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### Editorial Foreword

Life is full of crises, both at the individual and social levels. Their effects align according to the degree of interdependence between individuals and society. Those crises may as well affect countries, transcend their national borders, and the matter becomes more complicated when they become of a global dimension.

Taking into account the global dimension of crises, the Qatar University’s College of Law chose to hold its international conference for this year under the title: “Law in the Face of Global Crises: Means and Challenges”, which was held on February 7 and 8, 2021. A number of researchers of high academic and professional reputation from Qatar and abroad participated in this conference. The International Review of Law chose a number of peer-reviewed papers to be published in this special issue of the conference.

The first paper (Daoud) studies “The risk of legal insecurity and the necessity to activate the legislative role: A Comparative analytical study”. The second research paper (Khalil and Kahala) focuses on “Toward A Cyber Arbitration in Palestine in Time of Corona Pandemic: A Comparative Study”. The third study (Al-Sayed) deals with the “Legal tools to respond to the new Coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19) in Qatar”. As for the fourth one (Sefsaf), it discusses the topic: “Protection of Persons from Disasters in International Law”. Meanwhile, the fifth research paper (Al-Hababi) seeks to address a topic related to the “Provisions of State Responsibility for Internationally Wrongful Acts during a Pandemic”. The sixth research paper (Atour) focuses on “The extent reflection of Global Crises on Criminal Liability”. In addition, the seventh paper (Kaoud) sheds light on “States of Emergency and Protection of Human Rights: Facing the Corona Pandemic”. The eighth paper (Ismaeel) focuses on “Electronic insurance vs. Cyber Risks: Legal issues and suggested solutions (A study on Qatari and Comparative Law)”. As for the ninth research paper (Zaineddin), it deals with “The Legal Provisions of the Exclusive Right in relation to Drug Patents, in Light of International Conventions and Qatari law: An Evaluation of the Justness of the Ownership of the Exclusive Right to Drug Patents in light of COVID-19 Pandemic”. Lastly, these research papers are concluded by the recommendations emanating from the conference.

The editorial board would like to thank all the organizers of the international conference, and all researchers who contributed to its success with their constructive participation and discussions. The editorial board of the International Review of Law also appreciates the efforts of those who contributed with their research papers to this special issue of the College of Law’s International Annual Conference. We hope that these studies will reach the largest number of readers who draw on original knowledge and in-depth research, in the Arab world and the world at large.

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