

EDUCATION

Sep 2019 – Sep 2020 **Master of Laws in Information Technology and Intellectual Property Law**

School of Law, University of East Anglia, Norwich (UK)

Awarded with Distinction

- Studied courses on Internet Law & Governance, Privacy & Data Protection, IP Law, Media Markets & Regulation, Free Speech in the Social Media Age, Public Protest Law, and International Commercial Arbitration; Audited the E-Commerce Law course.
- My dissertation, which has been awarded a distinction, critically studies whether human rights law is well-developed and best suited as a comprehensive global framework for AI compared to soft law and self-regulatory instruments, such as ethics, guidelines, and national strategies.
- During my studies, I served as a member of the Law Society and a representative of my cohort in the Faculty Council meetings.

Sep 2013 – May 2017 **Bachelor of Laws**

Faculty of Law - English Section, Ain Shams University, Cairo (Egypt)

Awarded with Summa Cum Laude (Excellent with Honours)

- Served as a lead member of the founding team of the Mooting Society at Ain Shams University, which serves +600 law students and aims to introduce the mooting concept to law students and prep them for regional and international moot competitions through interactive sessions with a focus on legal research, reading, writing and analysis, and case summary.
- Co-founded the simulation Model of European Union, which successfully introduced hundreds of Egyptian students to the European Union as a supranational institution and key player, that contributes to the international community and actively influences the socio-political scene all over the world. The model also helped build bridges to connect Egyptian and European students and engage them in constructive dialogue on a plethora of topics.
- Took part in various student activities in Egypt and Europe where I wrote research papers on several topics such as the European data protection rules, the EU-US Safe Harbour and Privacy Shield, and the Deep and Dark Web. Also gave a number of seminars on worldwide issues, such as the right to privacy, cyberterrorism, cyberwarfare, cybercrime, and the anonymity right.

RESEARCH

Jul 2023 – Oct 2023 **Responsible AI Fellow**

Stimson Center, Washington, DC, (US)

- This is a research role under the Responsible AI Fellowship organised by the Strategic Foresight Hub at Stimson Center in collaboration with Microsoft's Office of Responsible AI.
- The fellowship aimed to convene a diverse group of stakeholders to examine AI applications and evaluate their impacts in developing countries.
- The fellowship sought to understand how AI-related harms & benefits may manifest themselves in various contexts and to identify tech & regulatory solutions that might help mitigate risks and maximise opportunities.
- Fellows utilised the fellowship to develop strategic insights to support the responsible development and use of AI in developing countries.

May 2023 – Oct 2023 **Researcher**

Center for Law & Emerging Technologies, British University in Egypt, Cairo (Egypt)

- My work here is part of a research team working on a fixed-term funded research project on AI governance under a larger research theme focused on the state of AI policy in Africa.
- The project addresses the responsible usage of artificial intelligence technologies by social media platforms in light of the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights.
- This project received a sub-grant under a research funding awarded by Canada's International Development Research Center (IDRC).

Jan 2023 – Apr 2023

AI Policy Researcher

Center for AI and Digital Policy (CAIDP), Washington (US)

- The AI Policy Clinic run by CAIDP offers intensive, interdisciplinary, semester-long courses focused on AI ethics, AI national strategies, and regulations on international, regional, and national levels.
- The Clinic teaches future leaders in the AI policy field skills in policy analysis, research, evaluation, team management, policy formation as well as AI Issues and Institutions, AI Regulation and Policy Frameworks, and Research Methods.
- My participation in the Clinic was crowned by contributing to a chapter on AI regulation in Egypt under CAIDP's annual report: Artificial Intelligence and Democratic Values.

Oct 2022 – Dec 2022

Research Participant

The Berkman Klein Center for Internet & Society, Harvard University, Cambridge (US)

- The 2022 Research Sprint Program is an educational initiative run by the Berkman Klein Center, in collaboration with metaLAB (at) Harvard, the Edgelands Institute, and AccessNow. The theme of this round was Digital Identity in Times of Crisis.
- The project gathered experts and emerging scholars to address the ethical, human rights, and societal impacts of digital identity in times of crisis and envision a future in which people's digital identities are respected and supported.
- The sprint culminated with me writing a speculative fiction piece that addressed the current implications of digital identity and how to mitigate them for a better future.

Aug 2017 – Jun 2021

Research Assistant

To Dr Ahmed Khalifa, Assistant Professor of Law at Ain Shams University, Egypt; Deputy Secretary General of the International Association of Penal Law, France; Member of the Board of Directors of the Siracusa International Institute for Criminal Justice and Human Rights, Italy

- Assisted with Dr Khalifa's work on several research projects pertaining to human rights law, criminal justice, international humanitarian law, and international criminal law.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Oct 2023 – Present

Research Associate (Full Time)

Department of Innovation and Digitalisation in Law, Vienna University, Vienna (Austria)

- In my professional capacity, I am engaged in projects funded by the European Union and third parties. These projects focus on the intersection of artificial intelligence, data protection, and human rights law.

Dec 2022 – Present

Digital Rights and Policy Consultant (Fixed term)

Centre for IP & IT Law (CIPIT), Strathmore University, Nairobi (Kenya)

- The project is part of the CYRILLA Collaborative, a US Gov funded global initiative that seeks to map and analyse the evolution and impacts of legal frameworks on digital environments, offering an open, multilingual database of digital rights law from around the world.
- Through the project, CIPIT aims at promoting digital rights, specifically internet access and the free flow of information by enabling civil society, journalists, and policymakers to leverage the CYRILLA database to strengthen policy advocacy efforts, shape the regulatory frameworks governing the internet, and respond to existing and emerging threats to internet freedom.
- As a consultant, I support the development and delivery of research outputs around digital rights and policy advocacy and am responsible for articulating a work plan to achieve the objectives of the project and ensuring sustainability through strategic partnerships.

May 2019 – Oct 2023

Legal Researcher and Database Coordinator (Part time)

Global Freedom of Expression, Columbia University, New York (USA)

- Through a [Global Database of Case Law](#), Columbia Global Freedom of Expression engages in comparative analysis, and aims to identify national, regional, and global trends with a focus on digital rights, particularly free speech, internet access, and privacy.

- Worked on research projects encompassing [internet shutdowns](#) and geo-blocking case law and comparative jurisprudence, [strategic lawsuits against public participation \(SLAPPs\)](#), [digital sphere regulation](#), and public and private regulation of content moderation.
- My role, at first, was to create the [Arabic version](#) of the Global database from scratch alongside writing and editing case analyses.

Mar 2018 – May 2023 **Assistant Lecturer**

Faculty of Law, British University in Egypt (BUE), Cairo (Egypt)

Project Management

- Led the establishment of the first Moot Court Unit in Egyptian law schools, which organises moots, facilitates participation in external moots, and hosts reputable international moots.
- Co-founded the Legal Practice & Development Centre, which offers students sessions on lawyering skills, internships, career planning, and scholarship schemes.
- Secured a cooperation protocol with the Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law (RWI) to join the Academic Network of RWI Regional Africa Programme.
- Co-designed a scholarship program to provide high-quality legal education for promising law students and contribute to the development of the Egyptian legal community.
- Acted as the coordinator for the African Human Rights Moot Competition, which I negotiated its hosting agreement and was responsible for drafting the budget and all logistical arrangements.

Research

- Published academic pieces and participated in research activities on topics around the intersection between human rights, technology, and criminal justice.
- Served as the conference coordinator and rapporteur for the BUE Law Faculty's first human rights conference organised in collaboration with Pretoria University Centre for Human Rights.
- Attended the African Human Rights Academic Network Conference, held by the RWI and chaired a panel discussion on the implementation of regional court decisions in Africa.
- Participated in some research activities held by BUE, including a roundtable on Egypt's 2020 inactive data protection law and a workshop on fintech law.

Teaching

- Designed experiential learning-based teaching materials and lesson plans and delivered ed-tech supported tutorials and seminars for Legal Methodology, Research Dissertation, Human Rights Law, EU Law, Public International Law, and International Organisations on the undergraduate level and Cyberlaw and Cybercrime on the postgraduate level.
- Contributed to revamping the curriculum to be active learning-driven, integrate clinical education and mootings, and be aligned with the recent developments in the legal field.
- Drafted the information technology law module, which is now part of the new curriculum and will be taught for the first time in an Egyptian law school.
- Played an active role in the planning process of the BUE Masters in Cybercrime Investigation, the first of its kind in Egypt, and was then assigned as a coordinator.
- Joined the committee responsible for organising the summer schools on social media regulation and digital evidence.

Oct 2021 – Oct 2022 **Junior Consultant (Fixed term)**

Under the direction of Dr Khaled Serry, Senior Legal Consultant to the World Bank and United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime; Assistant Professor of Law at Ain Shams University, Egypt; Visiting Professor at Jean Moulin Lyon 3 University, France

- Worked with Dr Seyam on consultancy projects pertinent to criminal justice and human rights law.

AWARDS

Chevening Scholarship

The UK government's international awards programme

- The Scholarship is awarded to develop international leaders who show great leadership potential, networking ability, and a clear career plan with just 2-3% of applicants being accepted.

PUBLICATIONS

- Ibrahim Sabra, Editor of 'Country Reports: Egypt' in Center for AI and Digital Policy, *Artificial Intelligence and Democratic Values Index* (CAIDP 2023) <<https://www.caidp.org/reports/aidv-2022/>> (English).
- Ibrahim Sabra, 'Data Creep' in Amy Johnson (eds), *Stories from (Un)Identified Worlds: A Speculative Anthology* (Berkman Klein Center for Internet & Society 2023) <<https://sites.google.com/view/digital-identity-in-crisis/outputs/speculative-fiction>> (English).
- Ahmed Khalifa and Ibrahim Sabra, 'Egyptian Criminal Justice System' in Jospeter M. Mbuba (eds), *Comparative Criminal Justice: International Trends and Practices* (RLPG 2023) <<https://rowman.com/ISBN/9781538173145/Comparative-Criminal-Justice-International-Trends-and-Practices>> (English).
- Ibrahim Sabra and Mostafa Elkadi, 'Public Sphere Distortion in the Age of Internet Giants: Regulatory Pathways toward the Implications of Automated Online Content Filtering' (2022) 2(1) JOLETS <<https://jolets.org/ojs/index.php/jolets/article/view/70/version/70>> (English).
- Ibrahim Sabra, 'Commentary on the United States Supreme Court Decision in Van Buren v. United States No. 19-783 of June 3, 2021' (2022) 3(2) IJDJL <https://ijdjil.journals.ekb.eg/article_222496.html?lang=en> (Arabic).
- Ibrahim Sabra, 'Combating Cyber Threats in FinTech' in Centre for Law and Emerging Technologies (eds), *FinTech Regulation in light of the Egyptian Central Bank Law No. 194 of 2020* (JOLETS 2023) (Arabic) (forthcoming).

LANGUAGE

Arabic Native | English Proficient User

EXTRACURRICULAR & VOLUNTEERING

Nov 2016 – Apr 2019 **Mooter, Coach, Judge & Organiser**

Price Media Law Moot Court Competition, Oxford University, Oxfordshire (UK)

- Represented Ain Shams University in the 2017 Competition where my team got qualified to the international rounds after securing the First Place in the Middle East Rounds and winning the Best Memorial Prize, in addition to me receiving the Best Speaker Prize in the finals.
- Carried out extensive research on human rights law and internet law and related jurisprudence with a focus on issues revolving around content regulation, intermediary liability, hate speech, censorship, and internet jurisdiction.
- Coached the 2018 team of Ain Shams University and the 2019 British University in Egypt's team in Oxford Price Media Law Moot. Also. sat as a judge in several rounds and took part in organising the regional rounds in Lebanon in 2018.

CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS

Oct 2022

Attendee

Global Freedom of Expression, Columbia University (Virtual)

- Attended the conference: "Regulating the Online Public Sphere: from Decentralized Networks to Public Regulation", which discussed new models of decentralized networks and the different regional approaches to public and private regulation of content moderation.

Mar 2022

Organiser & Moderator

Global Share Social Enterprise in collaboration with Chevening (Virtual)

- Co-organised the "Equity in Information Age Leadership" conference which focused on challenges toward women's leadership in the Tech Policy field.

Nov 2019

Attendee

SMEX Organisation, Beirut (Lebanon)

- Attended SMEX "Bread & Net" annual conference which brought together stakeholders focusing on digital rights in the MENA region. Also, delivered a presentation introducing the Arabic case law database created by Columbia Global Freedom of Expression, highlighting how help lawyers, judges, researchers, and activists could utilise the database in their work.