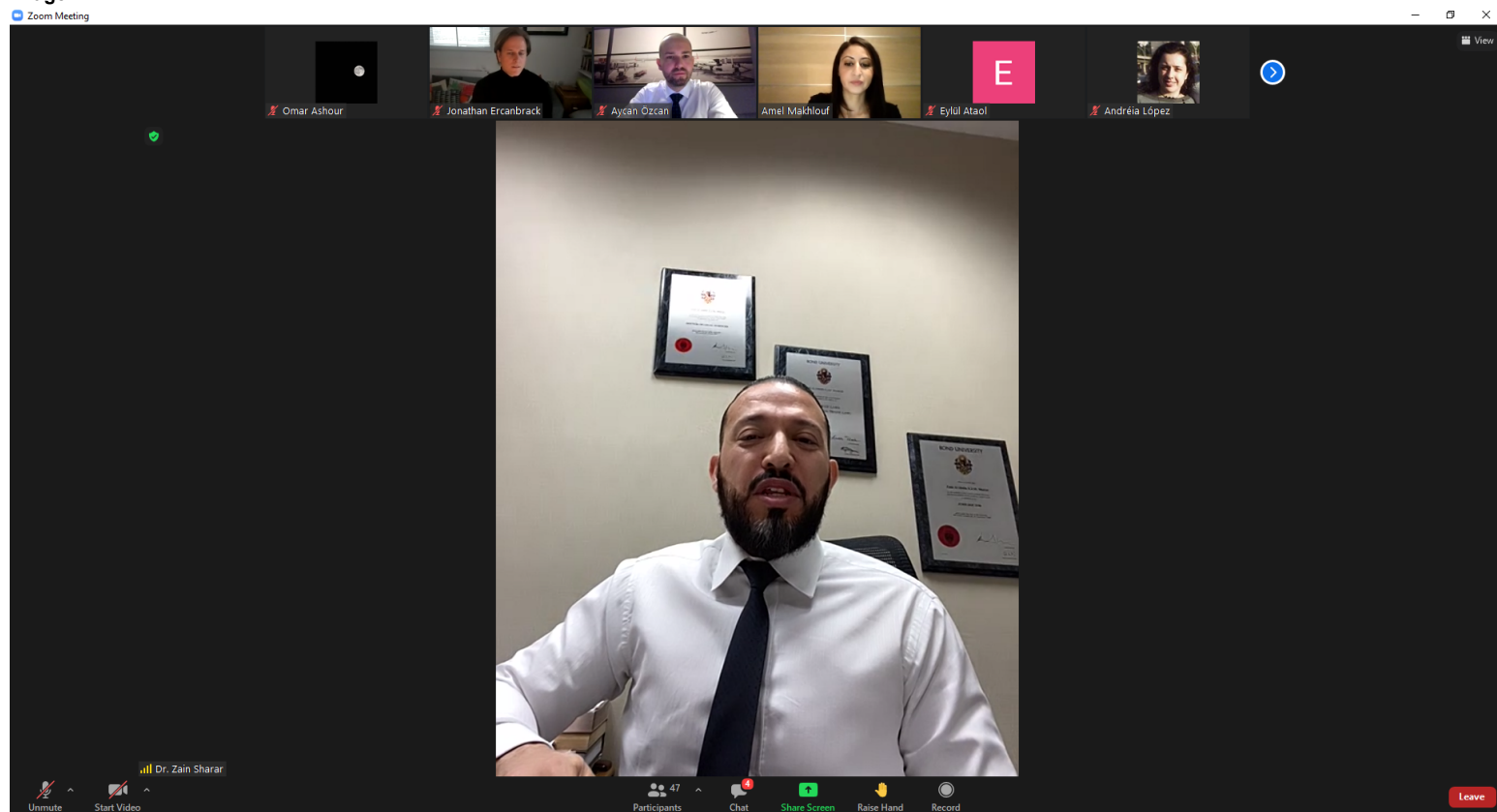


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## Qatar International Court co-hosts webinar on Alternative Dispute Resolution in Islamic and Middle Eastern Law

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**Abstract:** The Qatar International Court and Dispute Resolution Centre (QICDRC), in cooperation with SOAS University of London, delivered an interactive webinar session on alternative dispute resolution (ADR) in Islamic and Middle Eastern law Thursday 8th of April 2021.

Moderated by Dr. Jonathan Ercanbrack, Chair of the Centre of Islamic and Middle Eastern Law and Senior Lecturer in Transnational Financial Law at SOAS, the webinar introduced legal professionals in Qatar and beyond to practical insights on the arbitration practice in Qatar and Turkey, offering an in-depth look into the latest arbitration trends and controversies in the region. The session included a lively Q&A and general discussion from attendees, who joined virtually from across the world.

Distinguished speakers included Dr. Zain Al Abdin Sharar, Senior Legal Counsel at QICDRC's CEO Office, who discussed the challenges and opportunities of arbitration in Qatar. Dr. Amel Makhoulouf, MCI Arb, Lecturer in Law and Research Associate at SOAS, spoke about the use of alternative dispute resolution in Islamic law; while Att Turgut Aycah Özcan, Head of International Arbitration Practice at LEXIST Law Firm, Istanbul, tackled arbitration practice in Turkey as a bridge between Asia and Europe.

Dr. Sharar commented on the event: "We are pleased to bring together arbitration and dispute resolution practitioners, arbitrators, counsel, academics and professionals in Qatar and beyond. Through dialogue and practical insights, legal practitioners can grow their understanding of a specialised aspect of alternative dispute resolution that is highly relevant to our region."

Speaking on the benefits of the collaboration between SOAS and the Qatar International Court, Dr. Ercanbrack said: "We are pleased to cooperate with a leading international Court such as QICDRC to deliver unique perspectives and questions on dispute resolution in the region through a panel of international experts. We look forward to further cooperate with QICDRC in the future to benefit our legal community and spread the awareness about arbitration practices in the Islamic and Middle Eastern countries."