

The Dickson Poon
School of Law

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LONDON

A specialist LLM

Transnational Law



‘The LLM pathway in Transnational Law is a multifaceted approach to transnational law as theory and practice. Its range and depth should help students understand and manage the complex fusions of contemporary law they will face as soon as they begin their legal careers.’

PROFESSOR ALFRED C. AMAN, JR, INDIANA UNIVERSITY MAURER SCHOOL OF LAW, USA



‘A truly world class programme with a global orientation. Students will benefit enormously from the high quality of the faculty as well as the very broad interdisciplinary focus of the programme.’

**PROFESSOR RATNA KAPUR, JINDAL GLOBAL LAW SCHOOL,
INDIA/GENEVA SCHOOL OF DIPLOMACY & INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

Educating transnational lawyers

An LLM degree for a new approach to law. Transnational law comprises both public and private, domestic and international law, as well as law made by nation-state governments, international organisations, private actors, standard setting organisations, expert committees and non-governmental organisations (NGOs). This mix of ‘hard’ and ‘soft’ law, this intersection of treaty law, statute and jurisprudence with codes, recommendations and guidelines, constitutes the regulatory landscape lawyers have to navigate today.

The King’s LLM pathway in Transnational Law equips students with the competences and skills to successfully master this new, complex and fast evolving world, exposing them to some of the most important regulatory arenas in transnational law and governance today. Transnational Law modules are taught by a selection of the world’s most renowned academics and practitioners in the field whose expertise and experience will help students to get ready for their practice with a deep knowledge of the law and with a critical understanding of what it means to envision law and legal practice on a global scale.

Law without borders


- A specialist LLM with a focus on both public and private areas of law
- A generalist LLM with an emphasis on the skills required in transnational legal practice
- A border-crossing LLM that allows the integration of specialist modules of other LLM pathways into the Transnational Law pathway
- A foundational LLM that combines a highly practice related education with training in complex problem solving and critical thinking

Study and assessment (please see the website for information on study and assessment)


Examples of modules available with Transnational Law*

- Transnational Law
- Sociology of Law, Legal Culture & Transnational Challenges
- Law, Legal Systems & The United Nations
- Human Rights in War Times
- International Human Rights Law
- Comparative and Transnational Constitutional Law
- International Refugee Law
- The Transnational Regulation of Global Networks
- Inequality, Human Development & The Rule of Law in Transnational Perspective
- Transnational & International Criminal Law
- Transnational Law Enforcement
- International & Comparative Family Law
- Transnational Corporate Governance
- Business & Human Rights
- Transnational Corporate Restructuring
- Morality & The Law
- Discrimination & Equality: Legal Principle in Transnational Litigation
- Transnational Law Colloquium
- Transnational Business Law, Foreign Direct Investment & Arbitration
- ‘Hard’ Cases & Regulatory Challenges in Transnational Law & Global Governance

* Please note that the printed modules are accurate at time of print. These modules are subject to change and we advise all prospective students to view the available module list at the time of application on the website (www.kcl.ac.uk/law).

 *'This program is path-breaking, and it is uniquely designed to enable students to navigate transnational law and transnational problem solving not only through carefully crafted legal argument, but also by drawing on an informed sense of the context, the hierarchies, and the institutions that make up the transnational. The program will fortify graduates with both marketable skills and a deep knowledge behind those skills.'*

PROFESSOR BRYANT G. GARTH, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE, USA

 *'Students in The Dickson Poon School of Law LLM in Transnational Law stand to acquire an enviable training in the exercise of professional legal judgment under contemporary global conditions. It is hard to envisage a program offering better preparation for the complex world that lawyers must now navigate.'*

PROFESSOR FLEUR JOHNS, UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES, AUSTRALIA

King's exciting new pathway



Professor Peer Zumbansen, Director of The Dickson Poon Transnational Law Institute discusses the uniqueness of the Transnational Law LLM Pathway.

The Transnational Law LLM Pathway enhances a rigorous, theoretically and historically informed legal education with a focus on real-world challenges in a global world – be that in refugee law, corporate governance or criminal law, among others.

Transnational lawyering occurs 'at home' as well as abroad, when lawyers advise clients from diverse social, economic, ethnic, religious and cultural backgrounds, and where practitioners engage

in border-crossing problem solving, making it necessary to select and interpret the applicable law, to identify the 'relevant facts' and to understand the interests and stakes of all parties involved. Because there is no one-size-fits-all approach in how to adequately design a legal solution to complex transnational problems, students need to be trained with a view to the diversity of backgrounds, strategies and social practices.

The Transnational Law Pathway fosters students' analytical and critical thinking, as well as their collaborative and social skills, their teamwork, both locally and internationally, and their ability to effectively identify and negotiate the stakes of a case and represent the affected interests. Each module bridges the gap between classroom, legal practice and advocacy by creating dialogue and mutual interaction between the two.



Transnational Law is to include... 'all law which regulates actions or events that transcend national frontiers. Both public and private international law are included, as are other rules which do not wholly fit into such standard categories.'

PHILIP JESSUP, TRANSNATIONAL LAW (YALE UNIVERSITY PRESS, 1956), 2.



Key facts

PROGRAMME LEADER: PROFESSOR PEER ZUMBANSEN, DIRECTOR, DICKSON POON TRANSNATIONAL LAW INSTITUTE

AWARDING INSTITUTION: KING'S COLLEGE LONDON

CREDIT VALUE (UK/ECTS EQUIVALENT): UK 180/ECTS 90
DURATION: FULL TIME – 1 YEAR; PART TIME – 2-4 YEARS (SEPTEMBER TO SEPTEMBER)

LOCATION: STRAND CAMPUS

OFFERED BY: THE DICKSON POON SCHOOL OF LAW, KING'S COLLEGE LONDON



A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE... WORLD-LEADING ACADEMICS AND PRACTITIONERS SPEAK ABOUT THE DISTINCTIVE BENEFITS OF THE NEW TRANSNATIONAL LLM PATHWAY



'The world is changing, and so is legal education. With the rise of a multi-polar international system, information and telecommunication technologies and network societies, students will need new, interdisciplinary skills to become leading practitioners in a transnationalised world. With a stellar faculty and a cutting-edge curriculum, the new Transnational Law LLM at King's offers precisely this kind of training. Those of us in transnational legal studies and practice very much look forward to seeing the first graduates of this remarkable program.'

PROFESSOR CÉSAR RODRÍGUEZ-GARAVITO, UNIVERSITY OF LOS ANDES, COLOMBIA



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'A properly trained lawyer in today's world cannot simply master the legal rules of one nationstate system. Rather, the study of law must be transnational and informed by interdisciplinary perspectives regarding the myriad ways in which various legal (and quasi-legal) systems interact and influence each other. The new Dickson Poon School of Law LLM pathway on Transnational Law is thoughtfully conceived to provide such an important course of study.'

PROFESSOR PAUL SCHIFF BERMAN, GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY, USA