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# Transnational Law Institute

## *Newsletter*

**Autumn Term - September 2017**

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## Welcome...

September 2017 marks the beginning of the fourth year in the Institute's operation and there is plenty to celebrate.

Here below you will find an overview of our 2017-2018 activities and we hope to welcome many of you soon to the TLI.

Peer Zumbansen, Director and Octavio Ferraz, Acting Director

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## Latest news

### **Transnational Law Summer Institute**

**TLI & University of New South Wales (Plus Alliance Partners)**  
3-8 December 2017

Our annual summer school, the Transnational Law Summer Institute, will be held in Australia in this December. A collaboration with our Plus Alliance partner the University of New South Wales, Sydney. We are currently exploring options for the 2018 Summer Institute, to be held in the global south.

### **Transnational Legal Theory & Politics of Transnational Law conference**

**TLI & Osgoode Hall Law School, Toronto**  
20 January 2018

Throughout the year students are involved in preparing, programming and organising events including the annual Politics of Transnational Law conference.

The conference will mark the inaugural conference and transnational board meeting of Transnational Legal Theory, the field's flagship law review. The review is published quarterly and hosted under the auspices of the TLI, but managed through the collaboration of two outstanding student editor teams (at TLI and at Osgoode Hall Law School in Toronto). Editorial board applications are open. Apply to Emily Webster with a cover letter, CV and writing sample. [emily.webster@kcl.ac.uk](mailto:emily.webster@kcl.ac.uk).

## King's Transnational Law Summit

### **The New Human Condition: Transnational Interventions For Equality, Inclusiveness & Equality"**

10-13 April 2018

The King's Transnational Law Summit will open its doors on 10 April 2018 to more than 400 speakers and participants, including lawyers, economists, sociologists and political scientists, geographers and anthropologists, policy makers, NGO activists, Union leaders, judges, journalists and artists - such as documentary film makers, poets and fiction writers. KTLS18 is convened under the theme "The New Human Condition: Transnational Interventions for Equality, Inclusiveness & Equality" and will engage with the struggle for justice in the following areas: the economy, the environment, health, migration as well as gender, race and socio-economic equality. Engaging with different epistemologies and avenues and practices of intervention, we will focus on "Knowledge & Action" on the last day of the Summit exploring and celebrating current work in different "sites of engagement and agency" around the world. We hope through this unique event will lay the foundations for future Transnational Law Summits, to be held in different cities around the world, and we welcome your input and your participation. The organising committee is currently accepting student research assistant applications. If interested, contact the Summit Coordinator Dr Liliane Mouan, [liliane.mouan@kcl.ac.uk](mailto:liliane.mouan@kcl.ac.uk).

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## Upcoming events

TLI Seminar Series

### **Locating criminal accountability in international and transnational law**

Location: SW1.18 Somerset House East Wing

When: Monday 2 October 17.00-19.00

Title: Amnesties in Strasbourg

Speaker: Dr Miles Jackson (Lecturer in International Law, University of Oxford)

Convened by: Dr Nicola Palmer, Dr Liliane Mouan and Robyn Leslie

This semester the Transnational Law Seminar Series will explore the shifts in the locus of criminal accountability for international and transnational crimes. In international criminal law, there are notable moves towards domestic and regional criminal courts and a recent re-introduction of the potential for hybrid criminal courts in Syria, the Central African Republic and South Sudan. At the same time, the debates around who should have to account for their actions are broadening with states, corporations and shareholders included in a frame that has historically focused on senior military, political and religious leaders. This seminar series explores the changes that are happening in the law and interrogates the specific actors involved in these shifts in the location of criminal accountability. It includes lawyers, anthropologists, political scientists and journalists in a wide-ranging exchange on the actors, norms and processes at play. For more [info](#).

[Register here](#)

TLI Reading Laboratory

## **Eurozone Transnational Law and Literature from the Global South**

Location: SW1.17 Somerset House East Wing

When: Wednesday 4 October 18.00-20.00

This Reading Lab text is Iain Crichton-Smith, *Consider the Lilies* (1987)

As the discursive boundaries between fiction and poetry writing, and art production between 'the North' and 'the South' are becoming ever more porous, changes in pedagogy and research reflect the growing engagement with transnational literatures. With the rise of 'world literature', the continuing expansion and maturing of 'cultural studies' and an increasingly interconnected universe of literary studies, post-colonial theory, anthropology, history and sociology, there is an abundance now of

new and evolving key words and categories. Courses are offered on "third world literature", on "global south" and "world" literature. These can be seen as part of considerably more comprehensive, yet still evolving interdisciplinary projects on the Global South. Examples include related undertakings at Cornell University and the University of Virginia.\* There is a pressing need to explore the relations between these developments and law/legal theory. For more [info](#).

[Register here](#)

TLI Signature Lecture

## **2017-18 Democratic Politics in Global Crisis? Challenges, Approaches, Resistances**

Location: K0.20, King's Building

When: 16 October 18.00-20.00

Speaker: Katrin Kinzelbach, Global Public Policy Institute (GPPi)

The election of Trump in the USA, the Brexit vote in the UK, the rise of extremist parties in France, Holland and elsewhere, impeachments (successful and failed) of presidents in South Korea, Brazil and South Africa following corruption scandals, authoritarian turns in Hungary, Poland and Russia... Wherever one turns to, there are worrying signs that democracy, or at least democratic politics, is in trouble around the world. For more [info](#).

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## **Recent TLI Think! papers**

**The TLI Think! Papers Series covers a broad range of methodologies and topics of transnational legal scholarship. The papers are published electronically and are freely available online or through email distribution.**

Last year, we published a number of student papers in the Institute's very own SSRN series, the "TLI Think! Papers", and are looking forward to including the best LLM dissertations in Transnational law in the forthcoming issues of our e-journal.

**The most recent TLI Think! Papers are:**

Breaking Point? An Examination of the Politics of Othering in Brexit Britain

Sarah Looney [read more...](#)

No Easy Way Out - Humanitarian Visas at the Nexus of Refuge, Migration and Development

Carla Dietmair [read more...](#)

Contesting from the Screen: A Review of Ken Loach's Film 'I, Daniel Blake'

Javier De Belaundas De Cardenas [read more...](#)

Lost Legitimacy in Twenty-first Century Europe: Why Democracy Must Reinvent Itself in the Era of Globalisation

Tommaso Olivieri [read more...](#)

More TLI Think! paper series are [available online at SSRN](#), you can [subscribe here](#).

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## **Additional news**

**Economic and Social Rights Academic Network UK and Ireland (ESRAN-UKI) workshop**

The next ESRAN-UKI workshop will be hosted on Friday 24 November 2017 by James Harrison and Sharifah Sekalala at the University of Warwick (which is a 15 minute taxi journey from Coventry Station).

As with the previous events, the aim is to enable participants to get feedback on works in progress, whether articles, book chapters or draft book proposals, etc. At past events, we've had papers that were at the near-publication stage or at a much earlier stage of development. In terms of process, like the earlier research workshops, all participants will prepare papers in advance. These papers will be circulated prior to the event so as to enable all participants to read them beforehand.

The deadline for abstracts is Friday 13 October 2017, with full copies of papers submitted by Friday 10 November 2017. That will provide enough time to collate the papers and to enable everyone to read them prior to the workshop. Abstracts should be sent to [Sharifah.Sekalala@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:Sharifah.Sekalala@warwick.ac.uk).

### **The Itinerary Exhibition Launch: Law, Photojournalism and the Refugee Crisis**

The Dickson Poon School of Law is proud to present The Itinerary, an exhibition of photojournalism documenting the refugee crisis, which since 2015, has spread from Africa and the Middle East to Europe. Join us on 5 October for a special introduction to the exhibition. [read more...](#)

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## **Thank you**

The Institute has established itself as a lively hub for interdisciplinary research with a string of early career researchers and established academics passing through the Institute's workshops as visiting fellows, professors and speakers.

With students, fellows and visitors contributing a lot of the buzz at the TLI, the Institute would neither hum nor roll without the amazing oversight and

management of the Institute's coordinator, Ms Mita Vaghji. She holds the key to the Institute's success, its open accessibility and the smooth operation of its various (did someone say "many"?) activities. Thank you, Mita, for your groove and for making it look so easy.

A special thanks also to Dr Octavio Ferraz, who is the Institute's Acting Director for the autumn semester 2017. He can be contacted at [octavio.ferraz@kcl.ac.uk](mailto:octavio.ferraz@kcl.ac.uk).

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