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Preparations are well underway at Warwick Law School for the upcoming 2015 Annual Conference; 'Socio-legal in culture: the culture of socio-legal'.

The call for papers has now closed and we have had an incredible response of over 400 papers submitted through the EasyChair system. If you would like to present your research at the conference but missed the call for papers, the call for posters remains open until Friday 6 March 2014.

We are offering a very full programme this year with over 40 different streams and themes. In plenary sessions we will discuss the nature of socio-legal research and the relationship between drama and socio-legal approaches. The conference will also feature a number of author-meets-reader sessions with winners of the SLSA prizes. Moreover, the conference coincides with the 50th anniversary of the University of Warwick and we hope that it will be a celebration of the Warwick Law School tradition of examining law in its political, social, economic and cultural context.

The conference will take place on our leafy landscaped campus in the heart of the Warwickshire countryside. Accommodation is provided on site so delegates will have the opportunity to explore the outdoor Warwick sculpture trail, part of the university's significant collection of contemporary art, as well as the wide range of museums, galleries and unique market towns in the surrounding area. As part of the conference activities you will be able to take part in a trip to Coventry Transport Museum or visit the majestic ruins of Kenilworth Castle with its beautiful Elizabethan garden. All delegates will have full use of campus sports facilities including a fully equipped gymnasium, swimming pool and state-of-the-art climbing wall.

An on-site family room is available for parents with young children. This provides a space for parents and children to play, as well as providing breast-feeding and baby-changing facilities. Children over five years old can take part in activities provided by the university's holiday scheme. Places on the holiday scheme can be reserved online when booking the conference. A range of accommodation is available to suit all needs. Please contact [e slsa@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:slsa@warwick.ac.uk) if you have particular accommodation preferences and we will refer you to suitable off-campus accommodation.

The campus is just four miles from Coventry train station. Frequent train services run from London Euston which is only one hour away. For those travelling from further afield,

Birmingham International Airport is 10 minutes from Coventry station by rail, with trains every 10 minutes.

Bookings are now open so don't forget to secure your place. Note that standard rate booking closes on 13 March 2015. We look forward to seeing you in March.

For online booking and general information, please visit the conference website [w www.warwick.ac.uk/slsa](http://www.warwick.ac.uk/slsa). For further queries, please contact Maebh Harding or Jonathan Garton by email at [e slsa@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:slsa@warwick.ac.uk). Use #slsa2015 for tweets about the conference.

Maebh Harding

SLSA ANNUAL PRIZES

Each year the SLSA awards four annual prizes: its longstanding Hart Socio-Legal Book Prize, the Prize for Early Career Academics and the Socio-Legal Article Prize; and, new this year, the Socio-Legal Theory and History Prize.

The SLSA Executive Committee is delighted to announce the 2015 winners:

- **Hart Socio-Legal Book Prize**
Alan Paterson (2013) *Final Judgment: The last Law Lords and the Supreme Court*, Hart
- **Prize for Early Career Academics** (awarded jointly this year)
Debbie Becher (2014) *Private Property and Public Power: Eminent domain in Philadelphia*, OUP
Kirsten McCannachie (2014) *Governing Refugees: Justice, order and legal pluralism*, Routledge
- **Socio-Legal Article Prize**
Amanda Perry-Kessaris (2014) 'The case for a visualised economic sociology of legal development' 67 *Current Legal Problems* 169
- **Socio-Legal Theory and History Prize**
Henry Yeomans (2014) *Alcohol and Moral Regulation: Public attitudes, spirited measures and Victorian hangovers*, Policy Press

Many congratulations to the winners, all of whom will be attending the SLSA annual conference where they will be taking part in author-meets-reader sessions. Check the conference programme for details.

The newsletter needs you

News and feature articles are always needed for the newsletter, plus information about books, journals and events. The next deadline is 18 May 2015.

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The newsletter is also sponsored by the *Journal of Law and Society*.



Annual general meeting

The SLSA's annual general meeting (AGM) will take place on **1 April 2015** at the University of Warwick during the Annual Conference. If you would like to suggest an agenda item for the AGM please send details to SLSA secretary Chris Ashford [e chris.ashford@northumbria.ac.uk](mailto:chris.ashford@northumbria.ac.uk) by **13 March 2015**. NB copies of the minutes of last year's AGM will be included in this year's conference packs (and they are also downloadable from the Exec page of the SLSA website).

Up to four vacancies on the Exec will arise at the AGM. If you are interested in being nominated or nominating a colleague then it is important that you attend the AGM where nominations will be taken and a secret ballot held if nominations exceed the number of seats available. The SLSA Constitution provides for the position of 'Scottish representative' on the Exec so we particularly encourage Scottish members to consider nominating as we currently have no members from Scottish universities.

The following members have recently stood down from the Exec or will be standing down at the AGM. We would like to thank all of them for the many hours they have given to SLSA business over recent years: Chris Ashford (SLSA secretary), Anne Barlow (vice chair), Sarah Christie (2014 conference organiser), Marian Duggan (recruitment secretary), Gita Gill and Antonia Layard (*Journal of Law and Society* representative).

SLSA stream and theme webpages

Last spring, after conducting a survey with convenors, we announced a plan to give streams and themes a life beyond the annual conference.

In January 2015, a new facility for stream and theme convenors was launched on the SLSA website. As part of our ongoing work to improve the website and its usefulness to members, a new area has been set up in which convenors can edit a dedicated page for their stream or theme, amending and updating as and when they need to. Several convenors have already been given access and begun work on their pages. Editing the pages is a simple matter and the webmaster has prepared a set of easy-to-follow instructions and is always happy to answer queries.

You can access the new webpages at [w www.slsa.ac.uk/index.php/streams-and-themes](http://www.slsa.ac.uk/index.php/streams-and-themes). If you are a convenor and you haven't already done so, you can contact SLSA webmaster Jed Meers to request a page for your stream or theme [e jed.meers@york.ac.uk](mailto:jed.meers@york.ac.uk).

We are also in the process of setting up an SLSA blog. This may well be live by the time the newsletter is published but, if not, do look out for news in the weekly ebulletin.

Website and social media

The SLSA website contains comprehensive information about the SLSA and is also home to the SLSA online directory. The news section is updated weekly and these updates are circulated to members via a weekly ebulletin. To request the inclusion of a news item and for any queries, contact Marie Selwood [e marieselwood@btinternet.com](mailto:marieselwood@btinternet.com).

You can also follow the SLSA on social media. The SLSA's social media officer is Jen Hendry [e j.hendry@leeds.ac.uk](mailto:j.hendry@leeds.ac.uk).

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New funding schemes

The SLSA will shortly be introducing two new funding schemes.

● SLSA Research Methods Training Bursaries

The aim of this scheme is to support training in social science research methods and the use of data analysis software (eg SPSS and NVivo) for SLSA members who do not possess but wish to acquire these skills and do not have access to sources of institutional support to do so. The SLSA will provide bursaries to cover the cost of attendance at a relevant training course offered by an established provider. Eligible applicants will be members of the SLSA who are early or mid-career researchers and not currently undertaking a PhD.

● The SLSA Mentorship Scheme

The aim of this scheme is to support travel and accommodation for SLSA members who wish to visit and spend up to a week working with a chosen mentor. Applicants must be paid-up members of the SLSA who are not currently undertaking a PhD.

Both schemes will receive applications on a rolling basis rather than having a specific annual deadline. Members will be notified in the weekly ebulletin when the new schemes are open for applications.

We also draw members' attention to the existence of training bursaries of up to £1000, funded by the ESRC and administered by the National Centre for Research Methods, which are open generally to researchers in the social sciences. Details are available at [w www.ncrm.ac.uk/TandE/bursary](http://www.ncrm.ac.uk/TandE/bursary).

Buddy up at SLSA 2015

Following last year's successful pilot, a buddy-up scheme is again being offered at this year's SLSA conference under which postgraduate students are given the opportunity to meet with a more senior academic (who will also be attending). This scheme aims to enable students both to network and to discuss their research with senior academics within their field.

The scheme operates as follows. The student is supplied with contact details of the academic and then makes contact with them so as to arrange a meeting within an informal environment, either while in Warwick or afterwards. This provides the ideal opportunity, outside of the sometimes intimidating conference setting, for postgraduates to make a connection with a scholar with whom they wish to talk through their ideas. Those students interested in taking part in the scheme should email the SLSA postgraduate representative, Charlotte Bendall, at [e clb212@bham.ac.uk](mailto:clb212@bham.ac.uk) with a short (100-word) summary of their research and up to three suggested academics by **13 March 2015**. It should be noted that, while we will try to accommodate your preferences, academics will generally only be assigned one student each.

To find out more about how the scheme worked in its first year, read the reports from two student members who took part in the pilot. See *SLN* 73:4.

Charlotte Bendall

SLSA Guidance on Open Access

The SLSA Guidance on Open Access (OA) is available on the SLSA website along with SLSA chair Rosemary Hunter's presentation on OA from our 2014 conference: [w www.slsa.ac.uk/index.php/open-access#SLSA](http://www.slsa.ac.uk/index.php/open-access#SLSA). If you would like a member of the SLSA's OA sub-committee to visit your institution to give a presentation on OA, please contact Rosemary Hunter [e rosemary.hunter@qmul.ac.uk](mailto:rosemary.hunter@qmul.ac.uk).

SLSA GRANTS 2015

The SLSA Grant Scheme – launched in 1999 and making the first awards in 2000 – has grown steadily over its 15-year duration and has now provided around £120,000 for socio-legal research. We are delighted to announce this year's awards for research and fieldwork grants.

Research grants

- Alysia Blackham, Cambridge University, £2000 – Managing without a retirement age in universities: a comparative picture
- Sandra Brunnegger, Cambridge University, £2000 – Transitional justice in Tolima, Columbia
- Egle Dagilyte, Buckinghamshire New University, £1724 – Access to welfare benefits for EU/European Economic Area Roma migrants in the UK after the 2014 benefit reforms
- Luke Moffett, Queen's University Belfast, £1884 – Victim personal statements in Northern Ireland: a new voice for crime victims in sentencing?
- Suzanne Ost, Lancaster University, £831.71 – The impact of the criminal justice system on the practice of midwives, obstetricians and gynaecologists: improving patient safety or encouraging defensive practice?
- Sinéad Ring, Kent University, £1765.80 – Wilful ignorance? Exploring the Irish state's failure to protect children from sexual abuse in the period 1950–1990

- Ashley Savage, Northumbria University, £1292 – Sharing information about unsafe transportation: mapping international networks
- Richard Young, Birmingham University, £1604.20 – Judicial review in the lower criminal courts: a workgroup analysis

Fieldwork grants

- Rimona Afana, Ulster University, £1900 – Coupling the disparate: the justice-reconciliation nexus in Israel and Palestine and its integration in civil society peacebuilding
- Philip Schulz, Ulster University, £2000 – Exploring legal and transitional justice needs and preferences of male victims of conflict-related sexual and gender-based violence
- Stephanie Chaban, Ulster University, £1917 – Women's organisations and the emergence of domestic violence legislation in the Middle East/North-Africa region: an examination of Egypt and Lebanon
- Ben Warwick, Durham University, £1870 – Practical approaches to non-retrogression in socio-economic rights

All this year's grantholders will be providing summaries of their research projects for the summer newsletter.

Full details of the scheme can be found at www.slsa.ac.uk/index.php/prizes-grants-and-seminars/small-grants.

EXPLORING THE COMPARATIVE IN SOCIO-LEGAL STUDIES

The SLSA-sponsored conference on 'Exploring the comparative in socio-legal studies' held from 15–16 December 2015 at the Centre for Socio-Legal Studies in Oxford brought together international representatives of the socio-legal community. Sixty delegates attended the conference and there was a good mix of students, junior academics and more senior colleagues making a fruitful ground for debate.

The conference was opened with two keynote speeches: David Nelken's contribution was entitled 'From pains-taking

comparisons to pain-giving comparisons'; and Fernanda Pirie spoke on 'Comparison in the anthropology and history of law'. The parallel sessions allowed a broad coverage of exploring the comparative: theoretical and analytical perspectives; limits to comparison; regional comparisons (Europe, Asia and the UK); and actors and interpretations of comparative in socio-legal studies. Speakers and delegates came from across the UK and from abroad, including from Germany, The Netherlands, France and Australia.

The conference showcased the variety of comparative approaches in socio-legal studies – opportunities and challenges being reflected through a variety of methods of comparative research.

More information about this event, including the programme and all the abstracts, are available at www.csls.ox.ac.uk/Exploringthecomparativeinsocio-legalstudies.php.

The conference did not conclude with an answer to the many questions posed around what we mean by comparative, rather it reflected the current debate in the socio-legal community. It was very good to hear and discuss scholars' varying approaches to, and understandings of, the comparative which sparked interesting debates and inquiries.

The conference concluded with a joint panel session which gave the audience a chance to reflect on both qualitative and quantitative approaches, their benefits and pitfalls.

The organisers are considering a publication from the event, as a collection of some of the papers.

Naomi Creutzfeldt

SLSA membership benefits

Benefits of SLSA membership include:

- three 16-page newsletters per year;
 - personal profile in the SLSA online directory;
 - discounted SLSA conference fees;
 - weekly ebulletin;
 - eligibility for grants schemes, seminar competition, prizes, training bursaries and mentorship scheme;
 - members' priority in newsletter publications pages;
 - discounted student membership (with first year free);
 - free annual postgraduate conference;
 - student bursaries for SLSA annual conference;
 - discounts on subscriptions to a selection of law journals;
 - 20 per cent discount on Ashgate, Hart, Palgrave Macmillan and Routledge books bought online;
 - special membership category for retired members
- ... and much more. Visit www.slsa.ac.uk for details.

SLSA archive at IALS

Since the SLSA was founded in 1990, SLSA Executive Committee papers have been stored at the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies (IALS). Now the papers are to be professionally catalogued to make them accessible to researchers.

In addition, the IALS invited an Exec member to represent the SLSA on its Advisory Council. This role has been taken on by Michael Thomson. <http://ials.sas.ac.uk>

SLSA POSTGRADUATE CONFERENCE 2015

8–9 January 2015, Birmingham Law School

Jaime Lindsey, a PhD candidate at the University of Birmingham, attended this year's SLSA postgraduate conference. She reports on a worthwhile two days.

In early January 2015 I attended the annual SLSA postgraduate conference, this year held at the institution at which I study, the University of Birmingham. The conference was attended by 59 students representing a wide range of interests and universities from across the UK and beyond.

This well-attended event provided an opportunity for postgraduate research students from a range of backgrounds to meet and to learn from the experienced academics who presented at the immensely helpful and informative sessions that ran over the two days. The conference was organised by Rosie Harding with support from prominent socio-legal academics including Tony Bradney, Dave Cowan, Fiona Cownie, Marie Fox, Rosemary Hunter, Linda Mulcahy, Erika Rackley and Sally Wheeler in the delivery of the individual sessions.

During each session the speakers provided practical advice and guidance covering many of the issues that I'm sure most new researchers are worrying about (for me as a first-year PhD student anyway!). The sessions included: giving a conference paper; getting published; academic job-hunting; getting through your viva; managing your supervisor; research ethics and, new this year, a session on conference posters which certainly got our creative sides going! The conference poster being a relatively new development in the legal academic field meant that many students were previously unfamiliar with how posters actually looked and how their academic research might translate into poster form. Kirsty Moreton (University of Birmingham) and David Barrett (University of Bristol) presented their own winning conference posters to us, which were most impressive, and they encouraged us as we worked together in groups to design our own posters about conference posters! Seeing prize-winning posters and receiving the helpful advice from Rosie Harding and Erika Rackley during the session really inspired many of us to think about submitting a conference poster ourselves and to consider using it as a tool for facilitating discussion at a conference in the future.

Not only did the conference provide an informative insight to the world of legal academia but also the SLSA kindly put on a social event at the end of day one which was attended by almost all of the students and academics. The meal was held at Browns restaurant in Birmingham city centre and enabled everyone to relax and enjoy themselves in an informal setting.

I am delighted that I chose the SLSA as my first conference experience and I met many people whom I hope to see at future SLSA conferences and events. Thank you to all of those involved in organising and attending the conference for making it such a positive first experience for so many people.
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people . . .

DR COLIN KING has moved to Sussex Law School as senior lecturer in law. Colin has also been appointed academic fellow at the Honourable Society of the Inner Temple.

DR JACKIE GULLAND has been appointed as a lecturer in social work at the University of Edinburgh. e jackie.gulland@ed.ac.uk

PROFESSOR JOAN HUNT, honorary professor at Cardiff Law School, was awarded an OBE in the January 2015 New Year's Honours list for services to children.

Law, policy and governance of indigenous land rights in development projects: a call for research contacts

My PhD examines how indigenous rights to land can be better safeguarded within the context of development projects. I would very much appreciate the help of SLSA colleagues in extending details of any contacts who might be willing to be interviewed. Here are a few words on my research and the type of interviewees I require. To thank you for your assistance I can offer 'rewards' in the form of noting your help in any interim publications, sharing the research results with you and running a guest lecture for your students.

The project is impact-focused. Outputs are:

- practical advice to legal advocates, government entities and corporate stakeholders on the use and effects of existing law, policy and governance of indigenous land frameworks;
- new methodological emphasis on the importance of project design, choice of concept and key decision-making as tools for change and rapid rights realisation;
- a platform for promoting multi-stakeholder dialogue on this important issue;
- an opportunity for stakeholders with diverging interests to reflect on the use and effects of current legal, policy and governance frameworks within their operations and to discuss how informed and balanced changes can be made into a project framework to equitably incorporate indigenous land interests;
- promotion of commercial transparency and the positive impacts of this attitude.

In these ways the study seeks to promote practical changes in legal, policy and governance frameworks aimed at placing indigenous land interests within the centre (rather than the periphery) of project decision-making and operations.

I have had fruitful initial discussions with global mining and metals company Rio Tinto which is keen to participate by providing access to contractual information on its land arrangements with Aboriginal groups in the Pilbara iron ore mine in Australia. The company is offering interviews with employees and external consultants involved in the implementation of land access contracts and the operation of applicable native title law and policy. Rio's involvement is a fantastic opportunity, allowing me to develop my ideas within a project. I would also like to analyse the use and impact of international resettlement policy in a copper and gold mine in Mongolia.

I would appreciate any contacts that colleagues may be able to provide through their own networks. Possible participants include: corporate entities involved in mining, oil, gas and infrastructure projects; legal experts; government representatives involved in development and land issues; contacts within international financial institutions such as the International Finance Corporation and the African Development Bank; non-governmental organisations; and indigenous group representatives. I am very open to other suggestions.

Thank you for reading and I look forward to hearing from you! e bk82@gre.ac.uk

Kinnari Bhatt, University of Greenwich

@SLSA_UK prize

As we go to press, the SLSA has 1349 Twitter followers. The 1500th person to sign up to follow us will receive a prize of a book of their choice from Palgrave Macmillan's Socio-Legal Studies series: see the website for all 11 titles published so far w www.palgrave.com/series/palgrave-macmillan-socio-legal-studies/PMSLS.

TAKING LEGAL ENQUIRY BEYOND ACADEME

Dermot Feenan, founder of Café Jurist, a series of six café-style evening presentations and follow-up discussions introduced in 2014–2015, outlines its aims and significance for law.

Café Jurist was created to bring discussion of important legal and political issues into a community friendly and egalitarian environment.

Forthcoming talks include Professor Jonathan Wolff on social inequality and justice and Professor Susan Vinnicombe on the place of law and policy in the gender composition of boards.

Café Jurist's physical location, in Le Café Parisien, Portsmouth, is outside the university – in part to redress what Docherty (2011) says is 'the long legacy in which the University is constructed as a site of privilege, and especially of class privilege' – though this legacy's potency varies across the tertiary sector. Our venue – a low-lit, ordinary city café – serves also as counterpoint to the increasingly corporate aesthetic of academe, which reinforces the logic of expertise within a knowledge economy.

Dave Cowan, our first speaker, shared his motivation: 'I thought that the reach of ideas beyond the academy was potentially really valuable.'

Inspired by the coffee-house culture of the Enlightenment, Café Jurist seeks to enrich through ideas and open discussion. A recent talk, by barrister Barbara Hewson on sexual offences law, took place in a context in which free speech seemed increasingly under threat. She was vilified for comments in 2013 on prosecution of sexual offences, with calls for 'no platform'. Shortly before her talk at Café Jurist, an Oxbridge college cancelled a debate on abortion amidst claims of censorship. We proceeded. Hewson made a number of insightful comments, including the observation – keenly understood by socio-legal scholars – of the constitutive role of populist language and of political pressures informing prosecutions.

A key feature of Café Jurist is that it is open to all without distinction based on social status and background. It attracts – alongside students and academic staff – solicitors, advice workers, staff in local government and members of the public.

We do not charge for admission. The Browne report (2010) undermined the public value of university education in the UK by treating it as a commodity and students as consumers. The individualist and market ideology underpinning this change is supposedly mediated by the need for 'fair access'. But the Sutton Trust says that young people from non-privileged homes in the UK are less likely to go to university than those from better-off homes. Café Jurist by contrast eschews ability to pay. A cooperative model, between our host and a donor law firm, Coffin Mew, ensures that costs are distributed rather than set as a fee for learning. Organisation is shared among a team of five academic staff.

Café Jurist reorients the value and economic calculus for learning: as public good. As Collini (2012) observed after the Browne report: 'rather than saying that extending human understanding is valuable because it provides the means to prosperity we should surely say that one of the reasons prosperity is valuable is because it provides the wherewithal to extend human understanding'.

That understanding includes, in Café Jurist, the socio-political dimensions of law. Cowan's talk on housing justice identified the 'egregious unfairness' of the 'bedroom tax', which, he said, 'is designed to penalise those who are

underoccupying social and private housing through social security "incentives"'.

Thornton (2012) warns of a trend in neoliberalism whereby 'social, critical and contextual knowledge is sloughed off in favour of the technocratic and instrumental'. Café Jurist challenges ostensibly apolitical orthodoxies that serve such ends – evident, for instance, in the Legal Education and Training Review (2013). Rather, we provide an opportunity to alter the normative 'limitations of legal language for apprehending social phenomena' (Mertz, 2007).

In keeping with the commitment to public good, the talks are being filmed, to be shared online as a record and for posterity; free and worldwide. [e dermot.feenan@port.ac.uk](mailto:dermot.feenan@port.ac.uk)

The views expressed here do not necessarily represent institutional views within the University of Portsmouth.

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HEFCE to publish database of REF impact case studies

As part of the 2014 exercise, UK higher education institutions submitted 6975 impact case studies demonstrating the impact of their research on wider society. HEFCE and its partners have commissioned Digital Science to produce a freely available database of these impact case studies. These case studies will provide a unique and invaluable source of information on the impact of UK research. Further details: [w www.hefce.ac.uk/whatwedo/rsrch/researchassessment/analysis](http://www.hefce.ac.uk/whatwedo/rsrch/researchassessment/analysis).

JAC has new website and IT system

The Judicial Appointments Commission (JAC) has a new website and IT system to make it quicker and simpler for candidates to apply for judicial roles using online application forms. The new system also includes an online process for references. [w http://jac.judiciary.gov.uk](http://jac.judiciary.gov.uk)

Law Commission news

The Law Commission is currently inviting submissions for its consultation on electoral law that opened in December. Views are sought on how to modernise and rationalise the law to achieve consistency across all types of elections. Closing date: **31 March 2015**. See [w http://lawcommission.justice.gov.uk/consultations/electoral-law.htm](http://lawcommission.justice.gov.uk/consultations/electoral-law.htm).

On 26 January 2015, the Law Commission also launched a major project on sentencing procedure. Over the next 18 months it will be publishing a series of consultative documents and a report, resulting in a draft Bill in summer 2016. Lord Justice Treacy, chair of the Sentencing Council said: 'A sentencing code, containing a single comprehensive statement of the procedure to be followed after an offender's conviction, would greatly increase the accessibility and clarity of the law in this area.' See: [w http://lawcommission.justice.gov.uk/areas/sentencing-procedure.htm](http://lawcommission.justice.gov.uk/areas/sentencing-procedure.htm).

Professor Sandra Burman

The socio-legal community will be saddened to learn of Sandra's death in Cape Town on 28 January 2015, writes Mavis Maclean.

Sandra was a founder member of the Oxford Centre for Socio-Legal Studies, where she worked on the first large empirical project looking at compensation and support for victims of illness or injury, publishing results of a pilot study as early as 1977 with Hazel Genn,¹ long before the final report came out in 1984.²

She was an energetic and congenial colleague, much missed when she returned to South Africa to work on the development of social-legal studies there, but her regular summer visits to Oxford when she would tell us about developments back home and enlist our support continued for many years.

She set herself demanding goals in South Africa and did not spare herself in working towards them whatever the obstacles. She will be remembered with affection and respect as a fine scholar and a woman of conviction and integrity.

Professor Hugh Corder of the Faculty of Law, University of Cape Town, has written a warm tribute. He describes how she took her BA at Cape Town in 1962 and her LLB in 1964, followed by her PhD in Oxford in 1974 on the change in African customary law and society in late nineteenth-century Africa. She returned to Cape Town in the early 1980s where she worked with the Centre for Conflict Resolution, led by Professor H W van der Merwe.³

Her wide research interests included family law, in particular the consequences of divorce and the history of illegitimacy in South Africa. She fought for the establishment of socio-legal studies in South Africa, but was perhaps ahead of her time and was unable, despite strong support from colleagues in the UK, to prevent the withdrawal of Human Sciences Research Council funding from her Centre for Socio-Legal Research on her retirement.

She coped courageously with health problems, so successfully that her early death has come as a great shock to those who knew her. As Hugh Corder says: 'She will live on in the work and lives of so many, research assistants and colleagues.'

1 S B Burman, H G Genn and J Lyons (1977) 'Pilot study of the use of legal services by victims of accidents in the home' 40 *MLR* 47

2 D Harris et al (1984) *Compensation and Support for Illness and Injury*, OUP

3 www.uct.ac.za/dailynews/?id=8962



LGBTI human rights in the Commonwealth

Videos of the 'LGBTI Human rights in the Commonwealth' international conference are now available online as a resource for education and activism. The conference at Glasgow University on Mandela Day, 18 July 2014, preceded the Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games. Six videos are available on the Glasgow Human Rights Network website www.gla.ac.uk/research/az/glasgowhumanrightsnetwork/lgbtihrc/conferencevideos.

This conference was a collaboration between Glasgow Human Rights Network, Equality Network, Kaleidoscope Trust and Pride Glasgow, with a steering group including international LGBTI activists. The opening keynote addresses were by Fiona Hyslop MSP, Scottish Government cabinet secretary for culture and external affairs; Dr Frank Mugisha, executive director, Sexual Minorities Uganda; and Dr Purna Sen, former head of human rights at the Commonwealth Secretariat and chair of Kaleidoscope Trust. Other speakers included: Nigerian activist Bisi Alimi; Mayur Suresh who has legally represented Voices Against 377 in India; Peter Tatchell; and Patrick Harvie MSP.

The conference produced the LGBTI Human Rights in the Commonwealth Conference Statement which can be read on the main conference website, which also has the programme, relevant links and photos from the event. www.gla.ac.uk/research/az/glasgowhumanrightsnetwork/lgbtihrc. For further information, please contact Dr Matthew Waites [e matthew.waites@glasgow.ac.uk](mailto:matthew.waites@glasgow.ac.uk).

Glasgow Human Rights Network

The Glasgow Human Rights Network aims to bring together researchers, practitioners, members of civil society organisations and policymakers who address human rights issues.

The University of Glasgow has a wide range of expertise on a variety of human rights issues and conducts both research and teaching in this area. The City of Glasgow also has many non-governmental organisations involved in human rights issues and Scotland constitutes a unique setting for addressing human rights issues within the context of devolution. The aims of the network are: to be an internationally recognised network for human rights; to facilitate interdisciplinary research collaboration; to support interdisciplinary teaching in human rights, particularly at the postgraduate level; to support knowledge exchange between practitioners and researchers; and to provide a public forum for lectures, debates and other activities.

The network was a partner with Equality Network www.equality-network.org in the 'LGBTI human rights in the Commonwealth' conference described above.

Leverhulme doctoral programme in climate justice, Reading

The University of Reading has been awarded a £1m grant by the Leverhulme Trust to support a doctoral scholarships programme in 'Climate justice: ethics, politics, law'. The unique programme will produce a new generation of experts with knowledge of both the science and ethical issues of climate change, supporting 15 PhD students over three years in subjects spanning the social sciences, philosophy and physical sciences. This new cohort of scientifically literate academics, lawyers, policymakers and social scientists will be the first step in bridging the skills gap between the scientific and justice aspects of climate change. The closing date for applications is **27 March 2015**. Full details can be found at www.reading.ac.uk/gsc-climatejustice.aspx.

AHRC current funding opportunities

Research networking scheme

This scheme is intended to support forums for the discussion and exchange of ideas on a specified thematic area, issue or problem to facilitate interactions between researchers and stakeholders. This can be achieved through, for example, a short-term series of workshops, seminars, networking activities or other events in order to stimulate debate across boundaries (for example, disciplinary, conceptual, theoretical, methodological and/or international). Proposals should explore new areas, be multi-institutional and can include creative or innovative approaches or entrepreneurship. They must justify the approach taken and explain the novelty or added value for bringing participants together. Funding of up to £30,000 for up to two years is available. A highlight notice is currently in operation for this scheme encouraging applications that explore innovative areas of enquiry across the remits of the AHRC and other research councils. This scheme operates without a formal deadline but the highlight notice closes on **31 July 2015**.

Knowledge transfer partnerships

Knowledge transfer partnerships (KTPs) support UK businesses wishing to improve their competitiveness, productivity and performance by accessing the knowledge and expertise available within UK universities and colleges. The AHRC is one of a number of sponsors of this scheme and will support or co-sponsor projects that demonstrate and utilise knowledge, skills or technologies arising from all areas of arts and humanities research. These are three-way partnerships between an academic, a business partner (including private sector companies, charities and public sector organisations) and a recent graduate who is employed to work on the specific project relevant to the business partner. There are frequent closing dates throughout the year.

Leadership fellows

This is the former fellowships scheme, renamed in May 2014, and provides time for research leaders, or potential future research leaders, to undertake focused individual research alongside collaborative activities which have the potential to generate a transformative impact on their subject area and beyond. In addition to demonstrating support for high quality, world-leading research and associated outputs, proposals must include collaborative activities to support the development of the fellow's capacity for research leadership in the arts and humanities. Funding of between £50,000 and £250,000 is available over six to 18 months. There is a separate strand for early career researchers. The scheme does not operate under fixed deadlines.

For details of these and other AHRC initiatives, see www.ahrc.ac.uk/Funding-Opportunities/Pages.

British Academy/Leverhulme small research grants

Round two of this scheme – run jointly by the British Academy (BA) and Leverhulme Trust – is now open for applications for small grants of up to £10,000. Funds are available to facilitate initial project planning and development; to support the direct costs of research; and to enable the advancement of research through workshops or conferences, or visits by or to partner scholars. The closing date for this round is **6 May 2015** and results will be confirmed in July. Further details are available on the website at www.britac.ac.uk/funding/guide/srg.cfm. Applications should be made through the BA's e-GAP system <https://egap.britac.ac.uk>.

ESRC funding opportunities

Research grants

The ESRC research grants open call invites applications for research projects throughout the year. Awards, ranging from £200,000 to £2m, can be made to eligible institutions to enable individuals or research teams to undertake anything from a standard research project through to a large-scale survey and other infrastructure or methodological development.

Postgraduates

The ESRC also provides funding for 600 postgraduate students each year through its 21 doctoral training centres (DTCs). DTCs operate the scheme and closing dates vary but are usually between January and April each year. Full contact details for all DTCs can be downloaded from the website by following the postgraduate funding link from the funding page at www.esrc.ac.uk/funding-and-guidance/funding-opportunities.

The Leverhulme Trust

Research centres

Bids of up to £10m over 10 years are invited from UK universities for Leverhulme research centres. Applicants' proposals should be for research centres which will not only conduct research of outstanding originality but also aspire to achieve a significant step-change in scholarship. The aim is to encourage new approaches and 'disruptive thinking' which may establish or reshape a field of study and which will transform our understanding of a topic of significance to contemporary societies. To achieve this, the expectation is that centres will draw upon a range of disciplinary perspectives and expertise, perhaps bringing new disciplinary mixes to bear on an emerging topic of societal significance. They should have the capacity to become internationally recognised centres of research excellence in the chosen area. The trust has a reputation for encouraging research which is often fundamental or curiosity-driven, multidisciplinary and somewhat higher risk. Applicants are therefore invited to be bold in compiling their bids. The closing date for outline applications is **16 April 2015**. See <http://leverhulme.ac.uk/funding/LRC.cfm>.

Visiting professorships

The visiting professorship scheme aims to give UK institutions the opportunity to invite an eminent researcher from overseas for a period of between three and 12 months to enhance the knowledge and skills of academic staff and students within the host university. The over-riding criteria for selection are the academic standing and achievements of the visitor and the ability of the hosts to benefit from the visitor's skills and expertise. The closing date for this scheme is **7 May 2015**. See <http://leverhulme.ac.uk/funding/VP/VP.cfm>.

Major research fellowships

Major research fellowships are available in the humanities and social sciences and provide replacement teaching costs for up to three years. They allow the recipients – who are well-established and major researchers in their fields – to concentrate on a major piece of original research by funding the salary costs of an individual to take over the researcher's normal tasks. They are particularly aimed at those whose routine duties prevent them from completing their research project. The closing date for this scheme is also **7 May 2015**. See <http://leverhulme.ac.uk/funding/MRF/MRF.cfm>.

WHAT CAN GRAPHIC DESIGN REVEAL ABOUT LAW?

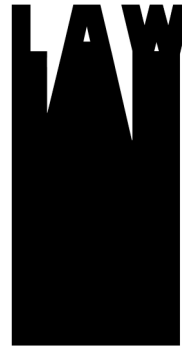
Amanda Perry-Kessaris describes her developing project in which she is looking at how ideas about law can be communicated in a visual way.

It is commonly reported that we remember just 10 per cent of what we hear and 20 per cent of what we read, but 80 per cent of what we see and do; and that over 80 per cent of the information we absorb is visual. Yet social science research is overwhelmingly conducted and communicated in words, spoken and written without regard to their visual dimension. How might legal research be visually communicated?

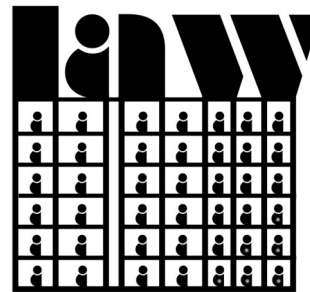
This is the question that led me to study for a postgraduate certificate in design for visual communication at the London College of Communication (funded by the University of Kent Learning and Development Fund and Kent Law School). It is also the question that framed my final project: to produce a series of designs, each expressing a perception or expectation of law, using only the word itself, with a view to provoking and facilitating conversations about design, about law and about law and design. Because communication is a multi-way process, in which meaning is imputed by senders and recipients, I wanted to make sure that I tested the designs out on academics and designers.

So, on 6 November 2014, I held an experimental online show via social media. The event attracted over 3500 page views in 24 hours.

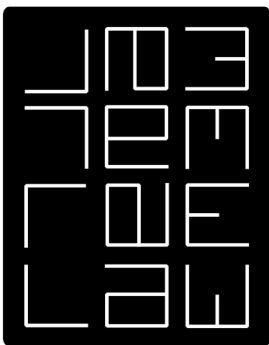
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Citadel



Iron cage



Cryptic



Trial and error



Subjective

Rights and Private Law (2014) Donal Nolan and Andrew Robertson (eds), Hart £35 682pp

In recent years a strand of thinking has developed in private law scholarship which has come to be known as 'rights' or 'rights-based' analysis. Rights analysis seeks to develop an understanding of private law obligations that is driven, primarily or exclusively, by the recognition of the rights we have against each other, rather than by other influences on private law, such as the pursuit of community welfare goals. This collection contains essays by leading private law scholars addressing fundamental questions about the role of rights in private law and includes contributions by advocates and critics of rights-based approaches.

The EU Unitary Patent System (2014) Justine Pila and Christopher Wadlow (eds), Hart £50 208pp

The purpose of this book is to explore the key substantive, methodological and institutional issues raised by the proposed unitary EU patent system, contained in EU Regulations 1257/2012 and 1260/2012, and the Unified Patent Agreement 2013. The originality of this work lies in its uniquely broad approach, taking six different (historical, constitutional, international, competition, institutional and forward-looking) perspectives on the proposed EU patent system. This means that the book offers a multi-authored and all-round appraisal of the proposed unitary system from experts in patent law, EU constitutional law, private international law and competition law, as well as leading figures from the worlds of legal practice, the bench and the European Patent Office. The unitary patent system raises issues of foundational importance in the fields of patent and intellectual property law, EU law and legal harmonisation, with which the book aims to engage.

The Sociology of the Professions: Lawyers, doctors and others (2014) Robert Dingwall and Philip Lewis, Quid Pro Books pb £19.99/ebook £6.99

This new edition of this renowned collection of studies of professional theory and work has a new foreword by Sida Liu. *The Sociology of the Professions* brings together enduring work by some of the most influential writers in the field. It is a deliberate attempt to extend the theoretical basis of the specialty by a comparative approach, using data and interviews on medicine and law. Recognised advances in understanding the professions resulted from the work of medical sociologists on the division of labour in health care and on the relation between health services and society. Their foundation, though, appeared uncertain in the absence of comparable material on other sectors. At the same time, the sociology of law has tended to neglect the study of the profession in favour of the analysis of statutes and their effects. But law is not just what is written in legislation; it is people's work: our understanding of the social organisation of legal services is incomplete without that perspective. Contributors include Paul Atkinson, Maureen Cain, John Eekelaar, Eliot Freidson, Marc Galanter, Gordon Horobin, Malcolm Johnson, Geoff Mungham, Topsy Murray, Alan Paterson, Dietrich Rueschemeyer, P M Strong and Philip Thomas

Democracy and Diversity in Financial Market Regulation (2015) Nicholas Dorn, Routledge £80 182pp

Financial markets have become acknowledged as a source of crisis and discussion of them has shifted from economics, through legal and regulatory studies, to politics. Events from 2008 onwards raise important, cross-disciplinary questions. Must financial markets drive states into political and existential crisis? Must public finances take over private losses? Must citizens endure austerity? This book argues that there is an alternative. If the financial system were less 'connected', contagion within the market would be reduced and crises would become more localised and intermittent, less global and pervasive. The question then becomes how to reduce connectedness within financial markets.

Critical Legal Perspectives on Global Governance: Liber amicorum David M Trubek (2015) Gráinne De Búrca, Claire Kilpatrick and Joanne Scott (eds) £55 482pp

This book of essays, written in honour of Professor David Trubek, explores many of the themes which he has himself written about, most notably the emergence of a global critical discourse on law and its application to global governance. As law becomes ever more implicated in global governance and as processes related to and driven by globalisation transform legal systems at all levels, it is important that critical traditions in law adapt to the changing legal order and problematique. The book brings together critical scholars from the EU and North and South America to explore the forms of law that are emerging in the global governance context, the processes and legal roles that have developed and the critical discourses that have been formed. By looking at critical appraisals of law at the global, regional and national level, the links among them and the normative implications of critical discourses, the book aims to show the complexity of law in today's world and demonstrate the value of critical legal thought for our understanding of issues of contemporary governance and regulation. Scholars from many countries contribute critical studies of global and regional institutions, explore the governance of labour and development policy in depth, and discuss the changing role of lawyers in global regulatory space.

Globalisation, Criminal Law and Criminal Justice: Theoretical, comparative and transnational perspectives (2014) Valsamis Mitsilegas, Peter Alldridge and Leonidas Cheliotis, Hart £65 330pp

The book consists of the keynote papers delivered at the 2012 WG Hart Workshop on 'Globalisation, criminal law and criminal justice' organised by the Queen Mary Criminal Justice Centre. From a cross-disciplinary perspective, the volume addresses the multifarious relationship between globalisation, on the one hand, and criminal law and justice, on the other. At a time when economic, political and cultural systems across different jurisdictions are increasingly becoming or are perceived to be parts of a coherent global whole, it appears that the study of crime and criminal justice policies and practices can no longer be restricted within the boundaries of individual nation states or even particular transnational regions. But in which specific fields, to what extent, and in what ways does globalisation influence crime and criminal justice in disparate jurisdictions? Which are the factors that facilitate or prevent such influence at a domestic and/or regional level? And how does or should scholarly inquiry explore these themes?

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Transitional Criminal Justice in Post-Dictatorial and Post-Conflict Societies (2015) Agata Fijalkowski and Raluca Grosescu (eds), Intersentia £81 290pp

This volume considers the important and timely question of criminal justice as a method of addressing state violence committed by non-democratic regimes. The book's main objectives concern a fresh, contemporary and critical analysis of transitional criminal justice as a concept and its related measures, beginning with the initiatives put in place after the fall of the Communist regimes in Europe in 1989.

The project argues for rethinking and revisiting filters that scholars use to interpret main issues of transitional criminal justice, such as: the relationship between judicial accountability, democratisation and politics in transitional societies; the role of successor trials in rewriting history; the interaction between domestic and international actors and specific initiatives in shaping transitional justice; and the paradox of time in enhancing accountability for human rights violations. In order to accomplish this, the volume considers cases of domestic accountability in the post-1989 era, from different geographical areas, such as Europe, Asia and Africa, in relation to key events from various periods of time. In this way the approach, which investigates space and timelines in key examples, also takes into account a longitudinal study of transitional criminal justice itself.

The Ethics and Conduct of Lawyers in England and Wales (2014) Andrew Boon, Hart 3rd edn £35 780pp

This is the third edition of the leading textbook on legal ethics and the regulation of the legal profession in England and Wales. As such it maps the complex regulatory environment in which the legal profession in England and Wales now operates. It opens with a critical overview of professional ideals, organisation, power and culture and an examination of the mechanisms of professions, exercised through governance, regulation, discipline and education. The core of the book explores the conflict between duties owed to clients (loyalty and confidentiality) and wider duties (to the profession, third parties and society). The final part applies lawyers' ethics to dispute resolution and settlement (litigation, negotiation, advocacy and alternative dispute settlement). Now laid out in a more accessible format and written in a more approachable style, the book is ideal reading for those teaching and learning in the field of legal ethics.

Chronotopes of Law: Jurisdiction, scale and governance (2015) Mariana Valverde, Routledge £26.99 198pp

This book develops a new framework for analysing the spatio-temporal workings of law and other forms of governance. It argues that studies of law and governance can be reinvigorated by drawing on a bundle of quite heterogeneous analytical tools that do not have a single provenance or a single political or normative aim, but that work well in combination. Analyses of legal temporality carried out by anthropologists and studies of law and space undertaken by geographers and legal scholars have proliferated in recent years, but these research traditions have remained largely separate. By adapting notions such as intertextuality, dialogism and the 'chronotope' from Mikhail Bakhtin, notions designed specifically to synthesise considerations of space and time in a framework that is open-ended, interactive and dynamic, Mariana Valverde develops an anti-metaphysical theory and method for legal studies. This approach will be useful both to theorists and to researchers seeking to illuminate the actual workings of law and other forms of governance. Indeed, a key aim of the book is to break down the institutional and disciplinary barriers that prevent theorists from learning from empirical studies and vice versa. Written by one of the foremost socio-legal scholars writing today, this theoretically innovative work constitutes a major contribution to contemporary studies in law and society.

Moral Rhetoric and the Criminalisation of Squatting: Vulnerable demons? (2015) Lorna Fox O'Mahony, David O'Mahony and Robin Hickey (eds), Routledge £80 248pp

This collection of critical essays considers the criminalisation of squatting from a range of perspectives. While the practice has long been criminalised in some jurisdictions, the last few years have witnessed the emergence of a newly constituted political concern with unlawful occupation of land. With initiatives to address the 'threat' of squatting across Europe, the offence of squatting in a residential building was created in England in 2012. This development, which has attracted a large measure of media attention, has been widely regarded as controversial, with many commentators, parliamentarians and professional organisations arguing that its support is premised on misunderstandings of the current law and a precarious evidence-base concerning the nature and prevalence of squatting. This collection explores the significance of measures to criminalise squatting for squatters, owners and communities and also interrogates wider themes that draw on political philosophy, social policy, criminal justice and the nature of ownership to consider how the assimilation of squatting to a contemporary punitive turn is shaping the political, social, legal and moral landscapes of property, housing and crime.

Mediating Human Rights: Media, culture and the Human Rights Act (2015) Lieve Gies, Routledge £80 180pp

Drawing on social-legal, cultural and media theory, this book is one of the first to examine the media politics of human rights. It looks at how the media construct the story of human rights, investigating what lies behind the apparent media hostility to human rights and what has become of the original ambition to establish a human rights culture. The human rights regime has been high on the political agenda ever since the Human Rights Act 1998 was enacted. Often maligned in sections of the press, the legislation has entered popular folklore as shorthand for an overbearing government, an overzealous judiciary and exploitative claimants. This book examines a range of significant factors in the mediation of human rights, including Euroscepticism, the war on terror, the digital reordering of the media landscape, press concerns about an emerging privacy law and civil liberties. This book is a timely exploration of the relationship between law, politics and media. It will be of immense interest to those studying and researching across law, media studies, human rights and politics.

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Spatial Justice: Body, lawscape, atmosphere (2015) Andreas Philippopoulos-Mihalopoulos, Routledge £75 265pp

There can be no justice that is not spatial. Against a recent tendency to despatialise law, matter, bodies and even space itself, this book insists on spatialising them, arguing that there can be neither law nor justice that are not articulated through and in space. It presents a new theory and a radical application of the material connection between space – in the geographical as well as sociological and philosophical sense – and the law – in the broadest sense that includes written and oral law, but also embodied social and political norms. It argues that spatial justice is the struggle of various bodies – human, natural, non-organic, technological – to occupy a certain space at a certain time and that it is the most radical offspring of the spatial turn, since it can be found in the core of most contemporary legal and political issues – such as geopolitical conflicts, environmental issues, animality, colonisation, droning, cyberspace and so on. In order to argue this, the book employs the lawscape, as the tautology between law and space, and the concept of atmosphere in its geological, political, aesthetic, legal and biological dimension. Written by a leading theorist in the area, the book forges a new interdisciplinary understanding of space and law, while offering a fresh approach to current geopolitical, spatio-legal and ecological issues.

Knowledge, Technology and Law (2015) Emilie Cloatre and Martyn Pickersgill (eds), Routledge £80 256pp

The relationships between knowledge, technologies and legal processes are central to the constitution of contemporary societies, having come to provide the focus for a range of academic projects across interdisciplinary legal studies and the social sciences. The domains of medical law and ethics, intellectual property law, environmental law and criminal law are just some of those within which the pervasive place and 'impact' of technoscience is apparent. At the same time, social scientists investigating the making of technology and expertise – in particular, working within the tradition of science and technology studies – frequently interrogate how regulation and legal processes, and the making of knowledge and technologies, are intermingled in complex ways that shape and define each other. This book charts the important interface between studies of law, science and society, as explored from the perspectives of socio-legal studies and the increasingly influential field of science and technology studies. It brings together scholars from both areas to interrogate the joint roles of law and science in the construction and stabilisation of socio-technical networks, objects and standards, as well as their place in the production of contemporary social realities and subjectivities.

Shades of Grey – domestic and sexual violence against women: law reform and society (2014) Anna Carline and Patricia Easteal, Routledge £85 272pp

Arguing that law must be looked at holistically, this book investigates the 'hidden gender' of the so-called neutral or objective legal principles that structure the law addressing violence against women. Adopting an explicitly feminist perspective, it investigates how legal responses to violence against women presuppose, maintain and perpetuate a certain context that may not in fact reflect women's experiences. Carline and Easteal draw upon relevant legislation, case law and secondary studies from a range of territories, including Australia, England and Wales, the USA, Canada and Europe, to contextualise and critique different policy responses. They go on to examine the potential and limits of law, making recommendations for best-practice models of policy-making and law reform. Aiming to help improve government, community and legal responses to women who experience violence, this book will assist lawmakers, academics, policymakers and a wider audience in understanding the complexities of violence against women.

Cambridge Yearbook of European Legal Studies vol 16 (2013–2014) Albertina Albors-Llorens, Kenneth Armstrong and Markus W Gehring (eds), Hart £135 700pp

The *Cambridge Yearbook of European Legal Studies* provides a forum for the scrutiny of significant issues in EU law, the law of the European Convention on Human Rights and comparative law with a European dimension, and particularly those issues which have come to the fore during the year preceding publication. The contributions appearing in the collection are commissioned by the Centre for European Legal Studies Cambridge, a research centre in the Law Faculty of the University of Cambridge specialising in European legal issues. The papers presented are at the cutting edge of the fields which they address and reflect the views of recognised experts drawn from the university world, legal practice and the institutions of both the EU and its member states. Inclusion of the comparative dimension brings a fresh perspective to the study of European law and highlights the effects of globalisation of the law more generally and the resulting cross-fertilisation of norms and ideas that has occurred among previously sovereign and separate legal orders.

When Humans Become Migrants: Study of the European Court of Human Rights with an inter-American counterpoint (2015) Marie-Bénédicte Dembour, OUP £29.95, 515pp

The treatment of immigrants by states undoubtedly constitutes one of the most challenging issues facing human rights as a political philosophy and judicial practice today. The author argues that the European and Inter-American Courts of Human Rights approach migrant cases from fundamentally different perspectives. Her contention is that, for six decades, the Strasbourg court has always tended to treat migrants first as aliens and then, but only as a second step in its reasoning, as human beings. This need not become a legal given of international human rights law: the San José court approaches migrants first as human beings and secondly as foreigners (if they are). The contrast between these two world's regional courts is best explained by reference to a combination of social, historical and legal factors. The book reviews the implications of the contrast and lays down the ground for the pursuit of a more decisively progressive agenda at Strasbourg.

You can get acquainted with the book's main ideas by listening to the weekly three to five-minute podcasts that Professor Dembour is currently broadcasting on her blog: <http://blogs.brighton.ac.uk/humanrights/author/mbd15>.

International Law and Post-Conflict Reconstruction Policy (2015) Matthew Saul and James A Sweeney (eds), Routledge £85 344pp

The trend for international engagement in post-conflict reconstruction has produced a host of best-practice postulates on topics such as local involvement in decision-making, accountability for past atrocities, sensitivity to context and the construction of democratic institutions of governance. International law has potential relevance for many of these themes, yet the question of how the implementation of best-practice policy recommendations might be affected by international law remains under-examined.

This book offers a fuller understanding of the role of international law in the practice of post-conflict reconstruction. It explores how international legal issues that arise in the post-conflict period relate to a number of strands of the policy debate, including government creation, constitution-making, gender policy, provision of security, justice for past atrocities, rule of law development, economic recovery, returning displaced persons and responsibilities of international actors.

The chapters of the book work to reveal the extent to which international law figures in the policy of internationally enabled

post-conflict reconstruction across a range of sectors. They also highlight the scope for international law to be harnessed in a more effective manner from the perspective of the transition to peace and stability. The book lays out a basis for future policy-making on post-conflict reconstruction; one that is informed about the international legal parameters and more aware of how international law can be utilised to promote key objectives.

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Dr Steven Vaughan of the Centre for Professional Legal Education and Research (CEPLER), University of Birmingham, is delighted to announce the launch of the CEPLER Working Paper Series. The series has been established to provide a forum for ideas and debate on legal education and the legal profession, broadly construed. The editorial team would be delighted to hear suggestions for working papers: eg a draft of an academic article, a short policy piece, copies of speeches or addresses etc. Email a draft or any queries to [e s.vaughan@bham.ac.uk](mailto:s.vaughan@bham.ac.uk). Papers already published include Tony Arnall on the changing nature of academic careers in law; a reflection by Imogen Jones on her 'Reimagined criminal law' workshop (plus linked papers by workshop participants Celia Wells and Susy Menis); and the winner and runners-up of the inaugural CEPLER national student essay-writing competition (title 'In an age of austerity, access to justice is a luxury'). The working papers are held in the university's ePapers Repository, which helps with searchability and security. [w www.birmingham.ac.uk/facilities/CEPLER/working-papers/index.aspx](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/facilities/CEPLER/working-papers/index.aspx)

Journals

The *Web Journal of Current Legal Issues* recently published a special issue on disability edited by Catherine Easton. This brings together a wide range of articles on issues such as health, employment, welfare, technology and culture. Please visit the website for further details [w http://webjcli.org](http://webjcli.org).

From 2015 the *Cambridge Yearbook of European Legal Studies* will publish with Cambridge Journals. Now in its 17th volume, the journal offers a broad space for interpreting legal developments in a variety of different European contexts. The *Yearbook* will be publishing articles online ahead of print for the first time, see [w journals.cambridge.org/cyels](http://www.journals.cambridge.org/cyels).

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● **ANNUAL EUROPEAN LAW CONFERENCE**

13 March 2015: Royal College of Surgeons, London

Speaker: Advocate General Juliane Kolkott. Please see website for programme and booking: [w www.kcl.ac.uk/law/newsevents/eventrecords/Annual-European-Law-Conference.aspx](http://www.kcl.ac.uk/law/newsevents/eventrecords/Annual-European-Law-Conference.aspx).

● **BRITISH ACADEMY LAW LECTURE: THE FOUR EPOCHS OF JURY TRIAL IN ENGLAND**

17 March 2015: British Academy, Carlton House Terrace, London

Speaker: Professor John Langbein, Yale University; chair: Professor Hugh Collins, University of Oxford. Please see website for details: [w www.britac.ac.uk/events/2015/The_Four_Epochs_of_Jury_Trial_in_England.cfm](http://www.britac.ac.uk/events/2015/The_Four_Epochs_of_Jury_Trial_in_England.cfm).

● **LAW COMMISSION SCARMAN LECTURE 2015**

24 March 2015: Middle Temple Hall, London

Speaker: Sir Geoffrey Palmer KCMG AC QC. This event is free. Please visit website for booking: [w https://scarman2015.eventbrite.co.uk](https://scarman2015.eventbrite.co.uk).

● **UNDERSTANDING SEXUAL VIOLENCE AND ABUSE: CAUSES, CONSEQUENCES AND PREVENTION**

24 March 2015: Watershed, Bristol

This event is a free and open discussion sponsored by Social Science in the City and the Centre for Legal Research, University of the West of England. See website for details:

[w http://info.uwe.ac.uk/events/event.aspx?id=17455](http://info.uwe.ac.uk/events/event.aspx?id=17455).

● **INAUGURAL SHEFFIELD HALLAM PUBLIC LAW CONFERENCE**

25 March 2015: Cantor Building, Sheffield Hallam University

Keynote speaker: Dr Alan Billings, police and crime commissioner for South Yorkshire. Please see website for full details:

[w http://ukconstitutionallaw.org/2015/01/13/event-sheffield-hallam-public-law-conference-25-march-2015](http://ukconstitutionallaw.org/2015/01/13/event-sheffield-hallam-public-law-conference-25-march-2015).

● **HUMAN RIGHTS, LAW AND RELIGION: PERSPECTIVES ON THE ISLAMIC FACE VEIL**

30 March 2015: The Court Room, Chaucer Building, Nottingham Trent University

Organised by the Centre for Conflict Rights and Justice and the Centre for Advocacy, Nottingham Law School. Please see website for details: [w www.ntu.ac.uk/apps/research/groups/22/home.aspx/centre/143375/overview/centre_for_conflict_rights_and_justice](http://www.ntu.ac.uk/apps/research/groups/22/home.aspx/centre/143375/overview/centre_for_conflict_rights_and_justice).

● **TRANSNATIONAL LEGAL EDUCATION**

9 April 2015: Glasgow Caledonian University

Commonwealth Legal Education Association conference. See [w www.clea-web.com/events-conferences/glasgow-2015](http://www.clea-web.com/events-conferences/glasgow-2015) for details.

● **THE STATE OF THE UNION: THE SCOTTISH REFERENDUM AND THE FUTURE OF THE UK**

9 April 2015: Liverpool John Moores University

Please see website for details: [w www.ljmu.ac.uk/law/128425.htm](http://www.ljmu.ac.uk/law/128425.htm).

● **THE EVOLUTION AND FUTURE OF INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION: THE NEXT 30 YEARS**

19–21 April 2015: Lancaster Hotel, London

Organised by the School of International Arbitration at QMUL.

[w www.ccls.qmul.ac.uk/events/126692.html](http://www.ccls.qmul.ac.uk/events/126692.html)

● **ADDRESSING CONTEMPORARY BUSINESS CHALLENGES THROUGH PRACTICAL AND INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH: CALL**

23 April 2015: Department of Organisation and Human Resource Management, University of Ghana, Legon-Accra, Ghana

Abstracts of 300 words should be emailed to

[e ohrm-ugbscolloquium@ug.edu.gh](mailto:ohrm-ugbscolloquium@ug.edu.gh). Call closes: 30 March 2015.

● **SYNESTHETIC LEGALITIES: SENSORY DIMENSIONS OF LAW AND JURISPRUDENCE**

29 April–2 May 2015: University of Hawai'i Hilo, USA

Contact Sarah Marusek [e marusek@hawaii.edu](mailto:marusek@hawaii.edu).

● **SOUTHERN LAW PHD CONFERENCE**

1 May 2015: School of Law, University of Portsmouth

See website for details: [w www.port.ac.uk/school-of-law/school-events/southern-law-phd-conference-2015.html](http://www.port.ac.uk/school-of-law/school-events/southern-law-phd-conference-2015.html).

- **INTERNATIONAL SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION RESEARCH COMMITTEE ON SOCIOLOGY OF LAW**

5–8 May 2015: *Canaos, Brazil*

Theme: ‘Sociology of law on the move: perspectives from Latin America’. See website: www.sociologyoflaw2015.com.br/english.

- **QMU CRIMINAL JUSTICE CENTRE ANNUAL LECTURE**

7 May 2015: *Queen Mary University of London*

Speaker: Professor Rashida Manjoo, UN special rapporteur on violence against women. Please see website for details:

www.qmul.ac.uk/events/items/2015/145588.html.

- **‘ROLES’: A GENDER AND SEXUALITY FORUM: CALL**

21 May 2015: *University of Birmingham*

Keynote speaker: Meg Barker. Call closes: 20 March 2015. See <https://groles.wordpress.com/tag/meg-barker> for details.

- **LAW AND SOCIETY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING**

28–31 May 2015: *Westin Hotel, Seattle, USA*

Theme: ‘Law’s promise and law’s pathos in the Global North and Global South’. See www.lawandsociety.org/Seattle2015/seattle2015.html for details.

- **‘WE DON’T TORTURE’: MORAL RESOLVE AND THE DOCTRINE OF DOUBLE EFFECT**

3 June 2015: *British Academy, London*

Chair: Professor Jane Heal, University of Cambridge. See website for details: www.britac.ac.uk/events/2015/Moral_Resolve.cfm.

- **ADDRESSING FILICIDE: MOVING TO PREVENTION**

3–4 June 2015: *Monash Prato Centre, Tuscany, Italy*

Please see website for details: www.addressingflicide2015.com.

- **LAW AND SOCIETY IN THE 21ST CENTURY**

10 June 2015: *University of Oslo, Norway*

www.jus.uio.no/ikrs/english/research/news-and-events/events/conferences/2015/socio-legal-studies-conference/index.html.

- **DESIGNING CONSUMER REDRESS: MAKING REDRESS ACCESSIBLE FOR CONSUMER-CITIZENS**

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- **CONTROLLING CRYPTO-CURRENCIES: CALL FOR PAPERS AND PARTICIPATION**

12 June 2015: *University of Birmingham*

Please see website for details: <https://controllingcryptocurrencies.wordpress.com>.

- **INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT SUMMER SCHOOL**

15–19 June 2015: *Irish Centre for Human Rights, National University of Ireland, Galway*

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- **TRUST AND EMPIRICAL EVIDENCE IN LAWMAKING AND LEGAL PROCESS**

19–20 June 2015: *University of Oxford*

Further information available at: www.law.ox.ac.uk/event=13322.

- **THE EQUALITY ACT 2010: FIVE YEARS ON**

22 June 2015: *University of Chester*

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- **SUMMER COURSE IN EU LAW**

22 June 2015: *Dickson Poon School of Law, King’s College London*

Booking closes end of May 2015 or subject to availability. Please see website for further details: www.kcl.ac.uk/law/research/centres/european/programmes/summercourse.aspx.

- **W G HART LEGAL WORKSHOP 2015: LAW AND THE AGEING OF HUMANKIND**

22–23 June 2015: *Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, London*

<http://events.sas.ac.uk/support-research/events/view/16785>

- **SUMMER SCHOOL ON TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE**

22–26 June: *Transitional Justice Institute, Ulster University*

Please see website for details: www.transitionaljustice.ulster.ac.uk/SummerSchool2015.htm. Closing date: 13 March 2015.

- **AUSTERITY, GENDER AND HOUSEHOLD FINANCES**

27–28 June 2015: *Kent University, Canterbury*

See website: www.kent.ac.uk/law/news/articles/50years_feminism_at_kent_cfp.html.

- **POWER, PRACTICE AND PRIVILEGE: CORPORATE LAW FIRMS AND CORPORATE CLIENTS**

29–30 June 2015: *University of Birmingham*

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- **JUDICIAL IMAGES NETWORK: PUBLIC LECTURE**

1 July 2015: *London School of Economics*

Speakers will be confirmed at a later date. Please see website for details: <http://judicialimages.org/events/public-lecture.html>.

- **IN WHOSE BEST INTERESTS? DETERMINING BEST INTERESTS IN HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE**

2 July 2015: *University of Worcester*

Speaker: Alex Ruck-Keene. Contact [e e.dobson@worchester.ac.uk](mailto:e.dobson@worchester.ac.uk).

- **WORLD SOCIETY OF VICTIMOLOGY SYMPOSIUM**

5–9 July 2015: *Perth, Western Australia*

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- **RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE IN THE EU**

8 July 2015: *British Academy, Carlton House Terrace, London*

Chair: Aidan O’Neill QC. Please see website for details: www.britac.ac.uk/events/2015/Racial_Discrimination_and_Criminal_Justice.cfm.

- **CRIME, JUSTICE AND SOCIAL DEMOCRACY: CALL**

8–10 July 2015: *QUT Gardens Point, Brisbane, Australia*

Call closes: 16 March 2015. Please see website for details: <http://crimejusticeconference.com>.

- **THE RACE RELATIONS ACT @ 50**

9–10 July 2015: *British Academy, Carlton House Terrace, London*

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1–4 September 2015: *University of York*

Theme: ‘Law’s subjects: subject to law’ – chosen to mark the 800th anniversary of Magna Carta. Call closes: 20 March 2015. Please see website for details: www.slsconference.uk.

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Convenor: Dr Stephen Skinner, Centre for European Legal Studies, University of Essex. Call closes: 7 April 2015. Please see website for details: www.events.sas.ac.uk/events/view/17584.

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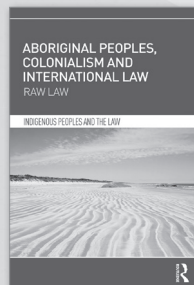
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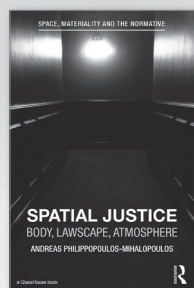
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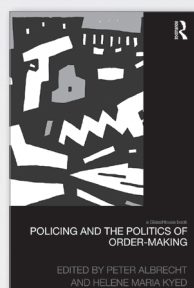
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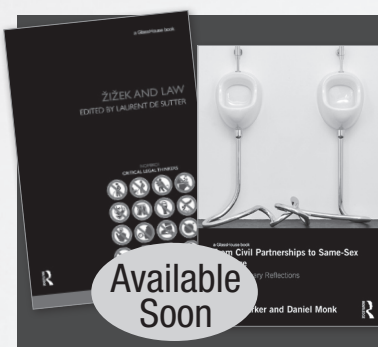
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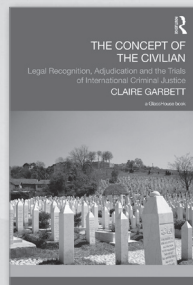
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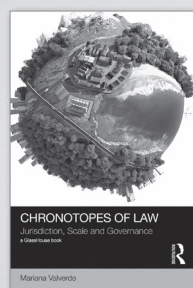
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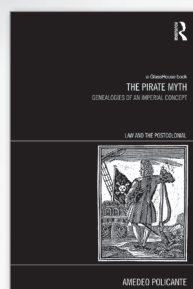
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