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SLSA BRISTOL 2018

Yet again, the Annual Conference is fast approaching! This year it will be held at the University of Bristol Law School from 27 to 29 March 2018.

Registration is now open at the late rate, but still with an excellent membership discount. The closing date for all registrations is 6pm on **19 March 2018**. Be sure not to miss this important deadline. Visit the website as soon as you can at www.slsa2018.com. This year we have received over 450 abstracts in response to the call for papers and the theme and stream convenors have been working on putting the panels together. As always, there is a great range of papers and some delegates will no doubt have difficulty choosing between the parallel panel sessions.

The conference hub and all the seminar rooms for each session are centrally located in Clifton, Bristol, in the iconic Wills Memorial Building and in two other buildings in nearby Berkeley Square. At the time of writing, we have also received a selection of excellent posters (submission deadline has now passed). These are a wonderful opportunity to showcase your research to a wide range of audiences. The posters in the competition will be displayed throughout all three days of the conference ensuring high visibility for your research. For PGRs there is also a Networking Scheme to facilitate relationships between early career and postgraduate researchers. Plus, we are delighted to announce that we have awarded 12 student bursaries this year to support the attendance of PGRs. (See page 4 for further PGR conference information.)

On the first evening, delegates can enjoy a wine reception at Wills Memorial Building following an exciting plenary panel session on 'Socio-legal Studies at a Watershed? A Conversation'. The plenary panel features an impressive list of speakers to debate this topic. Introduced by myself in my capacity as Head of the University of Bristol Law School, and chaired by Bristol's very own Professor of Law and Policy, Dave Cowan, the panel consists of: Cardiff University's Professor Ambreena Manji; Professor of Law, Gender and History at Bristol, Lois Bibbings; and Professor Carl Stychin, Dean of City Law School.

The conference dinner, on the second evening, will be served in the beautiful space of Bristol Museum and Art Gallery next door to the Wills Memorial Building. We will have special access to the Egypt exhibition at the museum. At the dinner the SLSA chair, Rosie Harding, will announce the winners of the SLSA book and article prizes.

Bristol has been named as one of the best places to visit in 2018 by the *New York Times*. This is not surprising as it is a vibrant multicultural city situated on the Avon and Frome rivers. Highlights for visitors include cultural venues, such as the Watershed, the Everyman and Old Vic theatres and the Museum and Art Gallery (located close to the conference venue). The famous Clifton Suspension Bridge is also within an easy stroll of the conference as are other attractions, for example, the Walled City Walk and medieval Corn Street, plus the Curious Science Centre, Bristol Zoo and the Aquarium. The conference team has organised a fantastic line-up of additional activities alongside the main conference programme: a Street Art Tour, featuring the work of Banksy and other Bristol artists; a historic Suffragette Walk through the city; and tours of the

Wills Memorial Building (including a trip up the tower) and Brunel's iconic bridge. To reserve a place on a tour, email Suzanne Mills [e suzanne.mills@bristol.ac.uk](mailto:suzanne.mills@bristol.ac.uk) (payment in cash to the tour guide on the day). Full details of the activities can be found at [w www.slsa2018.com/conference-activities](http://www.slsa2018.com/conference-activities).

Bristol is well-served by the transport network and accessible by rail, car, bus, coach and plane. The website features comprehensive details of all travel routes. Accommodation is not included in the conference package, but the Bristol team has arranged preferential rates at several city hotels. These can be found on the website along with details of other providers offering a wide range of prices. There are also a number of childcare options available for those with children. For further information and to book your place, visit the conference website: [w www.slsa2018.com](http://www.slsa2018.com).

If you have any questions, please see the conference website [w www.slsa2018.com](http://www.slsa2018.com) or [e slsa-2018@bristol.ac.uk](mailto:slsa-2018@bristol.ac.uk). The conference steering committee – led by Dr Devyani Prabhat and Dr Janine Sargoni – and I look forward to seeing you in Bristol later this month!

*Professor Joanne Conaghan, Head of School,
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SLSA EXEC NEWS

Annual general meeting

The AGM will take place at 1.30pm on Wednesday **28 March 2018**, during the Annual Conference in Bristol. All members are welcome to attend. Please allow one hour for this. To suggest an agenda item, please email SLSA secretary Neil Gaffin by Friday **9 March 2018** [e neil.gaffin@open.ac.uk](mailto:neil.gaffin@open.ac.uk).

Thank you

Leaving the Exec at the AGM are our Newcastle 2017 conference organisers, Nikki Godden-Rasul and Kevin Crosby. Nwudego Chinwuba, Lagos, and Jonathan Garton, Warwick, are also stepping down having served one and two terms respectively. We thank them all for the valuable contribution that they have made during their time on the committee.

Vacancies on Executive Committee

There will be at least two vacancies arising at the AGM. If you feel you can offer your time and expertise and are interested in being nominated 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. You also need to attend the AGM if you wish to nominate a colleague. The Exec webpage offers an insight into the roles and duties of Exec members [w www.slsa.ac.uk/index.php/executive-committee](http://www.slsa.ac.uk/index.php/executive-committee), plus a job description is available at [w www.slsa.ac.uk/index.php/executive-committee#role](http://www.slsa.ac.uk/index.php/executive-committee#role). Anyone interested is welcome to contact the chair or a member of the Exec for an informal chat.

Welcome

Finally, we are delighted to welcome to the Exec the organisers of next year's conference at the University of Leeds, Amanda Keeling and Imogen Jones.

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FUTURE SLSA EVENTS

Annual Conferences

As detailed on page 1, this year's Annual Conference will take place in Bristol from **27–29 March 2018** and preparations are in progress for next year at Leeds University, **3–5 April 2019**. The 2019 organisers are Amanda Keeling and Imogen Jones.

Socio-Legal Studies/Sociologie du Droit: methods, traditions, theories in France and the UK

This one-day conference, organised by Emilie Cloatre (Kent University) and Olivier Leclerc (CNRS/Centre de Recherches Critiques sur le Droit) will take place at Kent University's Paris campus on **16 April 2018**. See website for full details: www.slsa.ac.uk/index.php/conferences/one-day-conferences#Paris.

Socio-Legal Sources and Methods in Family and Social Welfare Law: booking open

This is the latest in a series of training events on socio-legal sources and methods organised jointly by the SLSA, the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies (IALS) and the British Library. It will take place on **18 May 2018** at IALS and booking is now open. Please visit <http://ials.sas.ac.uk/study/research-training/socio-legal-research-national-workshops-ials>.

LSAANZ 2018

Along with the Canadian Law and Society Association, the SLSA Exec is delighted to be co-sponsoring the Law and Society Association of Australia and New Zealand (LSAANZ) Annual Conference at the Legal Intersections Research Centre in Wollongong, Australia, **12–15 December 2018**. Exec members Sharon Cowan and Jen Hendry are on the planning committee for this event. At the time of writing the call for papers was expected late February/early March. See website for details: www.lsaanz.org/conferences.

SLSA postgraduate event 2019

Next year, our free two-day networking event for postgraduates will be at Warwick University, **3–4 January 2019**. The organiser is Vanessa Munro. Further details, will be published in due course. (And see page 4 for our PGR round-up.)

SLSA membership benefits

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- free annual Postgraduate Conference;
- student bursaries for SLSA Annual Conference;
- discounts on selected books;
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ACSS: CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

As a member of the Academy of Social Sciences (AcSS), the SLSA can nominate eminent socio-legal scholars for appointment as academicians. Full details of the process are available on the AcSS website www.acss.org.uk/membership/making-nomination-fellow. The paramount requirement for successful nomination is that the nominee be 'a leading figure in their field and have already left a clear mark on it'. The AcSS notes that suitable nominees should 'merit the esteem of their peers for the excellence of their work and their championing of social science'. Please send nominations (maximum 500 words) to Vanessa Munro by **20 March 2018**.

ONE-DAY CONFERENCES

The SLSA occasionally sponsors one-day conferences, seminars or workshops of broad interest to the socio-legal community. One-day events should be fully costed and self-funding, and will usually involve a member of the SLSA Executive Committee in an organisational role. The SLSA may be able to underwrite the event to a limited extent and/or provide endorsement. If you have an idea for a one-day conference and would like an indication of the SLSA's interest, please contact admin@slsa.ac.uk, or approach a member of the Executive Committee directly to discuss your ideas. Proposals for underwriting should include an outline of the concept, an indication of proposed speakers and/or call for papers, venue, timing, number of attendees and a draft budget showing full costs and how those costs will be covered by registration fees and/or from other sources.

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SLSA BOOK AND ARTICLE PRIZES: SHORTLISTS 2018

The SLSA Exec is delighted to announce the shortlists for this year's book and article prizes. The winners will be announced at the Annual Conference dinner in Bristol on **28 March 2018**.

Hart–SLSA Book Prize

- Rowland Atkinson and Sarah Blandy (2016) *Domestic Fortress: Fear and the new home front*, Manchester University Press
- Anne Barlow, Rosemary Hunter, Janet Smithson and Jan Ewing (2017) *Mapping Paths to Family Justice: Resolving family disputes in neo-liberal times*, Palgrave Macmillan
- Janine Natalya Clark (2017) *Rape, Sexual Violence and Transitional Justice Challenges: Lessons from Bosnia-Herzegovina*, Routledge

Hart–SLSA Prize for Early Career Academics

- Lydia Hayes (2017) *Stories of Care: A labour of law*, Palgrave Macmillan
- Kathryn McNeilly (2017) *Human Rights and Radical Social Transformation: Futurity, alterity, power*, Routledge

SLSA Theory and History Prize

- Margaret Davies (2017) *Law Unlimited: Materialism, pluralism and legal theory*, Routledge
- Henrique Carvalho (2017) *The Preventive Turn in Criminal Law*, Oxford University Press
- Yaniv Roznai (2017) *Unconstitutional Constitutional Amendments*, Oxford University Press

SLSA Article Prize

- Emily Grabham (2016) 'Time and technique: the legal lives of the 26-week qualifying period' 45(3–4) *Economy and Society* 379–406
- Cheryl Lawther (2017) 'The truth about loyalty: emotions, ex-combatants and transitioning from the past' 11(3) *International Journal of Transitional Justice* 484–504
- Marie-Andrée Jacob (2017) 'The strikethrough: an approach to regulatory writing and professional discipline' 37(1) *Legal Studies* 137–61

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Articles

- Sympathetic symbols, social movements, and school desegregation – by Marisela Martinez-Cola
- Love as a disadvantage in law – Renata Grossi
- 'In this day and age': social facts, common sense and cognition in tort law judging – by Kylie Burns
- Regulating law firms from the inside: the role of compliance officers for legal practice in England and Wales – Sundeeep Aulakh and Joan Loughrey
- Policy, practicalities, and PACE s 24: the subsuming of the necessity criteria in arrest decision-making by frontline police officers – Geoff Pearson, Mike Rowe and Liz Turner

Book reviews

- Camillia Kong, *Mental Capacity in Relationship* – John Coggon
- Hannah Quirk, *The Rise and Fall of the Right of Silence* – Ed Cape

PGR ROUND-UP

Hi everyone! As winter turns to spring, 2018 is already shaping up to be an exciting year for SLSA PGRs.

On **4 and 5 January 2018**, socio-legal PGRs gathered in Northern Ireland for the annual Postgraduate Conference, which was generously hosted by Queen's University Belfast. The conference provided a range of informative sessions, held by leading socio-legal scholars – Tony Bradney, Dave Cowan, Fiona Cownie, Rosie Harding, Linda Mulcahy and Sally Wheeler – and covered a range of topics essential to life as a socio-legal researcher, such as how to get published in socio-legal journals, how to manage the supervisor–student relationship, academic job-hunting, and tips on presenting at academic conferences. The response from PGRs was as unequivocally positive as previous years, but since we got back from Belfast, I have been working with PGRs and the Exec to think of ways that we can improve this conference even further, and shape it around the needs of PGRs starting out on PhDs and looking forward to careers in academia. The next PGR event will be at the University of Warwick, **3–4 January 2019**, so stay tuned for further info if you are thinking of attending!

The next major event in the SLSA PGR calendar is, of course, the Annual Conference, taking place in Bristol from **27–29 March 2018**. Following on from the success of last year, I am again organising a dedicated PGR session, taking place in the morning (10am–12pm) on Tuesday **27 March**, before the welcome lunch. This year, we have Lydia Bleasdale and Sarah Humphries delivering a bespoke session on the importance of 'resilience' for PGRs, drawing on some incredible research they are doing in this area. In this dedicated session, Lydia and Sarah will work with us to develop practical strategies for dealing with the many pressures we all experience during our time as PGRs and explain how we – as a community as well as individuals – can maximise our resilience in response to these demands.

Throughout the conference, I am also running another ECR–PGR Networking Scheme. The aim of this is to get PGRs networking with early career researchers in their field who have just finished the PhD process and may even be starting their first jobs. As part of this scheme, a rotation of two to three ECRs will be present at each coffee break, and PGRs can drop by for informal chats about doctoral study and the move into an academic career. Further details of both the PGR session and the inspiring ECR volunteers who have agreed to participate this year can be found on the PGR page of the Bristol 2018 website www.slsa2018.com/pgr-activities.

Finally, I am very sorry to say that this is going to be my last few months as your PGR representative. It has been a complete privilege to represent PGR interests at Exec meetings and to keep PGRs up to date with opportunities and events over the past 18 months, and I would really encourage other PGRs to consider volunteering for this exciting opportunity. Interested PGRs should send their application (including a CV) to SLSA chair, Rosie Harding [e r.j.harding@bham.ac.uk](mailto:r.j.harding@bham.ac.uk). The deadline for expressions of interest and CVs is **3 April 2018**, and I would be more than happy to answer any questions about the role, either via email or in person at the Bristol conference. See www.slsa.ac.uk/index.php/news#Feb02_01. As always, for any rep-related matters you can email me at e.j.l.mant@leeds.ac.uk, or get in touch via Twitter @JLMant1.

SLSA Blog

The SLSA blog went live in summer 2016 and has proved a great success, attracting regular posts and a steady stream of visitors. The blogeditors welcome contributions. If you have an idea for a short article (maximum 1000 words) on a hot topic of interest to your SLSA colleagues and others, please email [e blogeditors@slsa.ac.uk](mailto:blogeditors@slsa.ac.uk). See [www http://slsablog.co.uk/blog](http://slsablog.co.uk/blog).

ENTERPRISE ENGAGEMENT

In a changing funding landscape, should learned societies, including the SLSA, be looking for opportunities for their members in the new enterprise-focused agendas? The Exec's Colin R Moore, Kent University, summarises the current position and invites comments and feedback.

Engagement with enterprise is something of an emotive subject for socio-legal scholars. Some of us have wider ideological concerns regarding capitalism, others simply regard our research as irrelevant to the commercial world, whilst others have not thought seriously about such possibilities. Becoming an academic does after all, at some level, represent a rejection of the commercial world, maybe even of practicality itself, in favour of a more abstract space to pursue academic research. This may be the classical picture of academia, to a greater or lesser extent, but it is clear that new enterprise-focused agendas are being pursued at governmental, research council and institutional level.

At governmental level, such a focus on enterprise represents part of a wider, potentially challenging, context that may develop for social sciences. Specifically, research-funding streams may well switch away from the current responsive mode funding, towards a model based on the fulfilment of particular government-specified goals, with increased emphasis on the Global Challenges Research Fund (GCRF) and the Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund (ISCF). The GCRF is directed towards projects which address the problems faced by developing countries, and forms part of the UK Aid Strategy, while the ISCF is focused on linking research to business and enterprise. While social sciences have done reasonably well from the GCRF, clearly the ISCF requires engagement with, and responsiveness to, the needs of business. The ISCF has £4.7bn funding over four years, and the ESRC has been working hard to ensure that a slice of that funding is available to social science, but this requires social science researchers to apply for the funding.

Many universities have also shown an interest in pursuing an enterprise agenda. Indeed, a number of institutions have developed enterprise career pathways for academics, or incorporated them as an element, sometimes as part of promotion criteria, in more generalised academic career pathways.

These university-level enterprise engagements are doubtlessly financially rewarding for the institution concerned in a number of cases, but can also be tremendously valuable to both local and wider communities. However, examples of engagement between enterprise and the socio-legal studies field seem to be rather thin on the ground at the present time, or at least this is the perceived position. This situation is somewhat disappointing, given that many of the techniques and methodologies regularly deployed by social-legal scholars would doubtlessly also be of value when deployed in an enterprise context.

The question for the SLSA is how should we, as a learned society, facilitate engagement with business and enterprise for the benefit of our members? This might include new grants to help facilitate such activities, or by providing networking opportunities for members directly, or training opportunities. Both the ESRC and the British Academy are keen for learned societies to help members by acting as facilitators in such a manner. At this stage, the SLSA Executive is keen to hear about enterprise engagement that is already happening within the socio-legal community, and also views regarding the future direction that SLSA facilitation measures should take. Comments should be sent to: Colin Moore e.c.r.moore@kent.ac.uk.

SLSA GRANT SCHEME

The SLSA offers two types of grants: Research Grants and PhD Fieldwork Grants. This year the SLSA Exec has decided to support nine projects to the value of just over £20,000. In the summer issue, the latest cohort will provide summaries of their planned projects, in the meantime, four past grantholders report on their completed projects.

Small grants 2018

- David Cowan, University of Bristol, £2385, 'Spatial precarity: a study of houseboats'
- Agata Fijalkowski, Lancaster University, £675, 'Polish lawyers project'
- Ciara Fitzpatrick, Ulster University, £2640, 'In-work conditionality and the ageing worker in Northern Ireland'
- Helen O'Nions, Nottingham Trent University, £2850, 'Gendering asylum perspectives: exploring the need for gender sensitivity in the asylum tribunal through claimants' perspectives'
- Sharon Thompson, Cardiff University, £2999, 'The Married Women's Association: the twentieth-century campaigns that family law forgot'

Fieldwork grants 2018

- Nafay Choudhury, King's College London, £3000, 'Law and trust in self-regulating orders: an empirical study of Kabul's premier money'
- Juliette Doman, University of Liverpool, £1738, 'Maya women survivors' voices on transitional justice in Guatemala'
- Mia Tamarin, Kent University, £2200, 'Water commodification as conflict pacification: the case of Israel-Palestine'
- Giuseppe Zago, Northumbria University, £1635, 'Experiences of sexual orientation and gender identity during imprisonment'

Ben Warwick, Birmingham Law School, 'Practical approaches to non-retrogression in socio-economic rights', £1870

A grant under the SLSA's fieldwork scheme enabled research into socio-economic rights doctrine and civil society practice in Lima, Peru.

In its examinations before UN human rights committees, Peru has been found to be performing poorly in many respects. There are ongoing issues with rural persons' rights and the state's relationship with the country's indigenous peoples. The right to work has garnered significant attention from the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights, and labour issues sit at the heart of many of Peru's problems managing rights and its own economy. Powerful economic influences are evident in the conclusion of the TRIPS Plus agreement, in the exploitation of natural resources, and in the low-wage, poor-conditions economy. As such, the place of socio-economic rights discourse within the country is significant in showing up the broader role and effectiveness of the legal standards.

This was an important country and context for a broader scheme of doctoral research. This research was on the doctrine of non-retrogression which – in simple terms – regulates backwards steps taken by states in relation to socio-economic rights. This doctrine comes from and is predominantly used at the international level as part of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. Parts of the research

discussed the entanglement between the legal doctrine and economic crises. However, another aspect was the way in which the doctrine could be connected to the work of social movements and grassroots organisations and the practical barriers to the doctrine's efficacy.

For this part of the research, the Peruvian example was instructive. Civil society in the country is deeply engaged with socio-economic rights-claiming (even if not always using rights language), including claims that could be brought within the scope of the doctrine of non-retrogression. Peru's Constitutional Court has also found and used a legal doctrine similar in scope and operation to the international one on backwards steps. The fieldwork allowed the discussion of the existing jurisprudence with civil society actors, providing insights into the level of awareness beyond strictly legal communities and the potential for such a mechanism in local and national advocacy. The equivalent international mechanism was also discussed with these actors.

Interesting, too, were the interviews conducted with activists about their experiences using human rights discourse in a region which is already politically organised around these issues. These interviews identified a plethora of perceived limitations with the domestic and international law.

Informed by the fieldwork, the doctoral research concluded that the high-level focus of some socio-economic rights doctrine, the predominance of *ex post* review, resource shortages in NGOs, and the scheduling of international periodic state examinations, all acted as barriers. Yet, the benefits of engagement from civil society actors such as those interviewed in Peru are also clear. They bring capacity, expertise and experience to the international human rights system. Bringing such capabilities to bear on the system could also have significant substantive benefits by allowing civil society actors to be more involved in shaping the normative direction of, and choices within, the international human rights system.

Rimona Afana, PhD candidate, Transitional Justice Institute, Ulster University, 'The justice-reconciliation nexus in Israel/Palestine: mapping a transitional framework amid settler colonialism', £1900

As my doctoral research was concluded in September 2017, three milestones in the subjugation of Palestinians were commemorated: last year marked one century since the Balfour Declaration, five decades since the Six-Day War, and one decade since the siege on Gaza. Though Israel/Palestine features the longest belligerent occupation of our times woven into the last ongoing settler colonial project in the world, the imperative of decolonisation has never entered diplomatic discourse and remains niche in academia and civic activism. My study looked at the tensions and trade-offs between justice and reconciliation in an attempt to bridge transitional justice and conflict transformation to settler colonial studies.

For three months in fall 2016 I was in Palestine/Israel for fieldwork, interviewing senior activists in some of the leading justice and reconciliation collectives there. In parallel with interviews, I went on field visits, volunteered with several activist groups, and developed three documentary photo series. I am grateful to the SLSA for having put their trust in my study at its earliest stage and for facilitating this precious time in the field.

Hereafter follows a synopsis of my fieldwork findings, leaving aside how I interpreted the juncture between my theoretical work and the primary data. My investigation was structured around three areas, which could be visualised as concentric circles: the contextualisation, conceptualisation and operationalisation of the justice-reconciliation nexus.

Within the 'conceptualising' area, justice was associated by contributors with equality and recognition, with socio-economic rights taking precedence over civil-political rights, with distributive justice also favoured over criminal justice. These attested my preliminary findings, yet also stressed the challenge for the transitional justice paradigm to deal with these needs, given its lack of experience historically in mainstreaming the former over the latter. While similar notions emerged from Palestinians and Israelis alike on justice future-wise, different requirements for justice were formulated with respect to the past. Reconciliation was predicated on justice, in addition to mutuality and empathy. The space for reconciliation remains tight given the zero-sum logic driving Palestinian-Israeli rapports, as pointed out by contributors. As for the justice-reconciliation nexus, different interpretations surfaced: while all contributors recognised the ideally synergistic relation between justice and reconciliation, they also substantiated the current tensions between the two notions. Roughly half of contributors opted for a 'justice first' approach ethically and practically, while the other half stressed that, given the complexity (and divisiveness) of (in)justice here, reconciliation needs to come first.

When it comes to contextualising the justice-reconciliation nexus, fieldwork findings were largely coherent with my situational framework, but also introduced additional nuances and divergent points. Nearly half of contributors positioned the impasse as unequivocally colonial. Others, while recognising the effects of the Zionist enterprise as consistent with those of other colonial projects, did not find the applicability of the settler-colonial paradigm that straightforward, given the peculiarity (or exculpatory rationale) here: the Jewish spiritual and genetic bond to the land. From this perspective, Jewish people are both indigenous and non-indigenous, making Zionism paradoxically both a national liberation movement and a settler-colonial project. Though gaining momentum in civil society, the settler-colonial paradigm remains fringe and lacks appeal among the Israeli-Jewish public. As for the intersection between colonialism and the occupation, all contributors recognised the abnormality of the current regime compared to what is legally prescribed as a 'classic' military occupation. Some highlighted the colonial dimension of the design and length of the occupation. While I only investigated directly the applicability of colonialism and the juncture between colonialism and the occupation, contributors brought up spontaneously other areas relevant to contextualising the justice-reconciliation nexus. Among them, ethnic cleansing and the protracted, deliberate non-resolution (already detailed in earlier chapters of my thesis), as well as apartheid, third-party responsibilities and the culture of denial.

On operationalising the justice-reconciliation nexus, contributors' views substantiated hypotheses advanced in my preliminary findings, but also surfaced dilemmas I had not considered. When situating their praxis, most activists directly or indirectly attested my proposed distinctions between the justice (vertical, citizen v state) and reconciliation (horizontal, people-to-people) streams. Some of them highlighted the incongruences between justice and reconciliation activism, while others stressed their complementarity: a division of labour, thematically and methodologically, with some more concerned with the legal-political sphere and others with the psycho-social components of the impasse. Those prioritising the tensions and trade-offs between activism on justice and that on reconciliation pointed at the ongoing oppression as the leading factor blocking the ideally synergistic relation between justice and reconciliation praxis. A tension emerged between the 1967 and 1948 frameworks within civic engagement with the justice-reconciliation nexus. While the majority of civil society works within the 1967 paradigm, many recognised the need to shift to 1948 for a substantive engagement with injustice and disunion.

Most contributors suggested a tension between ethics and pragmatism vis-à-vis their praxis, a gap between their self-imposed duty to combat injustice/disunion and the dim practical effects of their investment. Overall, the ideal of harmonising justice with reconciliation in current transitional/transformational practices appeared challenging because of that very structural violence lingering in the background, which makes justice and reconciliation hardly compatible. Civic activism thus emerged as a heterogeneous, fragmented, conflicted space.

Luke Moffett, Queen's University Belfast, 'Victim personal statements in Northern Ireland: a new voice for crime victims in sentencing? 2014–2015', £1884

This project sought to examine the impact of reformed victim impact statements in Northern Ireland and procedural justice connotations for victims and use of their voice in sentencing. The vast majority of victimological research in Northern Ireland concentrates on political violence; there has been very little academic research on crime victims. Since the 1980s Northern Ireland criminal judges have used victim reports from medical professionals and statements from victims to inform sentencing decisions. These confidential reports and statements assist judges in understanding the harm caused by a crime. However, they generally have a low uptake amongst victims with some 435 made between 2006–2012, mostly for sexual or violent crimes (*R v Valliday* [2010] NICC 14, [18]). At the same time judges have encouraged victims to write letters about the crime's impact on them, to be considered in sentencing. This process has been formalised with the 2015 Victims' Charter and the 2016 Justice Act (NI), so that victims of any crime prosecuted in Northern Ireland can provide a victim personal statement (VPS) on sentencing.

This project conducted 24 interviews with judges, prosecution and defence counsel, as well as victim intermediaries and police family liaison officers in April–October 2015. This was combined with legal analysis of Northern Irish sentencing decisions from the 1980s until 2016 on victim statements used in sentencing. Victim impact reports also continue to be used in sentencing in Northern Ireland, written by psychologists and psychiatrists. However, due to their unreliability, the Northern Ireland Court of Appeal has been increasingly rejecting these reports. In terms of the VPS, the research indicated that victims found impact statements improved their procedural satisfaction through being involved in the court's willingness to hear their views and concerns, but they were perceived as having little impact on judicial decision-making in sentencing. If victim statements did impact on sentencing, it was veiled behind judicial discretion with judges often failing to make clear the victims' contribution. This undermined the communicative and procedural justice benefits for victims, causing them to feel neglected and frustrated. This sentiment was shared by intermediaries who took the time to prepare and write these statements, and often sat beside victims as the sentences were read out. Together, these two key stakeholders felt disenchanted with the criminal justice system, which may undermine their long-term engagement.

In addition, the research found that the past continues to cast a shadow over the Northern Irish criminal justice system, with police liaison officers noting that some families of murder victims are unwilling to engage with the police, or that a VPS would have little effect in sentencing for Troubles-related murders, which automatically become two-year sentences. The VPS also did not facilitate vulnerable victims, such as those involved in child abuse or domestic violence cases, who might be unwilling to disclose to the defendant the harm that has been caused as a result of the crime. As such the VPS as a one-size-

fits-all measure failed to deliver a substantive sense of procedural justice for victims or be flexible enough to meet their differing needs.

The results of the project were published in two articles: 'Victim impact reports in Northern Ireland: victims' voices influencing sentencing?' (2016) *Criminal Law Review* 7:478–84 and 'Victim personal statements in managing victims' voices in sentencing in Northern Ireland: taking a more procedural justice approach' (2017) *Northern Ireland Legal Quarterly* 68(4): 555–76. The findings of this research have been shared through a separate policy paper with the Northern Ireland Department of Justice and during a roundtable with criminal justice practitioners in 2016 organised by the Attorney General.

Dr Sinéad Ring, Kent Law School, 'Is redemption possible here? Developing an ethics of memory for historical childhood sexual abuse in Ireland', £1765.80

This project explores law's attempts to deliver justice to adults who come to it claiming to have been sexually abused as children. The story is partial, complicated and non-linear. In historical child sexual abuse cases the lapse of time between the alleged abuse and the eventual prosecution is usually in the order of 20 to 30 years, although it can be as much as 50 years. This 'delay' presents immense challenges to the criminal process's ability to deliver accountability to the victim and the truth about the past to the broader society, as well as fairness to the accused. In this project I explore how the Irish courts, in dealing with historical childhood sexual abuse cases, have produced a paradoxical account of victims' experiences of abuse. I argue that this account, problematic though it is, may contain the promise of a deeper, more reflective and ultimately more productive engagement by Irish society on its history and on the problem of child sexual abuse. In particular, it considers how adopting an ethical approach to testimonies regarding abuse, memories of frustrated attempts at reporting, and the silencing of victims' experiences, might open up new ways of thinking through questions of law's responsibility to the past. It explores how reading the criminal cases against the grain reveals agentic victims of abuse, and opens up larger questions of societal, institutional and familial responsibility for suffering.

The project has scrutinised Irish cases in which defendants sought to have their trial prohibited because of the delayed reporting. It has explored the legal test used in the period 1999–2006, which focused on the abuser's 'dominion' over the victim. The use of the notion of dominion by the courts elicited valuable information about the reasons for the delay and how children were silenced. Uncovering these stories is essential to understanding the dynamics of child sexual abuse. However, a critical reading of the delay cases that draws on feminist critiques of battered woman's syndrome and rape trauma syndrome reveals law's power to impose hegemonic discourses on to victims and to produce new histories. Under the dominion paradigm, the courts distorted victims' accounts of their experiences and side-lined stories that pointed towards a culture of indifference to abuse. Thus, the project argues that law occupies a paradoxical position in relation to Ireland's history of child sexual abuse, by opening up spaces for reflection about the recent past, while also silencing parts of stories where they relate to societal complicity in child sexual abuse.

During the lifetime of the grant, the research was presented at University of Technology Sydney, University of Melbourne, University College Dublin and Dublin City University. The research has resulted in one output to date. This article is published as 'The victim of historical child sexual abuse in the Irish courts 1999–2006' (2017) 26(5) *Social and Legal Studies* 562–80, available at: [w https://doi.org/10.1177/0964663917694706](https://doi.org/10.1177/0964663917694706).

SLSA SEMINAR COMPETITION

The final two seminars in our 2017 competition took place in the autumn. Their organisers report here on these successful events.

Translation, law and migration: an enlightening relationship

Sophie Boyron and Aleksandra Cavoski report on the one-day workshop held at Birmingham Law School, University of Birmingham, on Thursday 21 September 2017.

The reliance on legal translation has increased dramatically with the intense process of globalisation that has taken place since the latter half of the twentieth century. The globalised legal work that results from the rapid growth of international treaties, international organisations, international courts and regional governance, as well as the growing practice of international arbitration, would not be possible without legal translation. In spite of its long history and recent proliferation, legal translation remains underexplored, particularly from a socio-legal perspective.

The SLSA workshop aimed at starting to remedy this by bringing together academics interested in the intersection between law and translation from different academic fields. Migration provided an appropriate focus given its contemporary significance and its prominence as an analytical concern in multiple disciplines.

The workshop was organised around two main themes: in the first part, the presentations aimed to clarify the relative conceptual position of law, translation and migration by first analysing the complex relationship that language entertains with migration and then by offering a portrayal of the nexus between translation and migration; and, in the second part, the workshop focused on the practice of translation in various migration contexts.

The first part of the workshop included a presentation by Professor Anne-Marie Fortier (University of Lancaster, Department of Sociology) who emphasised that the present citizenship language requirement inspired by the 'one nation, one language' approach creates new hierarchies of belonging and questioned whether this denial of multilingualism was not in effect a denial of citizenship for these speakers. This was followed by Professor Eleanor Spaventa (University of Durham, School of Law) who looked at the issue of language in the internal market and Professor François Grin (Université de Genève, Faculty of Translation and Interpreting) who presented the MIME project on mobility and inclusion in a multilingual Europe. The workshop continued with a presentation by Professor Lucja Biel (University of Warsaw, Faculty of Applied Linguistics) who, through studying a corpus of legal translation on migration, identified in particular a shift from a negative prosody in the portrayal of migrants towards more descriptive terms. She was followed by Professor Loredana Polezzi (University of Cardiff, School of Modern Languages) who looked to contemporary literature for the relationship between law, literature and migration and noted that narratives of migration are often narratives of translation, reminding us that the law affects our ability to act, to speak and that we cannot remain language indifferent.

The second part of the workshop focused on 'translating migration' in practice. There, the presentations focused on the translation experiences of migrants in legalised contexts, or on the translation of texts relating to migration. We heard presentations from Professors Angela Creese and Adrian Blackledge (University of Birmingham, School of Education) who raised the question of an allegiance of translators with the law, the audience and the source and showed the tensions that

arise for translators by using examples from fieldnotes, while Dr Frances Rock (University of Cardiff, School of English) identified the need for a different relationship between lawyer and migrant/client to confront the in-built disadvantage in that relationship. From a study of EU Commission non-legally binding texts on the refugee crisis, Dr Elpida Loupaki (University of Thessalonika, Department of French Studies) showed a detachment strategy in the translation of the technical words that refer to refugees and also some evidence of dehumanisation of the refugee crisis through translation. From his doctoral research on community policing, Piotr Wegorowski (PhD candidate, University of Cardiff, School of English) identified a need for intralingual translation in these contexts. And, finally, Dr Kieren McGuffin (University of Birmingham, School of Law) argued that the UK's vulnerable persons resettlement scheme was in fact a systematic policy of subversion, a mistranslation of the refugee protection afforded by the Refugee Convention and the Dublin Regulation.

Discussion throughout the workshop was rich and fruitful (with active contributions from all participants including the postgraduate student presenting). The workshop was praised by delegates for bringing together specialists from a wide range of disciplines and for providing insights into the topic that would not otherwise have been possible.

Power, property and the law of trusts revisited: Roger Cotterrell's contribution to critical trusts scholarship

Hayley Gibson and Nick Piška of Kent Law School summarise their recent two-day event in Canterbury from 25–26 October 2017.

In October 2017 Hayley Gibson and Nick Piška of Kent Law School hosted an exciting and innovative two-day symposium revisiting themes and critical perspectives in Roger Cotterrell's work on trusts. Cotterrell had argued that trusts extend and intensify the ideological function of property, thereby hiding and silencing inequality. Thirty years after the publication of his important article, 'Power, property and the law of trusts' ((1987) *Journal of Law and Society* 14(1): 77–90) – with increasing wealth inequality, the rise of a global trust industry, and the recent publication of the Panama and Paradise papers – a return to Cotterrell's work is crucial; trusts, which have a major impact on the functioning of state and society, are often overlooked in critical scholarship. The symposium invited participants to reflect on the role of power in trusts law; trust law's contributions to social, economic and political inequality; and on the theoretical resources for a critique of trust law and practice.

The first day of the symposium, held at the Friends Meeting House in Canterbury, began with a panel on settlors, trust industry and the limits of trust. Professor Brooke Harrington (Copenhagen Business School), whose recently published study of wealth industry, *Capital without Borders* (2016 Harvard University Press) provides critical insights into how trusts contribute to wealth inequality, opened the symposium with a paper on institutional theories of the trust. Professor Jonathan Garton (Warwick Law School) presented on the power of the settlor, critiquing the myth that settlors 'drop out of the picture'. Professor Carla Spivack (Oklahoma City University, School of Law) completed the panel with a paper on trusts and democracy in the context of the development of spendthrift trusts in the USA, and how trusts law may hold within itself the resources for resisting such developments. The second panel turned to theoretical frameworks for a critique of the trust. Professor Adam Gearey (Birkbeck Law School) turned to the work of Karl Polanyi to reconsider the history of the trust; Dr Hayley Gibson (Kent Law School) to Giorgio Agamben to consider the trust in

terms of economic theology; and Dr Henry Jones (Durham Law School) to theories of ideology to analyse the charitable trust. The final panel on the first day concerned historical perspectives on trusts. Dr Brenna Bhandar (SOAS School of Law) provided an important engagement with the colonial history of the law of trusts in nineteenth-century Bombay; Dr Sarah Wilson (York Law School) analysed the critical resources of an historical approach, with a particular emphasis on the commercial developments of trusts law; and Dr Iain Frame (Kent Law School) provided an interesting account of how we might consider the central bank as trustee through a reading of the work of Walter Bagehot.

The second day of the symposium was held in the Dickens Room of the Pilgrims Hospices Conference Centre in Canterbury. The day opened with a panel on Cotterrell's conception of moral distance and trust. Professor T T Arvind (Newcastle Law School) and Dr Ruth Stirton (Sussex Law School) presented on structural issues of power and how fiduciary obligations might remedy new contexts in which structural power emerges (such as access to personal and genetic data). Professor Michael Bryan (Melbourne Law School) analysed how moral distancing in trusts has transformed, with contemporary development in trusts law, for example, securitisation trusts. Lisa Sarvas (Melbourne Law School) completed the panel with a critique of how the trust is gendered through concepts of distance and intimacy. The second panel concerned trusts and the family context. Continuing the feminist theme, Professor Rosemary Auchmuty (Reading Law School) analysed the textbook treatment of trusts of the family home, observing that the inadequate consideration of gender means that gender inequality and injustice will often go unnoticed by students. Dr Johanna Jacques (Durham Law School) turned to the conceptualisation of family trusts, drawing on the work of Martin Heidegger to subvert the liberal idea of property

underpinning standard accounts of the trust. The final panel turned to the role of the state in trusts law. Andres Knobel, of the Tax Justice Network, presented the network's recent report on *Trusts: Weapon's of Mass Injustice?* and subsequent calls for the registration of trusts to correct injustices created by trusts' secrecy. Professor Adam Hofri-Winogradow (Hebrew University of Jerusalem) gave an account of his important empirical studies on the proliferation of trusts, and particularly the race-to-the-bottom in trust laws globally. Finally, Nick Piška (Kent Law School) analysed the assumption that trusts are entirely private institutions, and gave an account of the role of the state in trusts law and practice, setting out the stakes of debate about reform of trusts law from within and outside trusts industry.

The symposium as a whole was very successful, providing many insights from different theoretical perspectives and jurisdictional contexts. However, there is a clear need for further work on trusts, power and inequality. We would like to thank participants for their contributions and engagement during the event. Papers from the symposium are to be published in a collection with Counter Press in April 2019, with an 'Afterword' from Roger Cotterrell. This volume will be the only collection of critical scholarship wholly devoted to trusts law in all its varying contexts; we hope the collection will kick-start renewed interest in critical trusts scholarship.

The symposium was one of a number of events and critical interventions undertaken through the Equity and Trusts Research Network www.kent.ac.uk/law/research/centres-and-groups/equity.html. If you would like to become a member of the network please email Nick Piška n.piska@kent.ac.uk. The symposium was supported with funding from the SLSA, Kent Law School research group Social Critiques of Law, and the Kent Law School workshop fund. We would like to thank all those who supported the symposium, both financially and otherwise.

SOCIO-LEGAL NEWS

Latest from the Law Commission

13th Programme of Law Reform

Surrogacy, residential leasehold, driverless cars and smart contracts are all to be reviewed by the Law Commission. These are among the 14 new project areas in its 13th Programme of Law Reform.

Law Commission chair and Court of Appeal judge Sir David Bean said: 'We want to help tackle injustices by making the law simpler, clearer and fit for the future. We will also be making sure the law supports cutting-edge technical innovation such as automated vehicles and smart contracts. Although we are operating in uncertain times, I am confident that our independence and ability to build consensus will help ensure that Parliament can take forward law reform in these areas.'

With regard to the SLSA's liaison with the Law Commission, SLSA chair Rosie Harding writes: 'The Law Commission are keen to develop the work they do with the SLSA, especially with regard to ensuring that their law reform projects are informed by socio-legal and empirical research wherever possible.' Nick Hopkins (Property, Family and Trusts Commissioner) will be attending the SLSA Annual Conference in Bristol this year to talk to SLSA members about the Commission's forthcoming work on surrogacy, which is due to begin in April. For the full list of projects, see www.lawcom.gov.uk/project/13th-programme-of-law-reform.

Government asks Law Commission to look at trolling laws

In a separate development, the government has asked the Law Commission to review the laws around offensive communications and assess whether they provide the right protection to victims online. This independent review of the law is expected to be published within six months. If deficiencies in the current law are identified, the Law Commission has agreed to further work looking at potential options for reform.

See the Law Commission website for further details: www.lawcom.gov.uk.

Save the dates! Residential Socio-Legal Masterclass for doctoral students

The Third Annual Socio-Legal Masterclass for second to fourth-year doctoral students is being held at St Catherine's College Oxford from **3-4 September 2018**. This year's Masterclass is being sponsored by the ESRC Doctoral Training Partnerships network, the Oxford Centre for Socio-Legal Studies, the *Journal of Law and Society* and the SLSA. The theme will be 'Looking at law from the bottom up'. This event gives a small group of 20 doctoral students the opportunity to spend two days talking to established academics about a variety of methodological approaches to the study of law. The Masterclass is free for ESRC students and there are bursaries available for other students allocated on a competitive basis. Further details of the event will be posted on the SLSA website and weekly ebulletin before the Annual Conference in Bristol.

Linda Mulcahy, LSE, and Marina Kurkchyan, Oxford Centre for Socio-Legal Studies

ESRC Governance after Brexit programme

As part of a portfolio of work on governance, trust and democracy, the ESRC will be issuing a call in 2018 (due as we go to press) for a research programme on Governance after Brexit, directed by Professor Daniel Wincott (ESRC leadership co-ordinator for Governance and Brexit). The programme will address the implications of Brexit, which span society, politics and the economy. It will have an impact on the UK's constitutional arrangements, the nature of the state across multiple levels and a range of government policy objectives and instruments. It also has consequences for political parties and civil society organisations, business and trade unions. Its consequences may differ for generations and classes; 'races' and ethnic groups; genders; and nations, regions, localities and communities.

The Governance after Brexit programme will be developed in two phases: the first will focus on key aspects of future UK governance; the second on the UK's future relationship with the EU, including UK policies after Brexit.

Applications are sought from the full range of social science and related disciplines. The deadline for proposals will be in early **May 2018**.

Please see website for further details. www.esrc.ac.uk/funding/funding-opportunities/governance-after-brexit-programme.

Sociological Review: call for editorial board members

The *Sociological Review* is a general sociological journal which has provided a place for debate for generations of academics who use a sociological imagination to approach their object of study. The journal is currently renewing its editorial board and is seeking 10 individuals at all career stages who wish to take an active role in the life of the journal. Please see website for details: www.thesociologicalreview.com/blog/call-for-editorial-board-members.html. Closing date: **1 May 2018**.

Call: case studies in social science research ethics

Have you completed a research project with interesting ethical dimensions? Are you interested in sharing your experience of the research process? Short (2500–5000 words) case studies are required that report the actual experience of researchers. If you have a tale to tell, please contact e.n.emmerich@qub.ac.uk or see the following webpage for further information: <http://methods.sagepub.com/WriteEthicsCase>.

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Professor JOANNE CONAGHAN, Head of School, University of Bristol Law School, was appointed chair of the Law REF2021 Sub-Panel in December 2017.

Three SLSA academics received grants under the 2017 Philip Leverhulme Prize scheme. They are: **Dr ANA ALIVERTI**, Warwick University; **SLSA Chair Professor ROSIE HARDING**, University of Birmingham; and **Professor FIONA DE LONDRAS**, University of Birmingham. Each Prize has a value of £100,000 which may be used over a two or three-year period for any purpose which can advance the prize-holder's research.

Professor JULIA BLACK, Pro-director for Research at the LSE, has been appointed to the board of the UK Research Institute.

Professor DAVINA COOPER has joined the Dickson Poon School of Law, King's College London, from Kent, to take up a research chair. From 1 May 2018, Professor Cooper will be working for three years on a new ESRC project on reforming legal gender status.

ESRC Centres Competition 2018

The call for outline proposals for the ESRC's Centres Competition is currently open. The ESRC is investing £30m over five years. It is anticipated that this will fund four centres. The competition is for proposals ranging from £2m to £8m (100 per cent full economic cost with a term of five years). The funding will meet 80 per cent of the full economic costs on proposals submitted. Research centre funding is aimed at experienced research leaders who require longer-term or extended support for research groups, inter-institutional research networks, project-linked programmes, medium-to-large surveys, other infrastructure or methodological developments, or any related larger-scale projects. Closing date: **15 March 2018**. Please see website for details: www.esrc.ac.uk/funding/funding-opportunities/centres-competition-2018.

JUSTICE hosts Administrative Justice Council

JUSTICE has announced the launch of the Administrative Justice Council. JUSTICE will be providing the secretariat functions to the council which will be chaired by the Right Honourable Sir Ernest Ryder, Senior President of Tribunals. The council will be the successor body to the Administrative Justice Forum, abolished in April 2017. It will be the only body with oversight of the whole of the administrative justice system in the UK, advising government, including the devolved governments, and the judiciary. JUSTICE has stated that it is pleased to be supporting the new council to deliver improvements to the administrative justice system. For further information, see <https://justice.org.uk/justice-host-successor-administrative-justice-forum>.

Elgar Studies in Law, Development and Global Justice: call for proposals

This new series explores the relationship between law, development and global justice. Edited by John Harrington (Cardiff), Celine Tan (Warwick) and Wouter Vandenhole (Antwerp), it will provide a platform for critical engagement with and interdisciplinary perspectives on the role and impact of law on economic development and social and political organisation. It will actively foster scholarship from and about the global south and seeks contributions animated by a concern with global, social and gender justice. As part of a commitment to access, series books will be included in schemes which provide free or low-cost access to libraries in developing countries. See flyer for full details: www.slsa.ac.uk/images/2018winter/Elgar_Studies_in_Law_Development_and_Global_Justice.pdf

NILQ: new chief editor appointed and CfP

The *Northern Ireland Legal Quarterly* (NILQ) is a peer-reviewed journal that publishes scholarly work on any area of law and which has been published by Queen's University Belfast since 1936. At the start of 2017 the journal moved from hard copy to electronic format and the editorial board is now delighted to announce the appointment of a new chief editor, Dr Mark Flear. The Chief Editor invites submissions of full-length articles (approx 10,000 words) in any area of law, plus shorter items (approx 2000 words) on 'Case notes and comments', 'Statute and legislation review' and 'Innovations and trends in the market for legal services'. The Chief Editor also invites submissions of proposals for special issues. For further information, see the 'For authors' page on the journal website <https://nilq.qub.ac.uk/index.php/nilq/information/authors>. This is an open call with no cut-off date.

Mark Flear

Sociological Jurisprudence: Juristic thought and social inquiry (2018) Roger Cotterrell, Routledge £29.99pb/£110 cloth 256pp.

This book presents a unified set of arguments about the nature of jurisprudence and its relation to the jurist's role. It explores contemporary challenges that make the adoption of social-scientific perspectives in jurisprudence imperative, and it shows how sociological resources can and should be used in considering juristic issues. Its overall aim is to redefine the concept of sociological jurisprudence and present a new agenda for the field. The book elaborates a distinctive juristic perspective recognising law's diversity of cultural meanings, its extending transnational reach, its responsibility to reflect popular aspirations for justice and security, and its integrative tasks as a general resource of societal regulation. Drawing on and extending the author's previous work, the book is aimed at students, researchers and academics working in socio-legal studies, jurisprudence, sociology of law, legal philosophy and comparative legal studies.

Rewriting Children's Rights Judgments: From academic vision to new practice (2017) Helen Stalford, Kathryn Hollingsworth and Stephen Gilmore (eds), Hart £80 616pp (use code SLSA for 20% discount)

This important edited collection is the culmination of research undertaken by the Children's Rights Judgments Project. This initiative involved academic experts revisiting existing case law, drawn from a range of legal sub-disciplines and jurisdictions, and redrafting the judgment from a children's rights perspective. The rewritten judgments shed light on the conceptual and practical challenges of securing children's rights within judicial decision-making and explore how developments in theory and practice can inform and (re-)invigorate the legal protection of children's rights. Collectively, the judgments point to five key factors that support a children's rights-based approach to judgment writing. These include: using children's rights law and principles; drawing on academic insights and evidence; endorsing child-friendly procedures; adopting a children's rights-focused narrative; and using child-friendly language.

Feminist Judgments of Aotearoa New Zealand: Te Rino – a two-stranded rope (2017) Elisabeth McDonald, Rhonda Powell, Mamari Stephens and Rosemary Hunter, Hart £90 576pp (use code CV7 for 20% discount)

This edited collection asks how key New Zealand judgments might read if they were written by a feminist judge. Feminist judging is an emerging critical legal approach that works within the confines of common law legal method to challenge the myth of judicial neutrality and illustrate how the personal experiences and perspectives of judges may influence the reasoning and outcome of their decisions. Uniquely, this book includes a set of cases employing an approach based on *mana wahine*, the use of Maori values that recognise the complex realities of Maori women's lives. Through these feminist and *mana wahine* judgments, it opens possibilities of more inclusive judicial decision-making for the future.

Britishness, Belonging and Citizenship: Experiencing nationality law (2018 forthcoming) Devyani Prabhat, Policy Press £36 128pp

Long-term resident migrants to the UK, who often possess valuable skills for the economy, still face significant barriers to citizenship. In this important book, the author captures the experiences of those who successfully become British citizens through stories of belonging, citizenship and the law; beautifully illustrated by artist Sam Church. Speaking to contemporary times of Brexit, the book exposes the challenges which become insurmountable for many migrants, and illuminates the gap between policy and practice in gaining British citizenship.

Modern Studies in Property Law: vol 9 (2017) Heather Conway and Robin Hickey, Hart £85 352pp

This book contains a collection of peer-reviewed papers presented at the 11th Biennial Modern Studies in Property Law Conference held at Queen's University Belfast in April 2016. It is the ninth volume to be published under the name of the conference. The conference and its published proceedings have become an established forum for property lawyers from around the world to showcase current research in the discipline. This collection reflects the diversity and contemporary relevance of modern research in property law. Following a foreword from the keynote speaker at the conference, Queen's alumnus Lord Kerr of Tonaghmore, the chapters address a range of issues, from the nature of land law and property rights, through claims to the home and digital assets, to the growing debate on the nature of public property. Collectively, the chapters demonstrate the vibrancy and importance of property law in dealing with modern concerns across the common law world.

The Future of Registered Partnerships (2017) Jens M Scherpe and Andy Hayward, Intersentia €98 594pp (use code SLSARRF for 20% discount until 5 April 2018)

In many jurisdictions registered partnerships were introduced either as a functional equivalent to marriage for same-sex couples, or as an alternative to marriage open to all couples. But now that marriage is opened up to same-sex couples in an increasing number of jurisdictions, is there a role and a need for another form of formalised adult relationship besides marriage? In this book, leading family law experts from 15 European and non-European countries explore the history and function of registered partnerships in their own jurisdictions. Further chapters look at the impact of the European Convention on Human Rights and EU law on the regulation of registered partnerships. In the concluding chapters the different approaches are analysed and compared. This book provides the foundation for an informed discussion not only on changes to the implementation of registered partnership schemes, but also more generally for reviewing the law concerning the recognition of adult relationships.

International Perspectives on the Regulation of Lawyers and Legal Services (2017) Andrew Boon (ed), Hart £70 304pp

This collection explores developments in the regulation of legal services by examining the control of the markets in several key countries and in jurisdictions within countries. The contributions consider emerging adjustments in regulatory structures and methods; examine the continuing role, if any, of professionals and how this may be changing; and speculate on the future of legal services regulation in each jurisdiction. The introductory and concluding chapters draw together similarities, differences and conclusions regarding directions of change in the regulation of legal services. They consider the emergence of alternatives to professionalism as a means of regulating legal services and some implications for the rule of law.

SLSA Mentoring Awards

Applications are invited for these awards aimed at supporting 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.

Full details are available at www.slsa.ac.uk/index.php/prizes-grants-and-seminars/mentoring.

Enquiries about this scheme should be directed to [e admin@slsa.ac.uk](mailto:admin@slsa.ac.uk).

There are three annual deadlines for this scheme: **1 October, 1 February and 1 June.**

Unity in Adversity: EU citizenship, social justice and the cautionary tale of the UK (2017) Charlotte O'Brien, Hart £65 304pp

The EU is at a crossroads of constitution and conscience. This book argues that EU market citizenship is incompatible with a pursuit of social justice because it contributes to the social exclusion of women and children, promotes a class-based conception of rights, and tolerates in-work poverty. The limitations of EU citizenship are clearest when EU nationals engage with national welfare systems, but this experience has been neglected in EU legal research. *Unity in Adversity* draws upon the ground-breaking EU Rights Project, working first hand with EU nationals in the UK, providing advice and advocacy, and giving ethnographic insight into the process of navigating EU and UK welfare law. Its study of EU law in action is a radical new approach, and the case studies illustrate the political, legal and administrative obstacles to justice faced by EU nationals. Taken together, the strands demonstrate that 'equal treatment' for EU nationals is an illusion. The UK's welfare reforms directed at EU nationals are analysed as a programme of declaratory discrimination, and in light of the subsequent referendum, should be treated as a cautionary tale – both to the EU, to take social justice seriously, and to other member states, to steer away from xenophobic law-making.

Law Unlimited (2017) Margaret Davies, Routledge £110 176pp

This book engages with a traditional yet persistent question of legal theory – what is law? However, instead of attempting to define and limit law, the aim of the book is to unlimit law, to take the idea of law beyond its conventionally accepted boundaries into the material and plural domains of an interconnected human and non-human world. Against the backdrop of analytical jurisprudence, the book draws theoretical connections and continuities between different experiences, spheres, and modalities of law. Taking up the many forms of critical and socio-legal thought, it presents a broad challenge to legal essentialism and abstraction, as well as making an important contribution to more general normative theory. Reading, crystallising and extending themes that have emerged in legal thought over the past century, this book is the culmination of the author's 25 years of engagement with legal theory. Its bold attempt to forge a thoroughly contemporary approach to law will be of enormous value to those with interests in legal and socio-legal theory.

Law and the Whirligig of Time (2018 forthcoming) Stephen Sedley, Hart £20 296pp

For over 30 years, first as a QC, then as a judge, and latterly as a visiting professor of law at Oxford, Stephen Sedley has written and lectured about aspects of the law that do not always get the attention they deserve. The present volume contains recent articles by the author on the law, many of them from the *London Review of Books*, and lectures given to a variety of audiences.

Transitional Justice and the Public Sphere: Engagement, legitimacy and contestation (2017) Chrisje Brants and Susanne Karstedt (eds), Hart £70 360pp (use code SLSA for 20% discount)

Transparency is a fundamental principle of justice. A cornerstone of the rule of law, it allows for public engagement and for democratic control of the decisions and actions of both the judiciary and the justice authorities. This book looks at the question of transparency within the framework of transitional justice. Bringing together scholars from across the disciplinary spectrum, the collection analyses the issue from socio-legal, cultural studies and practitioner perspectives. Taking a three-part approach, it firstly discusses basic principles guiding justice globally before exploring courts and how they make justice visible. Finally, the collection reviews the interface between law, transitional justice institutions and the public sphere.

Stories of Care: A labour of law – gender and class at work (2017) Lydia J B Hayes, Palgrave Macmillan, £70hb/£29pb/£22.99 ebook 232pp

This is an interdisciplinary study of the interactions of law and labour that shape paid care work. Based on the experiences of homecare workers, this highly topical text unpicks doctrinal assumptions about class and gender to interrogate contemporary labour law. It demonstrates how the UK's crisis in social care is connected to the gendered inadequacy of labour law and argues for transformative change to law at work.

Rape, Sexual Violence and Transitional Justice Challenges: Lessons from Bosnia Herzegovina (2017) Janine Natalya Clark, Routledge £115 243pp

It is estimated that 20,000 people were subjected to rape and other forms of sexual violence during the 1992–1995 Bosnian war. Today, these men and women have been largely forgotten. Where are they now? To what extent do their experiences continue to affect and influence their lives, and the lives of those around them? What are the principal problems that these individuals face? Such questions remain largely unanswered. More broadly, the long-term consequences of conflict-related rape and sexual violence are often overlooked. Based on extensive interviews with male and female survivors from all ethnic groups in Bosnia-Herzegovina (BiH), this interdisciplinary book addresses a critical gap in the current literature on rape and sexual violence in conflict situations. In so doing, it uniquely situates and explores the legacy of these crimes within a transitional justice framework.

Human Rights and Radical Social Transformation: Futurity, alterity, power (2017) Kathryn McNeilly, Routledge £95 166pp

Against the recent backdrop of socio-political crisis, radical thinking and activism to challenge the oppressive operation of power have increased. Such thinkers and activists have aimed for radical social transformation in the sense of challenging dominant ways of viewing the world, including the neoliberal illusion of improving the welfare of all while advancing the interests of only some. However, a question mark has remained over the utility of human rights in this activity and the capability of rights to challenge, as opposed to reinforce, discourses such as liberalism, capitalism, internationalism and statism. It is at this point that the present work aims to intervene. Drawing upon critical legal theory, radical democratic thinking and feminist perspectives, *Human Rights and Radical Social Transformation* seeks to reassess the radical possibilities for human rights and explore how rights may be re-engaged as a tool to facilitate radical social change via the concept of 'human rights to come'. This idea proposes a reconceptualisation of human rights in theory and practice which foregrounds human rights as inherently futural and capable of sustaining a critical relation to power and alterity in radical politics.

Law and Policy in Modern Family Finance: Property division in the twenty-first century (2017) Jessica Palmer, Nicola Peart, Margaret Briggs and Mark Henaghan (eds), Intersentia £79 420pp (use code SLSARRF for 20% discount until 5 April 2018)

This volume adopts a conceptual approach to key questions about the legal division of property when a marriage, civil union, de facto or other close personal relationship ends. These questions include: which relationships should be subject to a statutory regime? Which property should be shared? Should property held on trust be included? How should property be shared? How should economic disparity within the relationship be addressed, if at all? Should the interests of any children be considered, and if so to what extent? Should parties be allowed to contract out of a statutory regime and, if so, should such contracts be binding? And should death be treated in the same way as relationship breakdown. The authors use New Zealand's current legislative framework as a basis for critical analysis and reflection.

Unconstitutional Constitutional Amendments: The limits of amendment powers (2017) Yaniv Roznai, Oxford University Press £60 368pp

This book provides full and in-depth analysis of the doctrine of unconstitutional constitutional amendment and its growing role in modern constitutional law. It proposes a theoretical framework for constitutional unamendability and its judicial enforcement, presenting a global approach that draws on jurisprudential thinking from a range of examples around the world. Finally, it provides an original collection of unamendable provisions that have existed or still exist in national constitutions from 1789 to 2015.

Responsibility, Restoration and Fault (2018) Bénédicte Winiger, Intersentia €49 (use code SLSARRF for 20% discount until 5 April 2018) 154pp

This book suggests how we could measure responsible behaviour. What criteria do our actions have to abide by to protect individuals and society? This is particularly relevant in a period where modern technology has not only multiplied the risks and degree of damage, but also created long causal chains that often make it difficult to see a connection between action and damage, and when the damaging effects on individuals or society only emerge decades later. The author argues that a person's behaviour is responsible if the following criteria are fulfilled simultaneously: the person, whose behaviour could cause damage, would be able to restore the victim; the person, whose behaviour causes actual damage, restores the victim (both criteria of restoration); and the person is not at fault when determining and executing an act (criteria of fault).

What's Wrong with Rights? Social movements, law and liberal imaginations (2018) Radha D'Souza, Pluto Press £19.99pb/£75hb 272pp

Through mapping the rights discourse and the transformations in transnational finance capitalism since the world wars, and interrogating the connections between the two, this book examines contemporary rights in theory and practice through the lens of the struggles of the people of the Third World, their experiences of national liberation and socialism and their aspirations for emancipation and freedom. It asks what is entailed in reducing rights to 'human' rights and in the argument 'our understandings of rights are better than theirs' that is popular within social movements and in critical scholarship.

Repealing the 8th: Reforming Irish abortion law (2018) Fiona de Londras and Máiréad Enright, Policy Press £12.99 152pp

Irish law currently permits abortion only where the life of the pregnant woman is at risk. Since 1983, the 8th amendment to the constitution has recognised the 'unborn' as having a right to life equal to that of the 'mother'. Consequently, most people in Ireland who wish to bring their pregnancies to an end either import the abortion pill illegally, travel abroad to access abortion, or continue with the pregnancy against their will. Now, however, there are signs of change. A constitutional referendum will be held this year, after which it will be possible to reimagine, redesign and reform the law on abortion. Written by experts in the field, this book draws on experience from other countries, as well as experiences of maternal medical care in Ireland, to call for a feminist, woman-centred, and rights-based radical new approach to abortion law in Ireland. Directly challenging grounds-based abortion law, this accessible guide brings together feminist analysis, comparative research, human rights law, and political awareness to propose a new constitutional and legislative settlement on reproductive autonomy in Ireland. It offers practical proposals for policymakers and advocates, including model legislation, making it an essential campaigning tool leading up to the referendum.

The Law of Consumer Redress in an Evolving Digital Market: Upgrading from alternative to online dispute resolution (2017) Pablo Cortés, Cambridge University Press 324pp £85 (20% discount with code CORTE52017)

This book advances the emerging of a new sub-field of study, the law of consumer redress, which encompasses the various dispute resolution processes for consumers, their regulations, and best practices. The book argues that the institutionalisation of alternative dispute resolution (ADR) bodies is expanding their functions beyond dispute resolution, as they are increasingly providing a public service for consumers that complements, and often replaces, the role of the courts. Although the book focuses on ADR, it also analyses other redress methods, including public enforcement, court adjudication and business internal complaints systems. It proposes a more efficient rationalisation of certified redress bodies, which should be better co-ordinated and accessible through technological means. Accordingly, the book calls for greater integration amongst redress methods and offers recommendations to improve their process design to ensure that, inter alia, traders are encouraged to participate in redress schemes, settle early meritorious claims and comply with outcomes.

New 'open access' book imprint from IALS: call for submissions

OBserving Law – the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies (IALS) Open Book Service for Law – is being developed as part of the School of Advanced Study's Humanities Digital Library open access book-publishing initiative.

The aim of the IALS Open Book Service for Law is to provide a showcase for the vibrant state of legal scholarship, by publishing the best monographic works in law. The imprint embraces the full scope of legal scholarship, from doctrinal analysis to theoretical exploration and empirical study, and also welcomes interdisciplinary approaches. The aim is to publish innovative and intellectually stimulating work which will widen knowledge and understanding, and play a major role in policy, practice and legal education. Submissions will be accepted from individual authors and editors, both within and external to the University of London, and a publishing service will also be provided to learned societies and organisations.

For further details, see <http://ials.sas.ac.uk/digital/humanities-digital-library/observing-law-ials-open-book-service-law>.

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SLSA Research Training Grants

Applications are invited for these grants aimed at supporting 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 grants will cover the cost of attendance at a relevant training course offered by an established provider. See, for example, the courses offered by the National Research Methods Training Centre at the University of Southampton www.ncrm.ac.uk.

Eligible applicants will be members of the SLSA who are early or mid-career researchers and not currently undertaking a PhD. Full details are available at www.slsa.ac.uk/index.php/prizes-grants-and-seminars/slsa-research-training-grants.

There are three annual deadlines for this scheme: **1 October, 1 February and 1 June.**

● **CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE LAW AND REGULATION OF BANKING**

8 March 2018: *Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, London*

Please see website for details:

🌐 <http://ials.sas.ac.uk/events/event/15552>.

● **BRITISH ACADEMY CONFERENCE: CHALLENGES TO JUDICIAL INDEPENDENCE IN TIMES OF CRISIS**

8–9 March 2018: *British Academy, London*

Please see website for details: 🌐 www.britac.ac.uk/events/challenges-judicial-independence-times-crisis.

● **KLS–IALS WORKSHOP: MAKING SOCIOLEGAL RESEARCH VISIBLE AND TANGIBLE**

9 March 2018: *Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, London*

Please see website for details:

🌐 <https://econosociolegal.wordpress.com/2017/10/19/workshop-making-sociolegal-research-visible-and-tangible>.

● **TRANSNATIONAL LAW INSTITUTE SIGNATURE LECTURES 2017–2018: DEMOCRATIC POLITICS IN GLOBAL CRISIS? CHALLENGES, APPROACHES, RESISTANCES**

16 March 2018: *Dickson Poon School of Law, King's College London*

Speaker: Branko Milanovic (Graduate Centre, City University of New York). Please see website for details:

🌐 <https://www.kcl.ac.uk/law/tli/events/eventrecords/2017-18/tli-signature-lecture-branko-milanovic.aspx>.

● **ABORTION IN BRITAIN: PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE**

21 March 2018: *Kent University, Canterbury*

Please see website for details and registration for this free event:

🌐 www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/abortion-in-britain-past-present-and-future-tickets-41996511697.

● **REDESIGNING JUSTICE: PROMOTING CIVIL RIGHTS, TRUST AND FAIRNESS**

21–22 March 2018: *Keble College, Oxford*

Organised by the Howard League for Penal Reform. Please see website for details: 🌐 <http://howardleague.org/events/redesigning-justice-promoting-civil-rights-trust-and-fairness>.

● **BILETA CONFERENCE 2018**

9 April 2018: *School of Law, University of Aberdeen*

Theme: Digital futures: places and people, technology and data. This is the conference of the British and Irish, Law, Education and Technology Association (BILETA). Please see website for details:

🌐 www.abdn.ac.uk/law/events/bileta-conference-611.php.

● **MODERN STUDIES IN PROPERTY LAW**

10 April 2018: *UCL Laws, Bentham House, London*

Please see website for details:

🌐 www.laws.ucl.ac.uk/event/mspl2018.

● **MODERN STUDIES IN PROPERTY LAW POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH CONFERENCE 2018**

12 April 2018: *Faculty of Law, University College London*

Please see website for details:

🌐 www.laws.ucl.ac.uk/event/mspl2018.

● **THE WORLD OF WORK: INTERDISCIPLINARY CONFERENCE FOR POSTGRADUATE AND EARLY CAREER RESEARCHERS**

13 April 2018: *University of Bristol*

Please see website for details: 🌐 www.worldofworknetwork.co.uk.

● **LAW-RELIGION-POLITICS CONFERENCE: 35 YEARS OF NICCOLO MACHIAVELLI'S POLITICAL AND LEGAL DOCTRINES: CALL FOR PAPERS**

13–14 April 2018: *Wroclaw, Poland*

Please see Facebook page for full details: 🌐 www.facebook.com/events/181546289256616. Closing date: 16 March 2018.

● **SOCIO-LEGAL STUDIES/SOCIOLOGIE DU DROIT: METHODS, TRADITIONS, THEORIES IN FRANCE AND THE UK**

16 April 2018: *University of Kent in Paris*

Please see webpage for details:

🌐 <https://slsa.ac.uk/index.php/conferences/one-day-conferences#Paris>.

● **TRUST, RISK, INFORMATION AND THE LAW**

25 April 2018: *Holiday Inn, Winchester*

Please see website for details:

🌐 <https://journals.winchesteruniversitypress.org/index.php/jirpp/pages/view/TRILPostgraduate>.

● **ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION CONFERENCE**

10 May 2018: *Leicester Law School, University of Leicester*

Theme: Looking to the future and beyond: new approaches to ADR. Enquiries to e fna7@le.ac.uk.

● **UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA INTERDISCIPLINARY LEGAL STUDIES GRADUATE CONFERENCE**

10–11 May 2018: *Peter A Allard School of Law, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada*

Please see website for details. 🌐 www.allard.ubc.ca/interdisciplinary-legal-studies-conference

● **THE SEXUAL CONTRACT**

10–11 May 2018: *School of Law and Politics, Cardiff*

Please see website for details: 🌐 www.cardiff.ac.uk/news/view/1070730-school-to-host-major-conference-on-the-sexual-contract.

● **INTERNATIONAL INVESTMENT LAW AND NON-COMMUNICABLE DISEASES PREVENTION: CALL FOR PAPERS**

10–11 May 2018: *University of Liverpool in London, Finsbury Square*

Please see flyer for details: 🌐 www.slsa.ac.uk/images/2018winter/Call_for_Papers_NCD_Investment_Law_Conference.pdf. Closing date: 15 March 2018.

● **HOW TO GET A PHD IN LAW: RESEARCHING, DISSEMINATING AND PUBLISHING IN THE DIGITAL WORLD**

11 May 2018: *Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, London*

Please see website for details: 🌐 www.sas.ac.uk/events/event/13844.

● **DIRTY MONEY: NEW INSIGHTS AND EMERGENT ISSUES - PGR/ECR CONFERENCE**

17–18 May 2018: *Queen Mary University of London*

Please see flyer for details: 🌐 https://slsa.ac.uk/images/2018winter/AML-CTF_call_for_papers.pdf.

● **SOCIO-LEGAL SOURCES AND METHODS IN FAMILY AND SOCIAL WELFARE LAW**

18 May 2018: *Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, London*

This event is organised jointly by the SLSA, Institute for Advanced Legal Studies and the British Library. Please see website for details and booking: 🌐 www.sas.ac.uk/events/event/15339.

● **INTERNATIONAL ROUNDTABLE FOR THE SEMIOTICS OF LAW**

23–25 May 2018: *Örebro University, Sweden*

Please see website for details of the 19th Roundtable: 🌐 <http://static.springer.com/sgw/documents/1604443/application/pdf/Call+for+Papers++SELA++Law+and+Arts.pdf>.

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Special issue: Governing migration from the margins, edited and with an introduction by Cetta Mainwaring and Margaret Walton-Roberts

Exclusion through imperio: entanglements of law and geography in the waiting zone, excised territory, and search and rescue region – Pauline Mailet, Alison Mountz and Kira Williams

Relieved vulnerabilities of Palestinian refugees: governing through exclusion – Maissaa Almustafa

Non-citizen rights in ASEAN: the need to chart a new course – Pranoto Iskandar

What's in a category? The politics of not being a refugee – Diana Thomaz

Dream of a world without borders: a century after the Komagata Maru – Anjali Gera Roy

Temporary foreign workers in Canada: Reconstructing 'belonging' and remaking 'citizenship' – Ethel Tungohan

● **WAYS OF KNOWING: EPISTEMOLOGY AND LAW**

25 May: University of Warwick

Please see website for details: [w warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/law/newsandevents/events/ias_wokshop_labour](http://warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/law/newsandevents/events/ias_wokshop_labour).

● **LABOUR MARKET POLICY AND LABOUR LAW REFORM: TENSIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES**

31 May 2018: University of Westminster, London

Hosted by the Westminster Law and Theory Lab in association with the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, London. Please see website for details: [w http://store.westminster.ac.uk/product-catalogue/law/conference/ways-of-knowing-epistemology-law](http://store.westminster.ac.uk/product-catalogue/law/conference/ways-of-knowing-epistemology-law).

● **UNDERSTANDING IMPLICIT BIAS AND POLICING CONFERENCE**

4–5 June 2018: University of Sheffield

Hosted by the Centre for Criminological Research and the Law and Diversity Working Group of the University of Sheffield School of Law. Please see website for further details: [w www.sheffield.ac.uk/law/research/clusters/ccr/conferences/bias](http://www.sheffield.ac.uk/law/research/clusters/ccr/conferences/bias).

● **A CIVILIZING MOMENT? REFLECTING ON 150 YEARS SINCE THE ABOLITION OF PUBLIC EXECUTION**

6 June 2018: Literary and Philosophical Society, Newcastle

Speakers: Dr James Gregory (University of Plymouth) and Dr Lizzie Seal (University of Sussex). Please see flyer for details: [w https://slsa.ac.uk/images/2018winter/Civilizing_Conference_Poster_Final.pdf](https://slsa.ac.uk/images/2018winter/Civilizing_Conference_Poster_Final.pdf).

● **JOINT MEETING OF THE LAW AND SOCIETY ASSOCIATION AND CANADIAN LAW AND SOCIETY ASSOCIATION**

7–10 June 2018: Toronto, Canada

Please see website for details: [w www.lawandsociety.org/Toronto2018/toronto2018.html](http://www.lawandsociety.org/Toronto2018/toronto2018.html)

● **INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM OF THE WORLD SOCIETY OF VICTIMOLOGY**

10–14 June 2018: City University, Hong Kong

Please see website for details of the 16th Symposium: [w www6.cityu.edu.hk/ss_wsv2018/index.htm](http://www6.cityu.edu.hk/ss_wsv2018/index.htm).

● **WG HART LEGAL WORKSHOP 2018: BUILDING A 21ST-CENTURY BILL OF RIGHTS**

11–12 June 2018: Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, London

Confirmed speakers include: Harriet Harman MP, chair, Joint Committee on Human Rights; Professor Conor Gearty, LSE; Judge Tim Eicke, European Court of Human Rights; Martha Spurrier, director, Liberty; and Professor Colm O’Cinneide, UCL. Please see website for details: [w www.hartworkshop2018.com](http://www.hartworkshop2018.com).

● **ACCESS TO JUSTICE AND LEGAL SERVICES**

11–13 June 2018: University College London, Faculty of Laws, Bentham House

Please see website for details: [w www.laws.ucl.ac.uk/event/access-to-justice-and-legal-services-2018](http://www.laws.ucl.ac.uk/event/access-to-justice-and-legal-services-2018). Early bird registration open until 28 March 2018.

● **ABOLITIONIST FUTURES: BUILDING SOCIAL JUSTICE NOT CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

14–18 June 2018: Birkbeck, University of London

Please see website for details: [w https://icopa2018.wordpress.com/call-for-contributions](https://icopa2018.wordpress.com/call-for-contributions).

● **THE USES AND FUTURES OF INTERDISCIPLINARY LEGAL STUDIES: CALL FOR PARTICIPATION (PHD STUDENTS IN ALL DISCIPLINES)**

15 June 2018: University of Kent, Canterbury

Please see flyer for details: [w https://slsa.ac.uk/images/2018winter/ILS_Call_2017-18_for_publicity.pdf](https://slsa.ac.uk/images/2018winter/ILS_Call_2017-18_for_publicity.pdf). Closing date: 15 March 2018.

● **ELDER LAW AND ITS DISCONTENTS**

18–19 June 2018: Tel Aviv University, Israel

Please see webpage for details: [w www.slsa.ac.uk/images/2017spring/Call_for_Papers_Elder_Law.pdf](http://www.slsa.ac.uk/images/2017spring/Call_for_Papers_Elder_Law.pdf).

● **LEGAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING REVIEW: 5 YEARS ON**

25 June 2018: Leeds Law School, Leeds Beckett University

Please see flyer for details: [w https://slsa.ac.uk/index.php/news/events-news#June18](https://slsa.ac.uk/index.php/news/events-news#June18).

● **NATIONAL CENTRE FOR RESEARCH METHODS: RESEARCH METHODS FESTIVAL 2018**

3–5 July 2018: University of Bath

Please see webpage for details: [w www.ncrm.ac.uk/RMF2018/home.php](http://www.ncrm.ac.uk/RMF2018/home.php).

● **21ST ANNUAL DILEMMAS FOR HUMAN SERVICES INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH CONFERENCE: CALL**

10–11 September 2018: University of Northampton

Please see website for details: [w www.northampton.ac.uk/events/21st-annual-dilemmas-for-human-services-international-research-conference](http://www.northampton.ac.uk/events/21st-annual-dilemmas-for-human-services-international-research-conference). Call closes: 30 March 2018.

● **LAW AND CITIZENSHIP BEYOND THE STATE**

10–13 September 2018: Lisbon, Portugal

This is a joint meeting organised by the Research Committee on Sociology of Law International Sociological Association. Please see website for details: [w www.rclsd-sdj-lisbon2018.com](http://www.rclsd-sdj-lisbon2018.com).

● **AFRICAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION UK CONFERENCE**

11–13 September 2018: University of Birmingham

Includes ‘African feminist judgments’ and ‘Customary law and legal pluralism’ streams. Please see website for further details: [w www.asauk.net/call-for-papers-and-panels-asauk-2018-now-open](http://www.asauk.net/call-for-papers-and-panels-asauk-2018-now-open).

● **AFFIRMATIVE ACTION AND THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL OF GENDER EQUALITY**

22–23 September 2018: Tamil Nadu Law School, Tiruchirappalli, India

This event is organised in collaboration with Oxford Human Rights Hub, Oxford University. Please see website for details: [w http://ohrh.law.ox.ac.uk/affirmative-action-and-the-sustainable-development-goal-of-gender-equality](http://ohrh.law.ox.ac.uk/affirmative-action-and-the-sustainable-development-goal-of-gender-equality).

● **THE DEVELOPMENT OF ABORTION RIGHTS IN A CHANGING EUROPE: CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS**

28 September 2018: Faculty of Law, University of Cambridge

Please see flyer for details: [w https://slsa.ac.uk/images/2018winter/abortion-rights-call-for-submissions.pdf](https://slsa.ac.uk/images/2018winter/abortion-rights-call-for-submissions.pdf). Closing date: 15 March 2018.

● **LSAANZ ANNUAL CONFERENCE: CALL FOR PAPERS**

12–15 December 2018: Legal Intersections Research Centre, University of Wollongong, Australia

The SLSA and Canadian Law and Society Association are co-sponsors of this event. At the time of writing, the call for papers was expected in early March. Please see website for details: [w www.lsaanz.org/conferences](http://www.lsaanz.org/conferences).

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Gender-aware and place-based transitional justice in Guatemala: altering the opportunity structures for post-conflict women’s mobilization – Tine Destrooper and Stephan Parmentier

Gununa peacemaking: informalism, cultural difference and contemporary indigenous conflict management – Morgan Brigg, Paul Memmott, Philip Venables and Berry Zondag

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