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Current Position	Associate Professor of Law – Moritz College of Law, The Ohio State University Member – African Union Commission on International Law 2020-2025 Affiliated Faculty – Mershon Center for International Security Studies, The Ohio State University	
Education	2016 – Harvard Law School Doctor of Juridical Science (S.J.D.) 2010 – Harvard Law School Master of Laws (LL.M.) 2009 – Ain Shams University Faculty of Law Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) 2004 – Istituto Internazionale Superiore Di Scienze Criminali ISISC (Siracusa, Italy) Diploma in International Criminal Law 2004 – American University in Cairo Master of Arts in International Human Rights Law 2002 – American University in Cairo Bachelor of Arts (Specialized in Public International Law)	
Work Experience	January 2016 – August 2016 First Secretary	Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Egypt Legal Counsel to the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs
	January 2016 – June 2016 Visiting Assistant Professor	Ain Shams University, Faculty of Law, Section Française Department of Criminal Law
	September 2014 – January 2016 Lecturer-on-Law	Harvard University Harvard Law School
	September 2010 – January 2014 Teaching Fellow	Harvard University John F. Kennedy School of Government
	July – November 2011 Chief Legal Officer	Kingdom of Bahrain Bahrain Independent Commission of Inquiry
	July – October 2010 Visiting Lecturer on Law	DePaul College of Law International Human Rights Law Institute (Iraq Office)
	September 2005 – August 2009 Second Secretary	Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Egypt Cabinet of the Minister of Foreign Affairs
	March 2005-September 2005 International Fellow	DePaul College of Law International Human Rights Law Institute
	September 2004-March 2005 Human Rights Law Lecturer	American University in Cairo International Human Rights Law Outreach Project
	July 2002- January 2004 Legal Officer	League of Arab States Cabinet of the Secretary-General

Publications BOOKS:

M. CHERIF BASSIOUNI & MOHAMED HELAL, *THE SECOND REPUBLIC IN EGYPT* (2012) [*in Arabic*]

LAW REVIEW ARTICLES:

Mohamed S. Helal, *The Thucydides Trap and the Future of Global Governance*, 113 PROCEEDINGS OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF INTERNATIONAL LAW 100-104 (2019).

Mohamed S. Helal, *On Coercion in International Law*, 52 N.Y.U. JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW & POLITICS, 1-122 (2019).

Mohamed S. Helal, *Two Seas Apart: An Account of the Establishment, Operation, and Impact of the Bahrain Independent Commission of Inquiry (BICI)*, 30 EUROPEAN JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW (2019).

Mohamed S. Helal, *Anarchy, Ordering Principles and the Constitutive Regime of the International System*, 8 GLOBAL CONSTITUTIONALISM (2019).

Mohamed S. Helal, *Freedom From; Freedom For – A Personal Reflection on the Life and Legacy of M. Cherif Bassiouni (1937-2017)*, 68 DEPAUL LAW REVIEW 733 (2019).

Mohamed S. Helal, *The Crisis of World Order and the Constitutive Regime of the International System*, 46 FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY LAW REVIEW (2019).

Cinnamon P. Carlarne & Mohamed S. Helal, *A Conversation about Climate Change Law and the 'International Community'*, 8 CLIMATE LAW 229 (2018).

Mohamed S. Helal, *The Myth of U.N. Collective Security*, 32 EMORY INTERNATIONAL LAW REVIEW 1063 (2018).

Mohamed S. Helal, *The Unknown Unknowns of Humanitarian War*, 111 AMERICAN JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL LAW – UNBOUND 297 (2017).

Mohamed S. Helal, *Teaching Public International Law: Reflections on the State of the Art in an Era of Uncertainty*, 7 JOURNAL OF COMMISSION OF INTERNATIONAL LAW OF THE AFRICAN UNION (2017).

Mohamed S. Helal, *Am I My Brother's Keeper? The Reality, Tragedy, and Future of Collective Security*, 6 HARVARD NATIONAL SECURITY JOURNAL 383 (2015).

Mohamed S. Helal, *Justifying War and the Limits of Humanitarianism*, 37 FORDHAM INTERNATIONAL LAW JOURNAL 551 (2014).

Mohamed S. Helal, *Inheriting International Rivers: State Succession to Territorial Obligations, South Sudan, and the 1959 Nile Waters Agreement*, 27 EMORY INTERNATIONAL LAW REVIEW 907 (2014).

H. David Rosenbloom, Noam Noked, & Mohamed S. Helal, *The Unruly World of Tax: A Proposal for an International Tax Cooperation Forum*, 15 FLORIDA TAX REVIEW 57 (2014).

Mohamed S. Helal, *Sharing Blue Gold: The 1997 UN Convention on the Law of the Non-Navigational Uses of International Watercourses Ten Years On*, 28 COLORADO JOURNAL OF INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND POLICY 337 (2007).

WORKS IN EDITED VOLUMES:

Mohamed Helal, *The ECOWAS Intervention in The Gambia - 2016*, in TOM RUYS & OLIVER CORTEN *eds.*, INTERNATIONAL LAW ON THE USE OF FORCE: A CASE BASED APPROACH (Oxford University Press, 2018).

Mohamed Helal & Philippe Kirsch, *Case Studies: Libya*, in JARED GENSER AND BRUNO STAGNO UGARTE *eds.*, THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL IN THE AGE OF HUMAN RIGHTS, 396-433 (Cambridge University Press, 2014).

Mohamed Helal, *Regional Perspectives: The Middle East*, in JARED GENSER AND IRWIN COTLER *eds.*, THE RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT: THE PROMISE OF STOPPING MASS ATROCITIES IN OUR TIMES, 201-231 (Oxford University Press, 2011).

Opinio Juris BLOGPOSTS:

Crisis in The Gambia: How Africa is Rewriting *Jus ad Bellum*, Jan. 24, 2017. [[Link](#)]

“We’re on the Air!” Michael Flynn, Sergey Kislyak and the Paradoxes of Diplomatic Immunities, Feb., 21, 2017. [[Link](#)]

Of Fire and Fury: The Threat of Force and the Korean Missile Crisis, Aug. 30, 2017. [[Link](#)]

In Celebratus: M. Cherif Bassiouni (1937-2017), Sept., 26, 2017. [[Link](#)]

On the Legality of the Russian Vetoes in the UN Security Council and the Harsh Reality of International Law: A Rejoinder to Professor Jennifer Trahan, May 4, 2018. [[Link](#)]

The Past, Present, and Future of the Veto: A Further Response to Professor Jennifer Trahan, May 10, 2018. [[Link](#)]

The Crisis of World Order and the Missing Voice of International Law, Sept. 14, 2018. [[Link](#)]

On Territoriality, Power, and Influence – A Review of John Heieck’s A Duty to Prevent Genocide: Due Diligence Obligations Among the P5, Dec. 12, 2018. [[Link](#)]

Clouds of War Over the Persian Gulf – A *Jus ad Bellum* Analysis (Part I), June 4, 2019. [[Link](#)]

Clouds of War Over the Persian Gulf – A *Jus ad Bellum* Analysis (Part II), June 4, 2019. [[Link](#)]

The Global Hawk Incident: Self-Defense Against Aerial Incursions – Reflections on the Applicable Law, Jul. 4, 2019. [[Link](#)]

So Close, Yet So Far: An Account of the Negotiations on the Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam May 4, 2020 [[Part I](#)], [[Part II](#)], [[Part III](#)].

NEWSPAPER ARTICLES AND PUBLIC COMMENTARY:

Against All Odds, *Al-Ahram Weekly*, Issue No. 1455, August 22, 2019. [[Link](#)]

Academic Conferences & Invited Talks

- U.N. General Assembly Sixth (Legal) Committee, Meeting of the Legal Advisors of the Member States of the African Union at the United Nations on the Scope and Application of the Principle of Universal Criminal Jurisdiction, May 10, 2019.
- 113th Annual Meeting of the American Society of International Law, participant on panel titled: “San Francisco 2.0: Constructing a Global Governance Architecture for the 21st Century”, March 27-30, 2019.
- Mershon Center for International Security Studies, Annual Faculty Dinner. Paper presented: On Coercion in International Law, March 25, 2019.
- Mershon Center for International Security Studies, The Ohio State University. Conference on: What is Realist Foreign Policy? Paper presented: The Norms of Anarchy. March, 1-2, 2019
- Junior International Law Scholars Association conference. Paper Presented: Lines in the Sand: On the Legality of Coercion as an Instrument of Statecraft. January 11, 2019
- Canadian Council on International Law, participant on panel titled: Is the Security Council in Crisis? November 1-2, 2018
- American Branch of the International Law Association, International Law Weekend, participant on panel titled: The Security Council in a Fracturing World: Questions of Effectiveness, Legitimacy and Legal Coherences, Oct. 19-20, 2018.
- Global Constitutionalism Journal, Workshop on Challenges to Global Constitutionalism. Berlin, Germany, 5-6 July, 2018.
- Northwestern University Buffett Institute, Workshop on Power and International Relations. Paper presented: *The Crisis of World Order and the Constitutive Regime of the International System*. Chicago IL., May 4, 2018.
- DePaul Law Review Symposium, Featured Speaker. Symposium title: “The Intersection of International Criminal Law and Gender: Progress of the Past and Goals for the Future.” March 23, 2018.
- African Union, Participant on Panel on the Refugee Crisis in Libya, 6th Forum the African Union Commission on International Law (AUCIL), Malabo, Equatorial Guinea, Dec. 4-5, 2017.
- American Branch of the International Law Association, International Law Weekend, Panelist on Water Conflicts and Cooperation, Oct. 20, 2017.

- Lauterpacht Center for International Law, Cambridge University, Workshop on the Empirical Effects of International Commissions of Inquiry, Jan. 5-6, 2017.
- African Union, Participant on Panel on Teaching International Law, 5th Forum the African Union Commission on International Law (AUCIL), Accra, Ghana, Dec. 5-6, 2016.
- United Nations General Assembly, Chair of the Panel on Strengthening the Legal Regime to Counter Terrorism, VI (Legal) Committee, International Law Week, Oct. 24, 2016.
- Harvard Law School, International Law Workshop Paper presented: Constitutional Collisions in International Law, Sept. 25, 2015.
- Yale Law School, Presentation title: Dead But Not Buried: The Withering of Sykes-Picot and the Future of the Middle East, April 6, 2015.
- Salzburg Lloyd Cutler Fellows Program, Paper presented: Am I My Brother's: The Reality, Tragedy, and Future of Collective Security, Washington D.C., Feb. 20-21, 2015.
- Columbia Law School, International Criminal Law Colloquium, Presentation topic: Reflections on the Bahrain Independent Commission of Inquiry, Sept. 26, 2014.
- Dartmouth University, Tuck School of Business, Presentation title: A New Arab Order? Feb. 28, 2011.

Teaching Interests

Primary: Public International Law, Laws of War (Jus ad Bellum), International Humanitarian Law (Jus in Bello), Law of the Sea, Global Governance, International Human Rights Law, International Criminal Law, International Dispute Resolution.

Secondary: Contracts, Jurisprudence, WTO Law/International Trade Law, Islamic Law.

Awards & Honors

- 2014 John F. Kennedy School of Government Dean's Award for Excellence in Student Teaching
- 2009-2010 Fulbright Scholar
- 2009 Harvard Law School David L. Shapiro Award
- Valedictorian of the Class of 2005, Institute of Diplomatic Studies, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Egypt
- 2005 Frank G. Wisner Award for Best Masters Thesis at the American University in Cairo
- 3rd Best Oralist, 2004 Phillip Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition International Rounds
- 2002-2003 Graduate Merit Fellowship at the American University in Cairo

Languages

Arabic (native speaker), English (fluent command of writing, reading, and speaking), and French (fair command of reading and speaking).