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The development of a law school in the Gulf

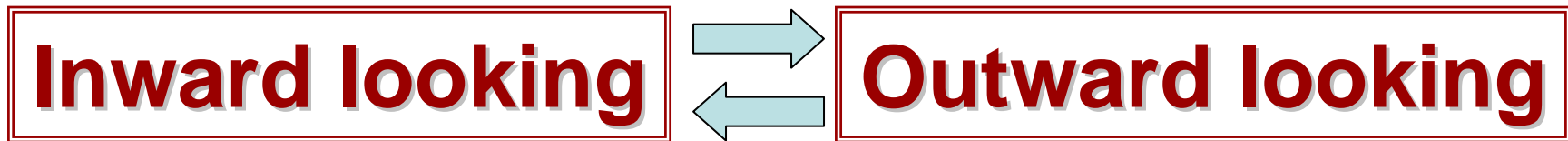


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ISSUES WE ADDRESSED



The deficient state of the School of Law

Local defects

Regional defects

Global defects

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OUR PRESCRIPTION

- ⇒ **Not just throwing money at the problem**
- ⇒ **Not just 'our' model of law school**
- ⇒ **Undergraduate programme: Bi-lingual; multi-jural; skills, equal opportunities**
- ⇒ **Post-graduate: specialist and research skills**
- ⇒ **Development of a research culture**
- ⇒ **Internationalization agenda**
- ⇒ **Appointments of faculty**
- ⇒ **Quality assurance**

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LESSONS LEARNT

- ⇒ **Differing expectations: Academic leadership; the value and nature of postgraduate research and teaching; relations with the legal professions**
- ⇒ **Universal assumptions: importance of research outputs; skills training; law school international standing**

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KILL OR CURE?

- ⇒ **Major obstacles: Low prestige of law; gender inequality; English language; visitors; cultural and political will**
- ⇒ **Cultural and political imperialism? But inaction means: legal brain drain; atrophy in legal and constitutional vitality**