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Foreword

Assalāmu ‘alaikum Wbt and warm greetings to all.

It is with great pleasure that I present Volume 2 of the Proceedings of the 9th International Conference on Law and Society (ICLAS IX). Following the publication of Volume 1, this volume continues the scholarly conversations initiated through ICLAS IX and further reflects the diversity of perspectives, legal traditions and contemporary concerns that shaped this year's conference.

Guided by the overarching theme, “Navigating Justice in the AI-Driven Society through Harmonisation of Laws,” ICLAS IX provides an important platform for scholars, researchers and practitioners to examine the changing relationship between law and society. While the emergence of artificial intelligence presents significant legal and regulatory questions, the pursuit of justice in contemporary society extends beyond technological developments alone. It requires continued reflection on legal institutions, governance, rights, responsibilities, social values and the interaction between different legal and normative frameworks.

This volume brings together contributions addressing a broad range of legal and societal issues from different jurisdictions and areas of scholarship. The diversity of these contributions demonstrates that contemporary legal challenges cannot always be understood through a single disciplinary or jurisdictional perspective. Instead, they benefit from dialogue across legal traditions, academic disciplines and institutional experiences. Such engagement is particularly important in an increasingly interconnected world, where developments in one jurisdiction may have implications beyond its own legal and geographical boundaries.

The contributions contained in this volume also highlight the continuing importance of harmonisation as a process of dialogue, accommodation and cooperation. Legal harmonisation does not necessarily require the elimination of differences between legal systems. Rather, it may provide opportunities for different systems to identify areas of common understanding while maintaining their respective historical, cultural, social and normative foundations. In this regard, scholarly engagement can contribute meaningfully to the development of legal responses that are both principled and responsive to changing societal needs.

The proceedings represent the intellectual contributions of participants from diverse institutions and backgrounds. Each contribution reflects the authors' engagement with

particular legal questions, emerging challenges and possible approaches within their respective fields. Collectively, they demonstrate the continuing relevance of law as an instrument for addressing social transformation and as a means of maintaining justice, accountability and social order amid rapid change.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to all those who have contributed to the successful organisation of ICLAS IX and the preparation of these proceedings. My gratitude goes to the members of the Organising Committee, keynote and plenary speakers, session chairs, authors, reviewers, co-organisers, host institutions, collaborators, partners and the wider academic community whose support and commitment have made this scholarly endeavour possible.

I hope that Volume 2 will complement the discussions presented in Volume 1 and provide readers with further insights into the complex relationship between law, society and emerging challenges. May the contributions in these proceedings encourage continued scholarly dialogue, comparative research and meaningful collaboration among academics and practitioners across jurisdictions.

Ultimately, the value of a conference lies not only in the discussions that take place during its sessions, but also in the ideas that continue to develop afterwards. It is my sincere hope that these proceedings will contribute to that continuing conversation and inspire further efforts towards developing legal frameworks that are responsive, inclusive and capable of advancing justice in an ever-changing society.

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