

KASIM BALARABE

Specialist in Emerging Technology and the Law | International Law Scholar | Expertise in Law Courses

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

International law and law and technology scholar with 18+ years of progressive academic and administrative leadership across Africa and Asia. Proven expertise in emerging technology law, public international law, humanitarian law, human rights, and foundational law courses, with recent publications in Q1-ranked journals. Distinguished by 6.5 years of building Indo-Asian academic partnerships and consistent teaching excellence. Currently serving as Professor and Associate Dean at India's leading global law school.

Key Achievements:

- Published 20+ peer-reviewed articles, including in Q1 journals
- Facilitated 30+ international university partnerships as Associate Dean
- Supervised 1 PhD to completion (100% placement) and 10+ Master's theses
- Delivered legal training to government and NGO personnel in India, Uganda and Nigeria, as well as several students of Oxford Brookes University and the Open University of Barcelona as a UNITAR Faculty

EDUCATION

Doctorate in Law (PhD)

Maastricht University, Maastricht, Netherlands

May 2013 – July 2018

- Dissertation: "Realising the Right to Water and Sanitation in Nigeria: A Human Rights-Based-Ecosystems Approach"
- Interdisciplinary research bridging human rights law and environmental sustainability

Master of Laws (LL.M) – Law and Politics of International Security

Vrije Universiteit (VU) Amsterdam, Netherlands

August 2011 – June 2012

- VU University Fellowship Award recipient
- Specialising in the intersection of law and international security

Master of Laws (LL.M) - International Humanitarian Law

University of Geneva, Geneva, Switzerland

September 2009 – June 2010

- ADH LLM Scholarship recipient
- Focus on international humanitarian law and human rights in armed conflict situations

Barrister at Law (BL)

Nigerian Law School

October 2004 – August 2005

- Second Class Honours (Upper Division)
- Called to the Nigerian Bar as Barrister and Solicitor of the Supreme Court

Bachelor of Laws (LL.B)

Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Nigeria

November 1999 – July 2004

- Best Student of the Faculty of Law Award

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS**Professor & Associate Dean | O.P. Jindal Global University, India**

April 2022 – Present

1. Strategic Leadership & International Partnerships

- Spearheaded international collaboration initiatives resulting in exchange agreements with 30+ universities across Europe, Asia, Africa and the Americas
- Enhanced institutional global ranking through strategic partnership development
- Led faculty development programmes, improving research output quality
- Course convenor of public international law and coordinated the curriculum updates, incorporating the latest international law developments

2. Teaching Excellence

- Deliver 4-6 courses annually to 200+ students across undergraduate and postgraduate programmes
- Core courses: International Law (50+ students), Law and Justice in a Globalising Society (150+ students), Human Rights and Humanitarian Law (20+ students)
- Specialised electives: Law, Technology, and Society in the Digital Age (30+ students), Artificial Intelligence and International Security (25+ students), International Humanitarian Law in Theory and Practice (15+) and International Criminal Law (20+ students)
- Received the Research Excellence Award 2021 for outstanding contributions

Associate Professor & Associate Dean | O.P. Jindal Global University, India

January 2019 – April 2022

1. Ranking & Academic Development

- Contributed to the successful QS ranking application process
- Contributed to the selection and processing of student-exchange processes
- Mentored junior faculty, resulting in increased publication output
- Coordinated curriculum updates incorporating the latest international law developments

2. Teaching Excellence

- Deliver 4-6 courses annually to 200+ students across undergraduate and postgraduate programmes
- Core courses: Professional Ethics and Bar-Bench Relations (50+ students), Human Rights and Humanitarian Law (20+ students)
- Specialised electives: Law, Technology, and Society in the Digital Age (30+ students), Artificial Intelligence and International Security (25+ students), International Humanitarian Law in Theory and Practice (15+) and International Criminal Law (20+ students)
- Received the Research Excellence Award 2021 for outstanding contributions

Faculty Member/Independent Contractor | United Nations Institute for Training and Research, Geneva

December 2021 – Present

- Design and deliver specialised courses on human security, conflict resolution, civilian protection and post-conflict reconstruction
- Train international humanitarian professionals
- Develop course materials incorporating field experiences and case studies

Visiting Professor | Indian Institute of Management, Rohtak

January 2021 – 2023

- Excellently taught the law of tort to the Institute's law students
- Bridged law and management education for management students
- Fostered an interdisciplinary understanding of regulatory compliance

Lecturer & Head of Department | Kampala International University, Uganda

January 2013 – January 2019

1. Departmental Leadership

- Managed monthly departmental budget of 5 million Ugandan Shillings
- Improved examination coordination, reducing delays by about 60%
- Established quality assurance mechanisms for course delivery
- Supervised 24 faculty members' professional development
- Increased student satisfaction through systematic feedback implementation

2. Teaching

- Taught comprehensive law curriculum, including law of contract, introduction to law, company law, equity and trusts, international law, refugee law, and alternative dispute resolution
- Received an award for teaching excellence

Lecturer | Islamic University in Uganda, Mbale

January 2014 – January 2019

- Taught comprehensive law curriculum, including law of contract, company law, equity and trusts, international law, criminal law, jurisprudence and legal theory
- Supervised undergraduate and postgraduate research projects
- Received awards for teaching excellence

Principal Legal Officer & Special Assistant | National Commission for Refugees, Nigeria

September 2008 – December 2012

- Nigerian Delegate to UN General Assembly sessions on refugee, internally displaced persons and migrants matters
- Drafted national refugee protection policies affecting 20,000+ persons
- Delivered Refugee Status Determination training and refugee protection to 200+ government officials

Principal Legal Officer | Federal Ministry of Justice, Nigeria

May 2007 – September 2008

- Drafted legislative bills and provided legal advice to government ministries

- Contributed to national legal reform initiatives

Associate | Aluko & Oyebo, Lagos, Nigeria

March 2006 – February 2007

- Provided legal services to national and international clients
- Drafted legal opinions on complex commercial matters

PUBLICATIONS

Peer-Reviewed Articles and Book Chapters

1. Kasim Balarabe, 'Digital Borders and Beyond: Establishing Normative Grounds for Cybersecurity and Sovereignty in International Law,' 58 *Computer Law & Security Review: The International Journal of Technology Law and Practice* 106180.
2. Kasim Balarabe, 'Algorithmic Authoritarianism: Artificial Intelligence's Threat to Privacy and Freedom in the Global South,' (2025) *Information & Communications Technology Law* 1-33.
3. Kasim Balarabe, 'Quantum Computing and the Law: Navigating the Legal Implications of a Quantum Leap,' (2025) 16(2) *European Journal of Risk Regulation* 794-813.
4. Obinna Nnanna Okereke, Uche Nnawulezi, Salim Bashir Magashi, Septhian Eka Adiyatma, Kasim Balarabe, 'Addressing Challenges and Development in Enforcing International Laws on Child Soldiers: The Need for Legal Reform' (2024) 5(4) *Journal of Law and Legal Reform* 1941-76.
5. Kasim Balarabe, 'COVID-19 Pandemic and Access to Clean Water: Challenges and Opportunities' in Andrea Broderick and Jennifer Sellin (eds) *Socio-Economic Rights, Inequalities and Vulnerability in Times of Crises: Building Back Better* (Edward Elgar Publishing Ltd, 2024) 121-144.
6. Kasim Balarabe, 'Safeguarding the Vulnerable: A Comprehensive Approach to Protecting Detainees in Contemporary Non-International Armed Conflicts and Counterterrorism Operations' (2024) 15(2) *Journal of International Humanitarian Legal Studies* 418-451.
7. Kasim Balarabe, 'Free Movement of Persons, Goods, Services and Rights of Residence and Establishment in ECOWAS: Challenges and Prospects' (2024) 1(1) *West African Yearbook of International Economic Law and Practice* 170-205.
8. Kasim Balarabe and Foluke Dare, 'Democracy and Commitment to International Law: An Interdependent Symbiosis' in AA Kannike and J Barde (eds) *Contemporary Issues in Law, Democracy and Good Governance* (Faculty of Law, Kwara State University, 2024) 632-661.
9. Kasim Balarabe, 'Adherence to International Humanitarian Law by State and Non-State Actors' in P Goswami, AK Bardalai and K Zinta (eds) *Protection of Civilians in Modern Conflicts & International Humanitarian Law*. (Vij Books, 2024) 72-82.
10. Kasim Balarabe, 'Nigeria's Attitude Towards Compliance with Judicial Decisions on its Human Rights, International Criminal and Humanitarian Law Treaty Obligations: Policy Implications on Sustainable Development' in Muhammed T Ladan (ed) *Treaty Law and State Practice in Nigeria* (NIALS, 2023) 116-136.
11. Hechime Nyekwere and others, 'Constitutional and Judicial Interpretation of Environmental Laws in Nigeria, India and Canada' (2023) 7(2) *Lex Scientia Law Review* 905-958.
12. Kasim Balarabe and others, 'Assessing the Effectiveness of Uganda Human Rights Commission vis-à-vis the Paris Principles Relating to the Status of National Human

- Rights Institutions' (2022) 30(3) *African Journal of International and Comparative Law* 424-448.
13. Kasim Balarabe, 'Africa and the Domestic Implementation of the Geneva Conventions: Problems and Solutions' (2022) 66(2) *Journal of African Law* 175-199.
 14. Kasim Balarabe, 'The Legal Status and Perception of Sexual Rights among Some Selected Stakeholders in Nigeria' (2022) 29 *Sexuality & Culture* 1090-1114.
 15. Kasim Balarabe, 'Dataset on Human Rights Awareness in Northwest Nigeria' (2021) 39 *Data in Brief* 107547.
 16. Kasim Balarabe, 'Open grazing legislations and the protection of ethnic minority rights in Nigeria' (2021) 25(10) *The International Journal of Human Rights* 1835-1856.
 17. Kasim Balarabe, 'Security Paradox: Interpreting Indo-Pakistan Relationship from International Security Perspective' (2018) 5/1 *IUIU Journal of Comparative Law* 31-42.
 18. Kasim Balarabe, 'Bystanders' Passivity in Preventing Crimes During Emergencies: Sociological and Psychological Factors Inhibiting Help from the Ukrainian Example' (2018) 2/1 *Kampala International University Law Journal* 259-265.
 19. Kasim Balarabe, 'Status of Pirates: Combatants under International Humanitarian Law or Criminals under Human Rights Law?' (2017) 1/2 *Kampala International University Law Journal* 141-165.
 20. Kasim Balarabe, 'Conceptualising Belligerent Occupation under International Humanitarian Law' (2017) 1/1 *Kampala International University Law Journal* 34-77.
 21. Kasim Balarabe, 'Improving Mechanisms for the Implementation of International Humanitarian Law' (2017) 1/1 *Kampala International University Law Journal* 186-204.
 22. Kasim Balarabe, 'Determining the End of Belligerent Occupation' (2017) 4/1 *IUIU Journal of Comparative Law* 69-113.

Books

1. Kasim Balarabe, *Realising the Right to Water and Sanitation in Nigeria: A Human Rights-Based-Ecosystem Approach* (Intersentia Publishers, United Kingdom, 2019) ISBN: 978-1780689012
2. Kasim Balarabe, *Special Agreements under International Humanitarian Law* (Lap-Lambert Academic Publishing, Germany, 2015) ISBN: 978-3-659-80637-7

Articles Under Review

1. 'Beyond the Courtroom: Innovative Models for Advancing Access to Justice,' *International Journal of Law in Context*
2. 'Protecting Indigenous Habitats from the Ravages of War: Strengthening International Law and Environmental Peacebuilding,' *Jindal Global Law Review* (with Uche Nnawulezi)
3. 'Water as a Weapon: Examining the Weaponisation of Water Resources in Armed Conflict,' *Journal of Conflict and Security Law*

CONFERENCE PAPERS AND UPCOMING PUBLICATIONS

1. Governing AI Development and Deployment for Sustainable Development. A paper presented at the SDG Conference, 'A Global Legal Stocktake of Achievements, Opportunities, and Challenges,' held at the University of Southampton, United Kingdom, 17–18 September 2025.

2. Digital Sovereignties and Jurisdictional Complexities in the Metaverse: Rethinking Legal Authority in Virtual Spaces. A paper presented at the workshop on Navigating the Metaverse, Tilburg University, Tilburg, Netherlands, 15 July 2025. (The paper will be published in a special issue of Internet Policy Review, Spring 2026).
3. The Geopolitics of International Law and Asian World Cities. A paper presented at the Asian Cities and International Legal Order Workshop, Singapore Management University, Singapore, 10-11 July 2025. (The paper will be published by the Cambridge University Press as part of an edited book from the workshop).
4. The Right to Contest AI: Beyond Explanation Rights Towards Effective Procedural Fairness for Automated Decisions. A paper presented at JUST-AI Summer Colloquium, University of Liege, Liege, Belgium, 23-24 June 2025. (The paper will be published in 2026 as a book chapter by Routledge).
5. Beyond the courtroom: Innovative models for advancing access to Justice. A paper presented at the Annual Conference Toogdag 2025: Access to Justice, Nijmegen, Netherlands, 12 June 2025.
6. The Emergence of an Environmental *Jus Cogens* Norm: Rethinking General Obligations in International Economic and Environmental Law. A paper presented at the Symposium on Towards an Ecological-Economic Legal Framework, Ecole normale supérieure, a member of the Université Paris Sciences et Lettres, Paris, France, 6-7 June 2025.
7. Reconstructing Authority: The Politics of Advisory Opinions in International Courts as Tools for Global South Resistance and Legal Evolution. A paper presented at the Conference on the Politics of International Dispute Settlement, Utrecht University, Utrecht, Netherlands, 6 June 2025. (The paper will be published by Edward Elgar Publishing in 2026 as part of the edited book from the conference).
8. Neuro-Legal Interfaces: Exploring the Convergence of Neurotechnology, Artificial Intelligence, and the Law. A paper presented at the 5th Machine Lawyering Conference, Centre for Legal Innovation and Digital Society, Faculty of Law, Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong, China, 29-30 May 2025. (Won the best paper prize).
9. Enhancing Access to Justice in Nigeria through Legal Technology: Ethical Considerations and Implementation Strategies. A paper presented at the Law and Contemporary Societal Issues Conference, Faculty of Law, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, Nigeria, 7-9 August 2024.
10. The Evolving Interplay of International Humanitarian Law, International Criminal Law and Human Rights Law in the Asia-Pacific Region: Navigating Complexities and Finding Collaborative Ways Forward. A paper presented at the International Criminal Law and International Humanitarian Law in the Asia-Pacific: Intersections, Challenges and Ways Forward Conference, Institute of International Legal Studies of the UP Law Center, Bocobo Hall, UP Law Complex, Philippines, 28 June 2024.
11. The Future of the Human Rights to Privacy in the Age of Artificial Intelligence: The Impacts on the Global South. A paper presented at the 32nd International RAIS Conference on Social Sciences and Humanities organised by the Research Association for Interdisciplinary Studies and held at the Erdman Center, 20 Library Place, Princeton, New Jersey, United States, 8-9 June 2023.
12. The Implications of Open-Grazing Prohibition Legislations on Food Security and Safety in Nigeria. A paper presented at the Food Law and Policy Conference organised by the Academy of Food Law and Policy (United States) and held at the School of Law, Georgia State University, Atlanta, United States, 10 December 2019.
13. The Politics of International Criminal Justice System and its Impacts on Domestic Prosecution of International Crimes. A paper presented at the Russia India Conference

jointly organised by O.P. Jindal Global University (India) and Indiana University (United States) and held at O.P. Jindal Global University, Sonipat, India, 3-4 October 2019.

14. Internationalisation as a Mechanism to Improve Diversity and Inclusion. A paper presented at the Conference on Diversity, Inclusion and Internationalisation: Comparative Perspectives, organised by the O.P. Jindal Global University and held at the Jindal Global, Educational and Professional Academy, New Delhi, India, 19 March 2019.
15. The Relationship between the International Criminal Justice System and National Judicial Mechanisms: The case of the International Crimes Division in Uganda. A paper presented at the Outreach organised by Avocats Sans Frontieres and held at the Islamic University in Uganda, Main Campus, Mbale, 10 April 2015.
16. Relationship between International Human Rights Law, International Humanitarian Law and International Refugee Law, presented at the Workshop organised by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Nigeria, held at the United Nations House, Abuja, November 2012.
17. Protection of Internally Displaced Persons, presented at the training of Paramilitary and Security Agencies in Nigeria, organised by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, Nigeria, June 2012.
18. Refugee Status Determination: Eligibility Criteria, presented at the training of Eligibility officers of the National Commission for Refugees, Abuja, Nigeria, April 2011.
19. Refugee Protection and Management, presented at the National Judicial Institute, Abuja, Nigeria, 23 May 2012.
20. Procedure for Seeking Refugee Status in Nigeria, presented at the Training of Protection Officers of the National Commission for Refugees, Abuja, Nigeria, October 2011.
21. National Framework of Protection in Nigeria, presented at the training of Eligibility Officers of the National Commission for Refugees, held at Lagos, Nigeria, June 2010.
22. Entry and Removal of Refugees: Expulsion, Extradition and Non-Refoulement, presented at the Regional Conference for the International Association of Refugee Law Judges, held at Abuja, Nigeria, 22-25 November 2010.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

1. Annual Meeting/Conference – International Association of Law Schools, IE University, Segovia, Spain, October 2015
2. Workshop for Law Professors on Empirical Methods – George Mason University School of Law, Arlington, Virginia, USA, May 2015
3. All Africa Course on International Humanitarian Law – ICRC, University of South Africa, Pretoria, October-November 2014
4. Humanitarian Coordination Course – SIDA Civil Society Centre, Härmösand, Sweden, April 2009
5. Humanitarian Negotiators Training – Center for International Humanitarian Cooperation, Penang, Malaysia, February 2009
6. 47th Refugee Law Course – International Institute of Humanitarian Law, San Remo, Italy, May 2008
7. Advanced Training on International Humanitarian Law – SIDA Civil Society Center, Härmösand, Sweden, December 2008
8. Workshop on Enhancing Organisational Change – Centre for Management Development, Lagos, Nigeria, November 2008

9. Advanced General Management Workshop – Centre for Management Development, Lagos, Nigeria, November 2008
10. Personal and Team Security Management in Emergencies – RedR India, Pune, India, September 2008
11. Settlement Planning and Shelter in Emergencies – RedR India, Pondicherry, India, August 2008

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE

International Engagement

- **Consultant**, UNITAR (2021-Present): Curriculum development for UN peacekeeping programs
- **Delegate**, Nigeria to the UN General Assembly: Represented national interests in refugee, internally displaced persons, and migrants matters
- **Legal Advisory**, Multiple organisations on IHL implementation

Professional Memberships

- American Society of International Law
- European Society of International Law
- Academy of Food Law and Policy, United States
- Nigerian Bar Association (Barrister and Solicitor)
- International Association of Refugee Law Judges
- Nigeria Institute of Management (Chartered)

LANGUAGES & SKILLS

Languages:

- English (Fluent)
- French (Basic professional proficiency)
- Arabic (Basic proficiency)

Geographic Expertise:

- **Asia-Pacific**: 6.5 years in India with an extensive regional network
- **Africa**: Deep expertise in the common law legal system
- **Europe**: Research experience at leading European institutions and expertise in the civil law legal system