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## SLSA CARDIFF 2021

*From 30 March to 1 April 2021, socio-legal scholars will gather for the first ever virtual SLSA Annual Conference, which will be hosted by Cardiff University's School of Law and Politics in its 50th-anniversary year.*

More than 530 abstracts have been received from 43 countries for the 32 streams and seven current topics. The current topics this year are as diverse as they are topical and include: 'Disability, Law and Social Justice', 'Epistemic Injustice and Socio-Legal Studies', 'Interdisciplinarity in Socio-Legal Research and Education', 'Registering the Everyday: Documents, Bureaucracy, and the Socio-Legal', 'Hybrid Civil/Criminal Procedures: Critical and Cross-Disciplinary Perspectives' and 'Socio-Legal Studies in Wales'.

Thanks to generous sponsorship from the *Journal of Law and Society*, the *Modern Law Review* and *Social and Legal Studies*, the conference will be held using the Virt-Us Live Virtual Event Platform. This user-friendly platform allows the hallmarks of the SLSA conference to continue online by retaining live face-to-face conversations between presenters and audiences, opportunities to meet and network, and an interactive poster gallery. With support from the Learned Society of Wales and Professor Patricia Tuitt we have been able to award 22 bursaries to enable scholars to join us from around the world.

Plenary and Roundtable topics this year will include: 'Human Rights, Social Justice and COVID-19'; 'Race, Place, and Nation in the UK'; 'Decolonising the Law School'; and 'Socio-Legal Studies in a Time of Emergency'. Due to the virtual nature of the conference, we have taken advantage of the opportunity to bring together a range of distinguished voices from across different continents, such as Lawrence Gostin (Georgetown), Michael Fakhri (UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food) and Penelope Andrews (President of the Law and Society Association). In addition, the conference brings the struggles of communities over legacies of exclusion to the fore, creating virtual spaces for discussion with Gaynor Legall (historian of Cardiff's Tiger) and Ann James (commentator on social welfare and disability in Wales and the UK). We also celebrate the life of Paul Robeson, lawyer, actor and civil rights campaigner.

For further details about our plenaries, roundtables and conference events, please visit our conference website – [www.slsa2021.com](http://www.slsa2021.com) – which is being regularly updated with information.

We are looking forward to welcoming participants to celebrate the resilience and relevance of socio-legal scholarship in all its breadth. *Croeso i bawb!*

- **Note: registration closes at midnight (BST) on Monday 29 March 2021.**

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## SLSA 2021 PGR ACTIVITIES

*As your PGR reps, we are incredibly excited about SLSA 2021 and are looking forward to welcoming you to the dedicated PGR Activities which will be held online this year on Monday 29 March 2021. This means that we will be able to open up the workshops to even more PGRs than ever!*

We are currently in the process of planning and organising a few different events. This year we are delighted to include a session on PGR wellbeing – we are grateful to Dr Emma Jones for delivering this session. We understand that the last 12 months have been turbulent and challenging for many PGRs, and issues around our wellbeing are now more important than ever before. Therefore, there will be an interactive session in which PhD students can explore different ways to focus on wellbeing and self-care during this difficult time.

We are also very excited and thankful that Professor Chris Ashford and Professor Phil Thomas (both journal editors) have kindly offered to deliver a session on publishing in academia and demystifying the publishing process. Publishing is an important part of our role as academics, and this session will provide valuable insights into how to get your journal article into print.

As in previous years, there will be an ECR networking session. This is still at the organising stage, but the idea will be to provide PGRs with an opportunity to hear from and speak to ECRs in the early stages of their own careers about their experiences and taking the next step after completion of a PhD.

Finally ... we are also planning to do a quiz! Unfortunately there won't be a chance to socialise in the same way as we have

during previous conferences, so we will do something in the evening just for a bit of fun. We may even be joined by a few members of the SLSA Board! Registration details are coming very soon! Watch this space!

As always email us at [salsaprep@gmail.com](mailto:salsaprep@gmail.com) if you have any questions.

Tahir Abass and Vicky Adkins, SLSA PGR Reps

## JLS STREAM AT SLSA 2021

The *Journal of Law and Society* (JLS) has a stream of eight panels running throughout the Cardiff conference, 30 March–April 1. We have invited a number of stellar speakers, but it would be invidious to name a few, and there are too many to list.

Panel topics include: researching judges; collaborative authorship and elite interviewing; the research process, law and social change; law and disability; cause lawyering; reviewing socio-legal studies; and books that influenced me. Our speakers come from the UK, Ireland, France, Australia and the USA.

JLS articles written by the presenters will be available for the conference and bundled, free of cost, thereafter by Wiley.

Phil Thomas, JLS Editor

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## SLSA BOARD NEWS

### Future Annual Conferences: save the dates!

The SLSA Board is delighted to announce that next year's SLSA Annual Conference will be hosted by York Law School from **6–8 April 2022**. Look out for further details in the autumn. And the following year we will all be heading off to Belfast as guests of the University of Ulster from **4–6 April 2023**.

### AGM 31 March 2021

The SLSA AGM will be held at **12.30–1.30pm** on Wednesday **31 March 2021** online via Zoom during the SLSA Annual Conference hosted by Cardiff Law School. All members are warmly invited to attend. To suggest an agenda item please email SLSA secretary Neil Graffin by **Friday 12 March 2021** e [neil.graffin@open.ac.uk](mailto:neil.graffin@open.ac.uk). Arrangements for the meeting will be circulated via the SLSA electronic mailing list.

### Trustees stepping down

Three SLSA Trustees will be stepping down at the AGM. We would like to thank them for their dedicated service during their time on the Board, and in particular during the past year in helping the SLSA face new challenges. They are: Emilie Cloatre, chair of the Grants Subcommittee; Roxanna Dehaghani, former publisher liaison officer; and Antonia Layard, SLSA vice chair. Emily Walsh, SLSA 2020 conference organiser, will also step down. All four have generously given many hours of their time to supporting the work of the SLSA.

### Trustees standing for re-election

Three other Trustees have come to the end of their first three-year term and will be standing for re-election. They are: Smita Keria, Jess Mant and Flora Renz. Ed Kirton-Darling will retire by rotation and will stand for re-election.

### Call for nominations

Three vacancies will therefore arise on the SLSA Board at the AGM. If you are interested in being nominated as an SLSA Trustee, or for the role of SLSA Vice Chair, please see the information about the '**Role and duties of SLSA Board of Trustees**' or contact SLSA Chair, Rosie Harding, for an informal chat about the roles. Closing date: **15 March 2021 at 17.00**. See webpage for details of the **w nomination process**.

### SLSA 2022 conference organisers

Finally, we are delighted to welcome to the Board the organisers of next year's Annual Conference at York Law School: Caroline Hunter and Jed Meers.

## 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 **w AcSS website**. The paramount requirement is that the nominee be 'a leading figure in their field and have already left a clear mark on it'.

SLSA members already admitted as fellows include all the winners of our prestigious annual prize. See the **w AcSS website** for the full list of current fellows.

Please send nominations (maximum 500 words) to Vanessa Munro e [v.munro@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:v.munro@warwick.ac.uk) by Monday **31 April 2021**.

## SLSA BOOK AND ARTICLE PRIZE SHORTLISTS 2021

*The SLSA Board is delighted to announce the shortlists for this year's book and article prizes.*

### Hart–SLSA Book Prize

- Zoe Adams (2020) *Labour and the Wage: A critical perspective*, Oxford University Press
- Nesam McMillan (2020) *Imagining the International: Crime, justice, and the promise of community (The Cultural Lives of Law)*, Stanford University Press
- Louisa Parks (2019) *Benefit-sharing in Environmental Governance: Local experiences of a global concept*, Routledge

### Hart–SLSA Prize for Early Career Researchers

- Zoe Adams (2020) *Labour and the Wage: A critical perspective*, Oxford University Press
- Seán Columb (2020) *Trading life: Organ trafficking, illicit networks, and exploitation*, Stanford University Press
- Gavin Sullivan (2020) *The Law of the List: UN counterterrorism sanctions and the politics of global security law*, Cambridge University Press

### Socio-Legal Theory and History Prize

- Nadine El-Enany (2020) *(B)ordering Britain: Law, Race and Empire*, Manchester University Press
- Linda Mulcahy and Emma Rowden (2020) *The Democratic Courthouse: A modern history of design, due process and dignity*, Routledge
- Ann Mumford (2019) *Fiscal Sociology at the Centenary*, Palgrave Macmillan

### SLSA Article Prize

- Kieran McEvoy (2019) 'Cause lawyers, political violence, and professionalism in conflict' *Journal of Law and Society* 46(4): 529–558
- Helen Stalford and Kathryn Hollingsworth (2020) "'This case is about you and your future': towards judgments for children' *Modern Law Review* 85(3): 1030–1058
- Sally Wheeler (2019) 'Committing to human rights in Australia's corporate sector' *Griffith Law Review* 28(3): 326–352

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## SLSA SEMINAR COMPETITION

*We are delighted to announce below the successful applicants to this year's Seminar Competition. Details of these events will be circulated in due course. Two events under this scheme, originally scheduled to take place earlier last year, were rearranged as online events in the autumn. Both were highly successful, due in no small part to the resourcefulness of the organisers.*

### SLSA seminar competition winners 2021

- Laura Pritchard-Jones and Bev Clough, 'Mental Capacity in the Context of Sexual Relationships and Intimacy' £1000
- Anna Nelson and Elizabeth Chloe Romanis, 'Covid-19 and Birthing Services: Socio-legal Reflections and Lessons' £700
- Lucy Finchett-Maddock, Sean Mulcahy and Sophie Doherty, 'Art/Law Network Online Seminar Series 2021: HOMEing – Beyond 2020' £1000

## Benefits in Wales: Opportunities and Challenges for Social Security Devolution

*Mark Simpson, Ulster University, hosted this seminar on 24 November 2020.*

Wales is currently the only UK country to have extensive devolved powers but almost no competence for social security. An inquiry by the Senedd (Welsh Parliament) Equality, Local Government and Communities Committee in 2019 showed that there is now greater appetite for this to change than was the case during the review of the devolution settlement concluded in 2014. This webinar aimed to lend some momentum to this conversation by exploring the difference social security devolution in Northern Ireland and Scotland has made to its most important stakeholders – people who use the system. The specific focus was on parallel studies of universal credit in Northern Ireland (primarily greater Belfast), led by Ruth Patrick (York) and Mark Simpson (Ulster), and in Glasgow, led by Sharon Wright (Glasgow) and Laura Robertson (Poverty Alliance) with Alasdair Steward (Glasgow), both funded by the Joseph Rowntree Foundation (JRF) throughout 2019 (reports available on the [JRF website](#)).

Researchers and benefit claimants involved in the two studies outlined the extent of devolved social security competences in each country, how these powers have been used to put in place different payment patterns and some additional payments compared to England and Wales, and the impact on universal credit claimants. The key finding is that, while take-up of alternative payment patterns has been much lower in Scotland (where claimants have to opt in) than in Northern Ireland (where they are offered by default), both these and the additional payments can make a big difference to people's ability to stretch their benefit income across the month. However, the devolutionary differences cannot overcome the basic problems associated with universal credit: inadequacy, the near-inevitability of starting a claim in debt because of the five-week wait for a first payment and the problems some people face with online claim management. The presentations helped inform an open discussion on how developments in Scotland and Northern Ireland might inform decisions in Wales on whether to seek devolved social security powers and what use might be made of those powers in the future. This had a strong focus on the finances and operational delivery of the country-specific features of universal credit and related benefits.

Like many a research seminar, the event was profoundly affected by the coronavirus pandemic. Originally planned to take place at the Senedd in Cardiff for a relatively small audience of MSs and delegates from the Welsh voluntary sector, in this case the forced move online brought real advantages. Participant numbers were much higher than would have been possible for a face-to-face event and included several Scottish government and Department for Communities (Northern Ireland) officials, who had invaluable insights to offer during the open discussion. Money saved on travel and subsistence was used for the design and illustration of a briefing for attendees and a post-webinar report – the latter will be publicly available in the near future. The organiser would like to thank the other presenters, as well as Naomi Stocks (Welsh Parliament), John Griffiths MS, Victoria Winckler (Bevan Foundation) and Rod Hick (Cardiff) for their assistance and contributions.

## The Gender Pay Gap from History to Computer Algorithms: the continued inequality of women at work 50 years after the Equal Pay Act 1970

*This event was organised by Northumbria University's Frances Hamilton, senior lecturer in law, and Elisabeth Griffiths, associate professor.*

We were delighted to obtain sponsorship from the SLSA to host our conference on the theme of the 'Gender Pay Gap' at Northumbria University on 20 November 2020. Originally planned for May, due to Covid the conference was postponed until November and then hosted on Zoom. Online access enabled us to have a larger audience and a diversity of participation. Overall, 18 speakers presented at the event, and 84 people registered via the SLSA website.

The overall theme for the event was to consider why, 50 years after equal pay legislation was introduced in the UK, the gender pay gap, according to the Fawcett Society, remains at 17.3 per cent. We explored this theme in four different panels via the 18 speakers. In Panel 1 on 'Gender diversity, female progression and equal pay', we considered gender diversity in the professions. Of note in this session was the presentation by Daphne Romney QC, an expert in discrimination and equal pay, who started proceedings with an in-depth review of the shortcomings of the present Gender Pay Gap Reporting Regulations. Several presenters then included reviews of gender pay in various professions. Tracy Walsh, partner at Womble Bond Dickinson LLP, analysed the gender pay gap in the solicitors' profession; the event organisers (Dr Frances Hamilton and Elisabeth Griffiths) presented the view from academia; Coimhe Kiernan, PhD researcher from Technological University Dublin, looking at 'Affect theory, judicial reasoning and gender diversity in the Irish judiciary'; and, finally, Professor Jamie Callahan, Northumbria University, spoke about the importance of moving away from a tick-box exercise when conducting gender audits.

Panel 2 then looked at 'Women in the workplace – history, campaigning and the future'. Dr Jennifer Aston, history lecturer at Northumbria University, discussed 'Female entrepreneurship in the nineteenth century', and Dr Wanda Wyporska of the Equality Trust talked about the role of the Trust, with novel insights into the importance of school education on this issue. To round off the morning, Robin Allen QC, expert in discrimination law, drawing on his Hamlyn Lecture, gave an impressive overview of more than 100 years on the topic of equal pay. Panel 3 included a variety of well-matched papers on the topic of 'Women's rights, welfare and "labouring" inside and outside the home'. These included insights from Dr Megan Pearson –

from the Stefan Cross Centre for Women, Equality and Law at Southampton University – on the issue of coronavirus and the failure of work/life reconciliation policies, topical presentations on domestic workers and the devaluation of women’s work from Natalie Sedacca (PhD candidate University College London) and the gender pay gap in the ‘Gig economy’ from Dr Andy Noble (Senior lecturer in law at Anglia Ruskin University). Professor Lucy Vickers of Oxford Brookes discussed the lasting impact of the Family Allowances Act 1945, and Professor Ann Mumford of King’s College London investigated the ‘typology of unpaid labour’.

The last session of the day (Panel 4) included both UK and international presenters, following our worldwide call for papers. These included presentations from: Alex Patrick, PhD Candidate at the Stefan Cross Centre, with an in-depth examination of the role of equal pay auditing; Mark Gatto, PhD candidate from Northumbria University, providing novel insights into the gender pay gap using dystopian fiction as a means of analysis; Indian presenter Dr Kishan Dere on the impact of artificial intelligence on the Gender Pay Gap; and, from Afghanistan, Murtaza Mohiqi on the Gender Pay Gap in Afghanistan. The last presenter of the day, Cornelia Weiss from the USA, discussed the topic of military veterans’ preference for post-military employment.

Feedback has been overwhelmingly positive with comments including the beneficial effects for attendance at and

participation in a virtual conference and appreciation of the interesting question-and-answer sessions. During the breaks, posters were exhibited on a revolving display as part of a student poster competition sponsored by Womble Bond Dickinson. The winning poster was from Emma Clarke, Karan Dulay and Mo Muhsin who are all foundation students at Northumbria University. The Early Career Research prize, sponsored by Northumbria Law School, was jointly won by Alex Patrick and Natalie Sedacca. The conference is now leading to future work including invited guest presentations by the organisers at the Stefan Cross Centre and participation in research work at Kent University. Eleven presenters have agreed to include their work in a proposed edited collection, pending a book contract.

*With special thanks to Cameron Giles (PhD candidate, Northumbria Law School, and lecturer in law, London South Bank University), for his research assistance, and Rachel Allsopp (PhD candidate, Northumbria Law School).*

*We also wish to thank the SLSA for its support in funding this event and its pivot to an online format; Northumbria Law School for sponsoring the best paper prize from an Early Career Academic and Womble Bond Dickinson (UK) LLP for its sponsorship of the poster competition.*

## SLSA POSTGRADUATE CONFERENCE 2021

*With around 80 other postgrads, SLSA PGR rep Vicky Adkins attended our free annual PGR event which was hosted online by the SLSA Board in January.*

This year I attended my first SLSA PGR conference and, as one of the SLSA PGR representatives, I was very excited to meet the attendees. This year’s conference, which took place on 6 and 7 January 2021, was hosted virtually via Zoom. Despite PGR students not being able to gather in the usual way, it was clear that the SLSA’s aim for postgraduate students to gain valuable guidance from senior academics and mix and mingle with their peers was still a top priority. The attendees were split into two groups at the start of the conference in order to ensure the sessions could be more interactive whilst still allowing everyone to attend all the available sessions. During the first afternoon of the conference, I was placed in Group A.

The first session for my group was ‘Conference posters’ hosted by Smita Kheria and Naomi Creutzfeldt. In this session, PGR students had the opportunity to view poster entries and winners from previous SLSA Annual Conferences. Using an interactive padlet, the students were able to share their first impressions of each of the posters, leading to discussion and top tips from Smita and Naomi. The second session, ‘Getting a job’, was delivered by SLSA Chair Rosie Harding and Board member Flora Renz. Whilst Rosie provided a very honest overview of the academic job market in the UK following the impact of Covid-19, PGR students were encouraged to prepare early on for future academic roles. In particular, students were advised to start building their academic CVs as soon as possible (and we even got a very sneak peak of Rosie’s own CV!). Session three involved guidance on ‘Funding and impact’ from Rosemary Hunter and Dave Cowan. In this session, students were advised as to what types of funding were available and the importance of impact, with some insight into requirements of the Research Excellence

Framework. The final session of the first day of the conference ended with an open discussion with Jessica Mant and Flora Renz regarding conference papers. Jessica and Flora dispelled the misconception that full papers are needed for conference presentations and discussed how conferences, whilst daunting, can be a great opportunity to receive feedback and network with others in and outside of your field. In the evening, Tahir Abass and myself, as PGR representatives for the SLSA, also hosted a networking session, which allowed PGRs to come together for some much-needed general chit-chat about PhD life.

The second day of the conference, on 7 January 2021, began with a ‘Getting published’ session, delivered by Dave Cowan and Vanessa Munro. Vanessa provided some guidance in relation to publishing in journals, which Dave then complemented with advice regarding book publishing. In the next session, ‘Supervising your supervisor’, Rosie Harding and Mike Adler encouraged students to share supervision experiences, resulting in the swapping of tips and advice in managing this significant relationship. The importance of reaching out to your supervisor in times of difficulty, particularly during the current climate, was strongly highlighted. The third session for Group A was ‘Research ethics’ led by Rosemary Hunter and Naomi Creutzfeldt. This session included an interactive activity involving different ethical scenarios, allowing students to highlight ethical problems and suggest solutions. The final session for all attendees was a plenary with ECR’s at various stages of their PhD and academic careers. They shared their PhD experiences as well as providing some tips for student such as ‘Find your tribe’ and ‘Find the joy!’ A big thank you to the ECRs for taking the time to come and share their advice.

As PGR rep, it was really great to meet and connect with everyone, and I hope all the PGRs enjoyed the conference as much as I did. I look forward to seeing you all again at future events! The SLSA is also very grateful to all the speakers and the attendees, and special thanks are due to Colin Moore for his tech work in the background!



## SLSA GRANTS SCHEME

The SLSA offers two types of grants: Research Grants and PhD Fieldwork Grants. This year the SLSA Board is supporting six projects. For more information on this scheme, which has funded well over 100 projects since its launch in 2000, please visit the [SLSA website](#).

### Research grants 2021

- Eithne Dowds, Queen's University Belfast, £1500, 'New methodologies in feminist legal studies: legislative drafting project'
- Suhraiya Jivraj, Kent Law School, University of Kent, £1500, 'Transforming social justice through activism'

## The Bournemouth Protocol on Mass Grave Protection and Investigation

On 10 December 2020, marking Human Rights Day, the **Bournemouth Protocol on Mass Grave Protection and Investigation** went live. The Protocol, by Dr Melanie Klinkner and Dr Ellie Smith, defines international standards to ensure that mass graves and sites where horrific violence and human loss have occurred are effectively protected and investigated to standards that are lawful and respectful.

In her foreword to the Protocol, Her Majesty Queen Noor, Commissioner of the International Commission on Missing Persons, highlights the crucial 'premise that standards of investigation and protection applied to mass graves must support efforts to establish the truth about what happened and facilitate the pursuit of justice'. UN Special Rapporteur Agnes Callamard echoes this sentiment, admonishing past handling of mass graves that might be 'inappropriate, discriminatory or, quite simply, indifferent. This has to stop. We can and must do far better and more, to respect and protect the diverse interests and concerns of families, survivors, communities and societies. It is our shared duty to our common humanity.'

The Protocol is inspired by, and greatly indebted, to the many participants and reviewers who generously shared their knowledge, time and expertise. Special thanks are owed to the AHRC for funding the project, the International Commission on Missing Persons, project partner and supporter of the Protocol, and the wonderful help shown by the Steering Group to the project.

*Dr Melanie Klinkner and Dr Ellie Smith, Department of Humanities and Law, Bournemouth University*

## The local provision and organisation of restorative justice in Scotland

Researchers at Edinburgh Napier University have published their key findings from a research project funded by the Carnegie Trust for the Universities of Scotland (RIG007869). The team, consisting of Dr Giuseppe Maglione, Dr Jamie Buchan and Dr Laura Robertson, investigated the provision and organisation of restorative justice (RJ) in Scotland. The research, spurred by renewed interest in RJ at the policy level, aimed to map what RJ services are available and where, as well as analysing how RJ is carried out at the local level and the meanings and assumptions that underpin RJ practice in Scotland. The team has recently published the first work from this study – an article in the *European Journal on Criminal Policy and Research* which is available open access. A more **practitioner-focused report** is also available

*Jamie Buchan, Edinburgh Napier University*

- Lizzie Seal, Sussex University, and Esmorie Miller, London South Bank University, £1350, 'Race, crime and justice in Britain, 1870–1955'

### Fieldwork grants 2021

- Gee Imaan Semmalar, Kent Law School, University of Kent, £1000, 'Colonial folklores in legal archives: caste and gender deviant categorisations in 19th-century colonial India'
- Marcelo Carvalho-Loureiro, Birmingham University, £1000, 'Navigating citizenship law: a critical theory from Europe's last empire'
- Marie Wilmet, European University Institute, £1000, 'Healing through justice? Empirically evaluating the mitigating effect of the civil party system on the harms suffered by Cambodian victims of sexual and gender-based crimes'

## SAFESOC research project launched

The £1.1 million UKRI-funded SAFESOC research project aims to reconceptualise prison regulation for safer societies. This difficult multidisciplinary challenge demands academic innovation. Implementation calls for sustained collaboration with local and (trans)national practitioners from different sectors (e.g. public, voluntary), regulators, policymakers and prisoners. Based at the University of Nottingham, **SAFESOC** is funded through Dr Philippa Tomczak's prestigious UKRI Future Leaders Fellowship and sits within the 'Prisons, Health and Societies' Research Group. This study runs from 2020–2027.

SAFESOC was launched on 3 November 2020 through an innovative, cross-sectoral webinar 'Reducing deaths in prison: learning from lived experience?' The webinar was jointly hosted by the University of Nottingham, Prisons and Probation Ombudsman (PPO), Prison Reform Trust and Revolving Doors Agency. The webinar presented the first set of findings from an impact project led by the University of Nottingham (Dr Philippa Tomczak and Sara Hyde) and the PPO (Sue McAllister). This partnership seeks to reduce deaths and improve prison safety by linking Ombudsman fatal incident investigations to practice in prisons and healthcare. Philippa and Sue met in January 2019 at a Prison Reform Trust Prisoner Policy Network event. Research has been undertaken with (former) prisoners, Ombudsman staff, prison governors, Safer Custody Group leads, coroners and bereaved families. This partnership work was initially funded by a Nottingham Impact Accelerator Knowledge Exchange Prize (£25,000) and University of Nottingham Economic and Social Research Council Impact Accelerator Award (£10,000). Through Philippa's UKRI fellowship, it will be developed into a blueprint to guide prison regulation around the world.

Just shy of 200 attendees represented a variety of backgrounds including, academics, practitioners, civil servants, the voluntary sector and those with lived experience of imprisonment. The event was chaired by Sara Hyde and began with presentations from Philippa and the PPO.

The majority of the event then focused on two reports: *Who Cares? Exploring distress in prison from the perspective of people in prison*, from the Prison Reform Trust; and *Suicide in Prison Review: Former prisoner perspectives*, from the Revolving Doors Agency. This was followed by a lively discussion, before Philippa concluded the event by highlighting the next steps for the project – working with the PPO to pilot changes to its Fatal Incident Investigation Reports, with the aim of safer prisons and fewer preventable deaths.

To find out more or to be kept informed about the progress of this work, please email [e Philippa Tomczak](mailto:Philippa Tomczak).

*Dr Philippa Tomczak, Sara Hyde, Dr Gillian Buck and Laura Pecorone*

## The impact of Covid-19 on family courts in Northern Ireland

The move to online court hearings necessitated by the public health response to Covid-19 has now had some time to bed down. At the outset of the pandemic, when court systems were scrambling to adapt to video or telephone hearings, immediate concerns were focused on finding an appropriate technological solution that could enable hearings to continue. This quickly gave way to concerns about the impact of remote proceedings on participants, both professional and lay, and the technological problems were realigned with concerns about access to justice. The path-finding work on how justice was being affected was done through a series of reports on remote justice, most notably the review of the impact of Covid-19 measures on the civil justice system led by Dr Natalie Byrom for the Legal Education Foundation and Civil Justice Council,<sup>1</sup> and the rapid consultation on the use of remote hearings in the family justice system by the Nuffield Foundation's Family Justice Observatory (FJO).<sup>2</sup> Follow-up research by the FJO confirmed the clear patterns that were emerging, revealing a differential impact on professional and lay users, and underlining serious concerns that litigants were not able to participate effectively in the hearings.<sup>3</sup>

Courts in England and Wales had the 'benefit' of a modernisation programme hastily brought forward by the Ministry of Justice, albeit flowing from the swingeing cuts under the Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012 which makes the need for modern support systems more urgent. In Northern Ireland (NI), where the 2012 legislation does not apply, there has been no equivalent modernisation strategy and, consequently, a considerable under-investment in court-system technology. In managing the Covid-19 challenge of moving court business online in NI, certain areas of court business were prioritised, including criminal justice, while other areas, like family justice, were effectively held in abeyance, beyond emergency hearings and case management calls to keep cases ticking over. The result was that, by September 2020, family court proceedings were not much further on from where they had been when the pandemic first struck in March 2020. In order to understand how these developments had impacted those involved in family court proceedings in NI, the Nuffield Foundation funded a rapid survey by the authors of this note. The survey ran from 23 October to 11 November 2020 with online questionnaires completed by 63 litigants and 125 practitioners. The results of the survey were published in December 2020.<sup>4</sup>

The findings of the NI survey show that remote hearings are better than not having any hearings but that they are not yet able to deliver full access to justice. In this, our findings mirror the surveys on remote justice in England and Wales. Several indicators of access to justice – perceived fairness, participation, accessibility, inclusion, timeliness – are not evident in the experiences of our survey respondents and the administration of justice is seen by many as being let down by the technology in the court system. Two-thirds (63%) of our litigant respondents stated that their case hearing was adjourned for more than three months, with a quarter (25%) having had their hearing delayed for eight months. Additionally, over two-thirds of the litigant respondents (69%) said their case was not being dealt with fairly. In contrast, two-thirds of the practitioner respondents (65%) felt cases were being dealt with fairly, but they still saw remote hearings as a poor substitute for face-to-face hearings.

While the similarity of findings was notable, we were particularly interested in how litigants in person (LIPs) might be experiencing remote justice. Our previous research showed that, pre-pandemic, LIPs were seen as an aberration within the court system and the lack of 'fit' with the norm of represented litigants, or any attempt to make accommodation for them,

created difficulties for the system and those using it.<sup>5</sup> The test for how effectively a new system of remote justice works for LIPs therefore starts with how well LIP needs were being taken into consideration as the system was reoriented towards remote hearings. To the credit of the NI Courts and Tribunals Service (NICTS) and the Office of the Lord Chief Justice (OLCJ) of NI, LIPs were considered early on in the pandemic planning: LIP-specific forms were created to enable LIPs to request an urgent hearing, alongside LIP-specific guidance on the OLCJ website. The delivery of this support was problematic, however: there were inconsistencies in procedures for different court offices, broken links and email addresses, and difficulty in accommodating alternative online arrangements for fee payments, demonstrating that there was still some way to go in making LIP-focused support effective. In addition, despite this specific information and accommodation for hearing arrangements, most practitioners who responded to our survey were not aware of the special arrangements that had been made for LIPs. This included the two McKenzie Friends whose primary role is to support LIPs and the two-thirds of practitioners who reported having experience of remote or hybrid hearings involving LIPs.

The move to remote justice was a necessity rather than a choice. The current deficiencies are largely a product of having to make urgent changes rather than planning for how new technologies can enhance legal participation and uphold fundamental legal principles of fairness, impartiality and access to justice. The technology, while it is now more familiar to many, remains problematic: connectivity, sound and vision problems, time delays, and getting locked out of hearings were issues reported by both litigant and practitioner respondents. Problems around digital access and skills and having the space at home to focus on the hearing still need to be considered, along with broader concerns evidenced in our survey over the additional needs of those with protected characteristics, the contraction of public space and the impact on open justice. Our results highlight the challenges of enabling effective participation in remote hearings, many of which are not unique to a post-Covid environment but exacerbated by it. Ten months into the COVID-19 pandemic, the focus should no longer be on how to ensure access to a hearing, but on how the courts can deliver access to justice in the current circumstances, learning from both pre- and post-Covid research on what is required to do that.

*Gráinne McKeever, John McCord, Lucy Royal-Dawson and Priyamvada Yarnell*

- 1 Natalie Byrom, Sarah Beardon and Abby Kendrick, *The Impact of Covid-19 Measures on the Civil Justice System* (May 2020)
- 2 Nuffield FJO, *Rapid Consultation: The use of remote hearings in the family justice system* (May 2020)
- 3 Nuffield DJO, *Remote Hearings in the Family Justice System: September 2020 follow-up consultation* (September 2020)
- 4 Gráinne McKeever, John McCord, Lucy Royal-Dawson and Priyamvada Yarnell, *The Impact of Covid-19 on Family Courts in Northern Ireland* (December 2020)
- 5 Gráinne McKeever, Lucy Royal-Dawson, Eleanor Kirk and John McCord, *Litigants in Person in Northern Ireland: Barriers to legal participation* (2018)

### 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 (e.g. 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.

Full details are available at [w research training grants](#). The annual deadline for this scheme is 1 June.

## Nuffield Foundation: funding schemes open for applications

- **Communities, Cohesion and Resilience Fund** – registration of interest: researchers are invited to register their interest in applying for this new research and policy collaboration from the British Academy and the Nuffield Foundation which will award over £500,000 in research funding to identify practical solutions to increase the cohesion and resilience of local communities in the UK. Applications will open in spring 2021.
- **Research, Development and Analysis Fund** – invitation for outline applications: applications are invited for the outline stage in the latest round of these grants for projects to inform the design and operation of social policy and practice across the Nuffield Foundation’s three core domains of education, welfare and justice. Closing date: **15 March 2021**.

### people . . .

**DR JACKIE GULLAND** has won the Richard Titmuss Award from the Social Policy Association (SPA) for the year’s best social policy book: *Gender, Work and Social Control: A century of disability benefits*, published by Palgrave Macmillan. The SPA described it as ‘an original and path-breaking blend of law and social science’, adding ‘what is most impressive is the way Dr Gulland blends the details of the cases within a clear analytical framework’. The book is interdisciplinary and is published in the Palgrave Macmillan Socio-Legal Studies series, edited by Professor Dave Cowan.

**DR MARIA FEDERICA MOSCATI** has been shortlisted for the Oxford University Press Law Teacher of the Year Award. Marica is a senior lecturer in family law at the University of Sussex. She is an Italian advocate and trained mediator and holds a PhD from SOAS. Before undertaking her doctorate she worked for Save the Children Italy where she specialised in children’s rights.

**DR PHILIPPA TOMCZAK**, University of Nottingham, has been promoted from senior research fellow to principal research fellow/associate professor.

**PROFESSOR CHRIS HODGES** from the Centre for Socio-Legal Studies was awarded an OBE in the New Year Honours for services to Business and Law. The award recognises many years researching regulatory and dispute resolution systems, and working with officials, judges, ombuds, businesses, consumers and others on reforms aimed at producing outcomes and systems that are ethical, fair, safe, effective and cooperative.

### *Journal of Law and Society* (December 2020)

Introduction: Celebrating Phil Thomas at 80 – Dave Cowan, Linda Mulcahy and Sally Wheeler

The many beginnings of Philip Aneurin Thomas – Linda Mulcahy

Socio-legal studies in 2020 – Sally Wheeler

The changing position of legal academics in the United Kingdom: professionalization or proletarianization? – Anthony Bradney and Fiona Cownie

‘Left pessimists’ in ‘rose coloured glasses’? Reflections on the political economy of socio-legal studies and (legal) academic well-being – Richard Collier

Administrative Justice in Wales – Sarah Nason and Huw Pritchard

Of mines, mining, and imagining: rights without society? – Lydia Morgan

Legislating for a pandemic: exposing the stateless state – Edward Kirton-Darling, Helen Carr and Tracey Varnava

Home: a vehicle for resistance? Exploring emancipatory entanglements of ‘vehicle dwelling’ in a changing policy context – Rhiannon Craft

## AHRC funding schemes currently open

There are a number of AHRC open calls with no closing date.

- **Research networking scheme:** up to £30,000 to stimulate new debate and exchange of ideas.
- **Working with Brazilian researchers:** up to £1 million to work with researchers in the state of São Paulo, Brazil.
- **Daphne Jackson fellowships:** for researchers returning after a break for family, health or caring reasons.
- **Standard research grants:** up to £1 million for collaborative projects requiring leadership from more than one scholar.
- **Early career research grants:** for smaller collaborative projects with funding of up to £250,000.
- **Research, development and engagement fellowships – early career researchers’ route** with up to £250,000; **standard route** with up to £300,000.
- **Knowledge Transfer Partnerships:** to fund innovative projects helping businesses to utilise academic expertise.

## Leverhulme research centres competition

The Leverhulme Trust has launched a third competition for **Leverhulme Research Centre funding**. This represents a commitment to each centre of £1m per annum over a period of 10 years. The Trust’s aim is to encourage new approaches that may establish or reshape a field of study and so transform our understanding of a significant contemporary topic. Closing date for outline applications: **16 April 2021**.

### *Journal of Law and Society* (Spring 2020)

Capabilities, capacity, and consent: sexual intimacy in the Court of Protection – Jaime Lindsey and Rosie Harding

Mavericks or misconstruction? A reply to Campbell and Allan – Stephanie Palmer and Stevie Martin

Unsecured lending and the indigenous economy in Australia and South Africa – Andrew Hutchison and Dominique Allen

Supremacy and hegemony: a reply to Palmer and Martin – James Allan and David Campbell

Communities of scholars and communities of practice – Lynn Mather

### *Social and Legal Studies* 30(2) (April 2021)

Brexit, the press and the territorial constitution – Gregory Davies and Daniel Wincott

Compensation funds, trials and the meaning of claims: the example of asbestos-related illness compensation in France – Héloïse Pillayre

The role of patents as a gendered chameleon – Jessica C Lai

Cont(r)actualisation: a politics of transformative legal recognition of adult unions – Mariano Croce and Frederik Swennen

Interrogating vulnerability: reframing the vulnerable subject in police custody – Roxanna Dehaghani

It’s wrong, but that’s the way it is. Youth, violence and justice in north-eastern Brazil – Peter Anton Zoetti

#### Dialogue and debate

Katharina Pistor’s *The Code of Capital* – Marco Goldoni, Iagê Z Miola, Anna Chadwick, Sol Picciotto and Katharina Pistor



## Books

***Human Shields: A history of people in the line of fire*** (2020) Neve Gordon and Nicola Perugini, University of California Press £25 312pp

This book provides a chilling global history of the human shield phenomenon. From Syrian civilians locked in iron cages to veterans joining peaceful indigenous water protectors at the Standing Rock Sioux Reservation, from Sri Lanka to Iraq and from Yemen to the United States, human beings have been used as shields for protection, coercion, or deterrence. Describing the use of human shields in key historical and contemporary moments across the globe, the authors demonstrate how the increasing weaponisation of human beings has made the position of civilians trapped in theatres of violence more precarious and their lives more expendable.

***Gender, Work and Social Control: A century of disability benefits*** (2019) Jackie Gulland, Palgrave Macmillan £79hb/£78eb

This book uses previously unknown archive materials to explore the meaning of the term ‘incapable of work’ over a hundred years (1911–present). Nowadays, people claiming disability benefits must undergo medical tests to assess whether or not they are capable of work. Media reports and high-profile campaigns highlight the problems with this system and question whether the process is fair. These debates are not new and, in this book, the author looks at similar questions about how to assess people’s capacity for work from the beginning of the welfare state in the early 20th century.

***Disability, Criminal Justice and Law: Reconsidering court diversion*** (2020) Linda Steele, Routledge £120 276pp

Through theoretical and empirical examination of legal frameworks for court diversion, this book interrogates law’s complicity in the debilitation of disabled people. In a post-deinstitutionalisation era, diverting disabled people from criminal justice systems and into mental health and disability services is considered therapeutic, humane and socially just. Yet, by drawing on Foucauldian theory of biopolitics, critical legal and political theory and critical disability theory, Steele argues that court diversion continues disability oppression.

***The Law of the List: UN counterterrorism sanctions and the politics of global security law*** (2020) Gavin Sullivan, Cambridge University Press £95 394pp

The spread of violent extremism, 9/11, the rise of ISIL and movement of ‘foreign terrorist fighters’ are dramatically expanding the powers of the UN Security Council to govern risky cross-border flows and threats by non-state actors. New security measures and data infrastructures are being built that threaten to erode human rights and transform the world order in far-reaching ways. *The Law of the List* is an interdisciplinary study of global security law in motion. It follows the ISIL and Al-Qaida sanctions list, created by the UN Security Council to counter global terrorism, to different sites around the world mapping its effects as an assemblage.

***Research Handbook on the Sociology of Law*** (2020) Jiří Přebán (ed), Edward Elgar £190 416pp

This unique Research Handbook maps the historical, theoretical and methodological concepts in sociology of law, exploring the rich and complex nature of this area of research. It argues that sociology of law flourishes due to its strong capacity for interdisciplinary engagement and links to other scientific concepts, methodologies and research fields.

***Towards Decolonising the University: A kaleidoscope for empowered action*** (2020) by Decolonise University of Kent Collective, Dave S P Thomas and Suhraiya Jivraj (eds), Counterpress £15pb/min £1eb 204pp

As part of the aim to amplify those otherwise silenced voices, particularly the range of experiences of students of colour in the

academy, this collection, published by Counterpress, is groundbreaking in embodying what has been an ostensible and deliberate collaboration and co-production of knowledge between students and academics of colour. It was inspired by an institutionally funded research project in 2018–2019, ‘Decolonise the Curriculum’, at the University of Kent and presents a ‘kaleidoscope’ for decolonising a university.

***Research Handbook on Socio-Legal Studies of Medicine and Health*** (2020) Marie-Andrée Jacob and Anna Kirkland (eds), Edward Elgar £195hb/£48eb 480pp

This timely addition to the Research Handbooks in Law and Society series offers significant insights into an understudied subject, bringing together a broad range of socio-legal studies of medicine to help answer complex and interdisciplinary questions about global health – a major challenge of our time.

***Comparative Dispute Resolution*** (2020) Maria Federica Moscati, Michael Palmer, Cheng Yu Tung and Marian Roberts, Edward Elgar £220 608pp

This book, in the Research Handbooks in Comparative Law series, offers an original, wide-ranging and invaluable corpus of chapters on dispute resolution. Enriched by a broad, comparative vision and a focus on the processes used to handle disputes, this study adds significantly to the discourse around comparative legal studies.

***Shari’a, Inshallah: Finding God in Somali legal politics*** (2021) Mark Fathi Massoud, Cambridge University Press £26.99pb 350pp

Challenging the perception that shari’a fuels violent extremism and intolerance, *Shari’a, Inshallah* shows the remarkable ways that the Somali people have invoked God’s will to challenge colonialism, restrain dictators, plant democratic roots, campaign for gender equality, and build a path to the rule of law. These findings come from archival research in the UK as well as fieldwork and interviews in the Horn of Africa.

***Labour and the Wage: A critical perspective*** (2020) Zoe Adams, Oxford University Press £80hb 320pp

This book offers a new perspective on why labour law struggles to respond to problems such as low pay and under-inclusive employment. A Marxian-inspired ontological approach sheds new light on the role of labour law in a capitalist economy and its limitations and potential when it comes to bringing about social change, illustrated through the lens of the wage.

***Imagining the International: Crime, justice, and the promise of community*** (2020) Nesam McMillan, Stanford University Press \$26 224pp

International crime and justice are powerful ideas, associated with a vivid imagery of heinous atrocities, injured humanity, and an international community seized by the need to act. Through an analysis of archival and contemporary data, this book provides a detailed picture of how ideas of international crime (crimes against all of humanity) and global justice are given content, foregrounding their ethical limits and potentials.

***Benefit-sharing in Environmental Governance: Local experiences of a global concept*** (2019) Louisa Parks, Routledge £120 216pp

Taking a bottom-up perspective, this book explores local framings of a wide range of issues related to benefit-sharing, a growing concept in global environmental governance. It will be of great interest to students and scholars of environmental politics, environmental law, political ecology and global governance, as well as practitioners and policymakers involved in multilateral environmental agreements.

***Trading Life: Organ trafficking, illicit networks, and exploitation*** (2020) Seán Columb, Stanford University Press \$28 224pp

This groundbreaking book investigates the emergence and evolution of the organ trade across North Africa and Europe. Seán Columb illuminates the voices and perspectives of organ sellers and brokers to demonstrate how crime and immigration

controls produce circumstances where the business of selling organs has become a feature of economic survival.

**(B)ordering Britain: Law, race and empire** (2020) Nadine El-Anany, Manchester University Press £20 312pp

This book argues that Britain is the spoils of empire, its immigration law is colonial violence and irregular immigration is anti-colonial resistance. Immigration laws are justified on the basis that they keep the undeserving hordes out. In fact, they are acts of colonial seizure and violence, and those with personal, ancestral or geographical links to colonialism, or those existing under the weight of its legacy of race and racism, have every right to come to Britain and take back what is theirs.

**Fiscal Sociology at the Centenary: UK perspectives on budgeting, taxation and austerity** (2019) Ann Mumford, Palgrave Macmillan £64.99hb/£39.99eb 244pp

This book discusses the socio-legal tax state and its relationship to development, inequality and the transnational. 'Fiscal Sociology' commenced in 1918 when Joseph A Schumpeter examined links between capitalism and taxation, arguing that fiscal pressures on governments led to the development of tax collection and the burgeoning growth of capitalist economies. The identification of taxation as an important component of capitalism has continued to change the way theoretical sociologists conceptualise tax. This book summarises this literature for scholars seeking a bridge between taxation law and contextual, historical and anthropological analyses of the development of the state, more generally.

#### Anthem Studies in Law Reform

This new series bridges the gap between legal activism and academic scholarship by publishing short books (20–30,000 words) focused on law reform. The series editor Russell Sandberg invites proposals for challenging and original works from emerging and established scholars that meet the series' criteria. Contact [e sandbergr@cf.ac.uk](mailto:sandbergr@cf.ac.uk) or visit the [w website](#).

#### Handbook on Feminist Approaches to Women's Violence: call for titles and abstracts

The editors (Stacy Banwell, Lynsey Black, Dawn Cecil, Yanyi Djamba, Sitawa Kimuna, Emma Milne, Lizzie Seal, Eric Tenkorang) invite 300-word abstracts by **31 March 2021**. See [announcement](#) for details. Email [e lynsey.black@mu.ie](mailto:lynsey.black@mu.ie).

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## Journals

#### **International Journal of Law, Language and Discourse: call for abstracts**

Submissions are invited for a special issue on 'Understanding Hate Speech and Free Speech: Variable and Multidimensional Perspectives', guest-edited by Ruth Breeze and Anne Wagner. Please see [announcement](#) for details. Closing date: **1 May 2021**.

#### **Journal of Legal Research Methodology: call for papers**

The editors welcome submissions on the topic of '**Virtual Legal Research Methodology**' for the Inaugural Special Edition of this open-access peer-reviewed journal based at Northumbria University. Closing date: **31 March 2021**.

#### **International Journal of Disability and Social Justice: new OA journal open for submissions**

This new international interdisciplinary journal and its companion Digest will publish cutting-edge scholarship and research challenging injustices relating to disability and building inclusive societies. The first issue will appear in summer 2021.

#### **International Journal for the Semiotics of Law/Revue internationale de Sémiotique juridique: call for papers**

Abstracts are invited for this special issue, on '**Global Semiotics, Intercultural Legal Space and the Interplay between "Facticity" and "Normativity"**', edited by Mario Ricca, Paolo Heritier and Stefano Berteà. Closing date: **15 January 2022**.

#### **'The Governance of Plastics': special issue of Social Sciences – call for papers**

Submissions are invited for this special issue of *Social Sciences* guest-edited by Professor Rosalind Malcolm and Dr Katrien Steenmans. Closing date: **30 June 2021**.

#### Socio-legal blog

'**How artist Artemisia Gentileschi created her own #MeToo moment**' by Sophie Doherty: the 17th-century Italian painter's work explored power, relationships and sexual violence, all informed through her own lived experience.

#### **Social and Legal Studies 30(3) (June 2021)**

Securing the future: transformative justice and children 'born of war' – Erin Baines and Camile Oliveira

A 'most astonishing' circumstance: the survival of Jewish POWs in German war captivity during the Second World War – Johanna Jacques

States of exception: legal governance of trans women in urban Turkey – Ezgi Taşcıoğlu

Do the challenges of LGBTQ asylum applicants under Dublin register with the European Court of Human Rights? – Raoul Wieland and Edward J Alessi

Punitive welfare on the margins of the state: narratives of punishment and (in)justice in Masiphumelele – Gail Super

Trading nudes like hockey cards: exploring the diversity of 'revenge porn' cases responded to in law – Alexa Dodge

#### **Review of the field**

Staying with the social project: a review of feminist criminology – Katharine Dunbar

- **INFRA LEGALITIES: A METHOD ASSEMBLAGE FOR STUDYING LAW AND DATA INFRASTRUCTURES TOGETHER**  
8 March 2021: online from the CLS Oxford  
Speaker: Roxana Willis, Oxford University. See [w website](#) for details.
- **SCOTTISH CONSTITUTIONAL IDENTITY AND THE CONTINUITY BILL REFERENCE**  
12 March 2021: online from CLS, Cardiff  
Speaker: Catriona Mullay, EUI. See [w website](#) for details.
- **LAW AND HUMANITIES IN A PANDEMIC**  
16 March 2021: online hosted by IALS  
Theme: (Re)imagining the human condition through Covid-19. See [w website](#) for details.
- **BUILDING 'SITES OF SOLIDARITY'**  
17 March 2021: online International Women's Day event  
Theme: Fighting collectively against the capitalist, colonial, ableist hetero-patriarchy. See [w website](#) for details.
- **JUSTICE STUDENT CONFERENCE**  
17–18 March 2021: online  
See [w website](#) for details. Free for JUSTICE members/£5 for students.
- **RELIGION IN POLAND: CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES AND MORAL CONTROVERSIES**  
19 March 2021: online from CLS, Cardiff  
Speaker: Dawid Bunikowski, University of Eastern Finland. See [w website](#) for details.
- **LAW AND SCIENCE**  
24 March 2021: online from CLS, Cardiff  
Speakers: Emilie Cloatre, University of Kent; Martyn Pickersgill, University of Edinburgh. See [w website](#) for details.
- **GENIUS ANNUAL CONFERENCE**  
26 March 2021: online hosted by *GenIUS* (Italy's journal on gender, sexuality and law)  
Theme: Hate Speech, Digital Discrimination, and the Internet of Platforms. Please see [w website](#) for details.
- **PALESTINIAN REFUGEES: REALITIES AND PROSPECTS**  
27 March 2021: online hosted by Cardiff University  
Speaker: Hanin Abou Salem, PhD candidate. See [w website](#) for details.
- **SLSA CARDIFF VIRTUAL CONFERENCE 2021: REGISTRATION STILL OPEN**  
30 March–1 April 2021: online hosted by Cardiff University  
See [w website](#) for full details.
- **LAUNCH OF SCOTTISH LAW AND INNOVATION NETWORK**  
31 March 2021: online  
Keynote speaker: Hector MacQueen, University of Edinburgh. Email Zihao Li e [z.li.6@research.gla.ac.uk](mailto:z.li.6@research.gla.ac.uk) for the Teams link for this event.
- **OLD AGE CARE IN TIMES OF CRISIS, PAST AND PRESENT**  
8–9 April 2021: online hosted by Birkbeck and London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine  
Please see [w website](#) for details.
- **ASSOCIATION OF LAW TEACHERS CONFERENCE 2021**  
15–16 April 2021: online from Aston Law School  
Theme: Disrupting Legal Education. See [w website](#) for details or contact e [ALT2021@aston.ac.uk](mailto:ALT2021@aston.ac.uk).
- **LAW AND HUMANITIES IN A PANDEMIC**  
21 April 2021: online hosted by IALS  
Theme: Gendering the pandemic. See [w website](#) for details.
- **ABOLITION AS IMAGINATION: YIELDING POSSIBILITY; CRAFTING FUTURE**  
21 April 2021: online  
Please see [w website](#) for details of this Read and Resist! Event.
- **PLURAL IDEAS OF JUSTICE: STORIES, NARRATIVES AND EXPERIENCES FROM INDIA**  
23–24 April 2021: online/Mumbai hosted by JUSTICE  
See [w website](#) for details.
- **WG HART WORKSHOP: NEW PERSPECTIVES ON JURISDICTION AND THE CRIMINAL LAW**  
26–28 April 2021: online from IALS  
Please see [w website](#) for details and booking.
- **POSTGRADUATE LAW CONFERENCE**  
29–30 April 2021: University of Strathclyde Law School  
Theme: Reimagining justice and ethnography. Details on [w website](#).
- **LAW AND THE CITY: ANNUAL GRADUATE CONFERENCE**  
6–7 May 2021: McGill University, Montreal, Canada  
Please see [w website](#) for details.
- **COMMUNITIES IN EUROPE: BETWEEN CONTINUITY AND TRANSITION**  
13–14 May 2021: online from Graduate Centre for Europe, Birmingham  
Please see [w announcement](#) for details.
- **DEAN SPADE, MUTUAL AID: BUILDING SOLIDARITY DURING THIS CRISIS (AND THE NEXT)**  
19 May 2021: online  
Please see [w website](#) for details of this Read and Resist! event.
- **LAW AND HUMANITIES IN A PANDEMIC**  
19 May 2021: online hosted by IALS  
Theme: The margins and the (epi)centres: place, space and the pandemic. See [w website](#) for details.
- **A SACRED COVENANT? HISTORIC, LEGAL AND CULTURAL PERSPECTIVES ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF MARITAL LAW: CFP**  
20 May 2021: online hosted by Northumbria University  
Keynote speaker: Baroness Hale of Richmond. Please see [w announcement](#) for details. Closing date: 26 March 2021.
- **LAW AND SOCIETY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING**  
27–30 May 2021: virtual conference  
See [w website](#) for details. With free **PGR/ECT workshop** on 25 May.
- **INTERNATIONAL ROUNDTABLES FOR THE SEMIOTICS OF LAW 2021: CFP**  
17–18 June 2021: online from Leuven University Faculty of Law  
See [w announcement](#) for full details. Closing date: 11 March 2021.
- **BEYOND CONSENSUS AD IDEM: IN THE SHADOWS OF CONTRACT LAW DOCTRINE**  
21–22 June 2021: online from University of Technology, Sydney  
Convenor: Renata Grossi, UTS. See [w announcement](#) for details.
- **TUNING IN TO ACTIVISM AS IMPROVISATION, MUSICALITY, AND SPIRITUALITY**  
23 June 2021: online  
Please see [w website](#) for details of this Read and Resist! event.
- **LAW AND HUMANITIES ROUNDTABLE 2021**  
July 2021 tbc: online event organised by Law and Humanities  
Theme: 'Change and the law: hope, opportunity, shock and dread'  
Please see [w announcement](#) for details.
- **CENTRE FOR TAX LAW: FIFTH TAX POLICY CONFERENCE**  
5–6 July 2021: Lucy Cavendish College, Cambridge or tbc  
Please see [w website](#) for details.
- **CRITICAL LEGAL CONFERENCE 2021**  
2–4 September 2021: University of Dundee  
Please see [w website](#) for details.
- **DECOLONISING THE CRIMINAL QUESTION**  
16–17 September 2021: University of Warwick  
Theme: Colonial legacies, contemporary problems. Further details of this SLSA **Seminar Scheme** event when available.
- **ARE WE OWNED?**  
8 October 2021: University of Stirling  
Theme: A multidisciplinary and comparative conversation on intellectual property in the algorithmic society. See [w website](#).
- **IRSL 2023: CFP**  
24–27 May 2023: online by Pontificia Università Antonianum, Roma  
See [w announcement](#) for full details. Closing date: 6 January 2023.



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