

# AG1 INTERNATIONAL COMPARATIVE PETROLEUM LAW, EXPLORATION AGREEMENTS, AND THE ENVIRONMENT

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## COURSE OVERVIEW

Petroleum exploration and production has developed in a truly international industry. The distinctive relationship between the owners of the resource, and the companies exploiting the reserves, has become ever more complex and demanding. A vast array of legislation, policy documents, contractual forms and dispute resolutions has developed around the fundamental point of sharing the resultant wealth between the state and the producer.

Protection of the environment in the oil industry is becoming a major concern. Consequently, the knowledge of the petroleum industry and its constituent law, policy and environmental issues, together with an ability to understand and analyze actions of governments and companies, is becoming increasingly important.

This course covers most aspects of the international oil and gas laws & agreements with special emphasis on environmental issues.

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND

This course is designed for managers and senior staff of natural resource and oil companies involved in constructing or negotiating petroleum agreements. It is particularly important for the staff of petroleum ministries, environmental agencies, law firms, and consulting companies.

## COURSE CONTENT

### **(One) International Comparative Petroleum Law**

- Introduction.
- Is there a Petroleum Law?
- The Lawyer's Role in Oil Industry.
- World Petroleum Regimes (civil/common and Islamic).
- Types of Petroleum Agreements.
- Stability, Variations and Breach of Petroleum Agreements, measure of loss.
- Frustration, Force Majeure and Hardship in the Oil Industry Context.
- Jurisdiction and Extraterritoriality.
- Litigation and Arbitration.
- Legal Aspects of Gas as a Commodity.
- The Transportation of oil and gas
- Legal aspects of oil trading.
- OPEC, its constitution and relevant legalities.
- IEA and ECC Emergency Measures.

## **(Two) Environmental aspects of Petroleum Agreements**

- Introduction.
- Sources of environmental law.
- The international environmental law
- Environmental policy in a developing economy.
- Protection of the environment in the oil industry.
- The environmental clauses in old oil agreements.
- The environmental clauses in modern oil agreements.
- The Impact of Climate Change Convention in the oil industry.
- Recent trends and new direction in the environmental policies of developing countries.
- Other environmental legal issues.

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### **THE LECTURER:**

Dr. Walid EI-Malik obtained his Ph.D. in Comparative Petroleum Law from the Centre for Petroleum & Mineral Law & Policy, University of Dundee, U.K. He also holds a Diploma in Petroleum Law (1990 Prize Winner), and LL.M. in Natural resources (1992 Prize winner).

He is an author of a book and several articles on investment and petroleum agreements. He is also the author of many articles on up-stream financing, negotiation, and energy laws with special reference to the Middle eastern and Islamic laws.

He is currently the legal advisor of the Ministry of Petroleum and Mineral Resources of the United Arab Emirates.