clash of Cultures?’ (with Amel Makhlouf)
5. Article: ‘Categorisation, Comparative Law and Mixed Systems’
6. Article: ‘French Corporate Law History: An Introduction’

Research Events


Centre for Banking and Finance Law, National University of Singapore, ‘Dispute Resolution and Insolvency in Islamic Finance: Problems and Solutions’, 19 September 2013, National University of Singapore (with Dora Neo, NUS)

Teaching

Innovation

Participated in the introduction of the first virtual learning environment into SOAS; mooting; various innovations in teaching, including a new approach to examination preparation both generally and in Company Law.

Programme Revision

Overhauled the UG programme when UG Tutor 1999-2005.

New Programmes Introduced

MSc programme Finance and Financial Law (Law aspects, in association with Finance and Management colleagues)

New Modules Introduced (LLM/MA)

Commercial Law
Company Law
Comparative Commercial Law (formerly International and Comparative Commercial Transactions)
Comparative Company Law
Foundations of Comparative Law
International and Comparative Corporate Law
Introduction to Law and Legal Processes
Law of Islamic Finance

PhDs

1. Mohammad Ali Ansari-Pour 2001
‘The Development of the Iranian Law of Contract since the Revolution’

2. TANG, Xiangdong 2010
‘How Far Will Imagination Reach? – Shaping the Chinese Foreign Bank Regulatory Regime’

3. HUANG, Xiao 2011
‘Cross-listing of Chinese Companies in Hong Kong: A Critical and Comparative Analysis of the Motivations for China/Hong Kong Cross-listing and Its Role in the Integration of the Chinese and Hong Kong Stock Markets’

4. Sulaiman Al-Turki 2012
‘Codification of Islamic Law in Saudi Arabia’

5. Jonathan Ercanbrack 2012
‘The Law of Islamic Finance in the United Kingdom: Legal Pluralism and Financial Competition’*

6. Mohammed Al-Sewilem 2013
‘The Legal Framework for Foreign Direct Investment in the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia: Theory and Practice’

7. Anselmo Samussone 2014
‘Corporate Governance and Legal Protection of Minority Shareholders in Mozambique’*

8. Lucja Nowak 2014
‘Exploring the Limits of the Concept of Legitimate Expectations in Investment Treaty Law: A Study in Comparative Law and the Development of International Law International Investment Law’*

‘Better Banking for Britain’*

10. Virginie Rouas 2016
‘In Search of Corporate Accountability: Transnational Litigation Against Multinational Enterprises in France and the Netherlands’*

11. Radin Ariff Taquiddin Radin Amir 2017

* Effectively joint supervised with Peter Muchlinski.
‘The Role of Takaful Business Practices in the Development of Malaysian Takaful Law’

PhD Examinations
Cambridge (EU-China IP in World Trade)
Durham (Sharia governance in Islamic Finance Institutions in Malaysia, GCC and UK)
LSE (Takeover Regulation in the UK and France)
Queen Mary (Financial Transactions in Saudi Arabia)

Main SOAS Teaching in Latter Years
UG Company Law
LLM/MA Comparative Commercial Law
LLM/MA Foundations of Comparative Law (half module)
LLM/MA International and Comparative Corporate Law

Past Teaching
MSc Financial Law
MSc Legal Aspects of Corporate Finance
UG Obligations I (Contract)
Introduction to English Law
Law and Development (mainly WTO, World Bank and IMF)
Conflicts of Laws (mainly Contract, Tort and Jurisdiction and Judgments)

Other
Lord Chancellor’s, Chinese Judges and European Union programmes
China Europe International Business School, Shanghai
Korea University
Ewha Woman’s University
Pusan University
National University of Singapore

External Examiner
University of East Anglia, Norwich Law School, LLM 2008-2012: Company and Corporate Finance; The Law and Practice of International Project Finance; Foundations of International Commercial Law; International Economic Law; Legal Aspects of Islamic Finance

Programme Validation
Hong Kong Shue Yan University Programme, Validation of Bachelor of Commerce with Honours in Law and Business, 2007: participation in the validation
Administration

Undergraduate Tutor 1999-2005

Overhauled and supervised UG programme.
Reformed late submission assignment process.
Set up mitigating circumstances procedures (later adopted by Faculty of Law and Social Sciences, then by SOAS as a whole).
Set up and administered new UG external teaching budgeting and teaching allocation system (later adopted by Faculty of Law and Social Sciences).
Participating with library staff in the engagement of our first Law Librarian, introduction of WestLaw, Lexis/Nexis and HeinOnline services.

UG Deputy Examinations Officer 1996-1999; 2007-2013

Responsible for production and review of UG examination papers, liaison with external examiners.
Codified departmental policy, reformed system.

Chair, Departmental Learning and Teaching Committee 2017-2018
1st Year Tutor 2013-2014; 2015-2016
Co-Director, Centre of Islamic and Middle Eastern Law, 2004-2007
Academic Programme Director (joint) MSc Finance and Financial Law, 2002-2004
Admissions Tutor (joint) MSc Finance and Financial Law, 2002-2003
Academic Advisor (Law) MSc Finance and Financial Law, distance learning, 2002-2003
Member, Learning and Teaching Committee, Centre for Finance and Management Studies, 2002-2003
Member, Learning and Teaching Committee, Faculty of Law and Social Sciences, 2003-2007, 2008-2009, 2017
Member, Health and Safety Committee, SOAS, 2003-2004
Chair, Health and Safety Committee, SOAS, 2004-2007
Member, Society of Legal Scholars, Libraries Committee, 2002-2007
Member, Subject Area Board in the Social Sciences, University of London, 2007-2008
Member, various PhD Appellate Committees, University of London

Memberships

Higher Education Academy's Islamic Studies Project Advisory Board (Member 2009-2014)
Hong Kong Council for Accreditation of Academic and Vocational
International Academy of Comparative Law (Associate Member)
International Society for Islamic Legal Studies (Member)
London Middle East Institute
Observatory of European and Comparative Private Law (Fellow)
Qualifications, 2008-2011 (Sector/Subject Specialist)
Romanian Association on Comparative and International Law Studies (Honorary Member)
Society of Legal Scholars (Member)