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## SLSA YORK 2022

*From 6–8 April 2022, socio-legal scholars will gather for the first hybrid SLSA Annual Conference, hosted by York Law School.*

More than 530 abstracts have been received for the 34 streams and 10 current topics. The current topics this year are as diverse as they are topical and include:

- Covid-19: governance and the rule of law
- Uncovering silenced voices: a socio-legal approach
- Constitutionalism in developing democracies
- Jurisprudence of the future: law, justice and science fiction
- Judicial activism in times of crisis
- Law, time and socio-legal studies

We look forward to seeing many of you in person, but if that is not possible we will be using Zoom for online paper presentations. We recognise that for many of us the conference will be the first opportunity to travel to an event for a long time. While that is to be celebrated, we will also ensure that the conference is conducted as safely as possible with Covid security in mind and in line with all Covid regulations (and beyond!).

However, we are moving back to the pre-Covid timetable of a single plenary, and we are very pleased to announce that the speaker will be the Master of the Rolls, Sir Geoffrey Vos. He will be talking about digital courts.

The opportunities for PGRs will continue, with a dedicated programme on the morning of the first day. In addition, we will have a virtual session connected to the conference, on 'Socio-legal studies in South Asia', with a focus on early career scholars working at universities in South Asian countries. The session will build on the work of the *Indian Law Review* (a recently launched peer-reviewed journal focused on South Asia) and the Junior Faculty Forum for South Asian Law Teachers (a forum which organises work-in-progress workshops for early career academics at the same institutions). The goal will be, firstly, to showcase work done on South Asia by early career scholars in the region and, secondly, to increase dialogue and develop networks between them and the wider South Asian community. **Note:** registration closes at midnight (BST) on 18 March 2022.

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See page 4 for an important announcement about a new SLSA scheme to support research impact ... !

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## PGR ACTIVITIES AT YORK

*As your PGR reps, we are incredibly excited about the SLSA Annual Conference 2022 and are looking forward to welcoming you to the dedicated PGR Activities which will be held at the University of York on 6 April 2022. It will be a pleasure to meet you in person (or virtually!) this year at our very first hybrid conference!*

We are currently in the process of organising a range of sessions to help develop your skills, knowledge and experiences as PGRs. Firstly, we are delighted to welcome back Dr Emma Jones, who will be delivering a session on PGR wellbeing. Keeping an eye on our mental health and wellbeing is an essential part of a PhD and in light of the pandemic, it is more important than ever to be open in talking about these issues. This session will be interactive to help PGR students explore different ways to focus on wellbeing and self-care.

We are also looking forward to welcoming Jonathan Fiske, a PGR student at the University of York, who will be delivering a session on Dissertation Support Groups, including how to set up your own group. Groups such as these have been a lifeline for many PGR students working from home by helping to build and maintain research networks and support each other in stressful parts of the research journey. We hope that this session will inspire you to join a group, or even start your own!

A session on social media will also be delivered which will focus on blogs, YouTube and Twitter! Our very own Jess Mant, Social Media Officer and Blog Editor for the SLSA, and Emma Milne, who is responsible for the SLSA's YouTube channel, will be sharing their expertise and giving their top tips for how to successfully promote your research and disseminate it to the wider socio-legal community. Victoria and I will also be discussing our experiences as PGRs and how we use social media too!

Registration details for the conference can be found on the main **w [conference website](#)**, and, as ever, PGRs are being offered a discounted rate, so be sure to take up the opportunity to attend if you can! As always, feel free to contact **e [slsapgreg@gmail.com](mailto:slsapgreg@gmail.com)** with any questions.

*Maddy Millar and Victoria Adkins (SLSA PGR Reps)*

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## SLSA BOARD NEWS

Future Annual Conferences: save the dates!

Next year the Annual Conference will be held in Derry-Londonderry, Northern Ireland, hosted by the University of Ulster from 4–6 April 2023. And in 2024 the University of Portsmouth will be the venue (dates to be confirmed). Portsmouth was the scheduled destination for SLSA 2020, unfortunately cancelled due to the pandemic, so the Board is particularly pleased that Portsmouth have kindly offered to host the conference four years on.

### SLSA AGM 7 April 2022

The SLSA AGM is on **Thursday 7 April 2022** at 12.30–1.30pm at the University of York and online via Zoom. All members are warmly invited to attend. To suggest an agenda item, email SLSA secretary Neil Graffin by **24 March 2022** e [neil.graffin@open.ac.uk](mailto:neil.graffin@open.ac.uk). Online joining details will be circulated via the SLSA email list.

### New Board members

We are delighted to welcome to the Board our new Precarity Rep Arwen Joyce, University of Leicester, and one of the organisers of next year's Annual Conference at Ulster University, Mark Simpson. Mark will be joined by a colleague in due course. Read more about Arwen and the new role of Precarity Rep on page 5.

### Ex-Officio Trustees stepping down

Rosie Harding will be stepping down as Chair of the SLSA at the AGM, following nine years on the Board, five of them as Chair and two as Vice Chair. Under Rosie's shrewd guidance the SLSA has gained charity status, held its first ever online Annual Conference and come through the last two turbulent years stronger than ever. Also at the AGM, Vanessa Munro will be stepping down from the role of Treasurer, but does intend to stand for re-election as a Trustee (see below).

### Other Board members stepping down

Five other SLSA Board members will be stepping down at the AGM. They are: Victoria Adkins, Diamond Ashiagbor, Ed Kirton-Darling, Jess Mant and Huw Pritchard.

The SLSA is grateful to all the above-named individuals for their dedicated service during the past few difficult years. It is not possible here to do justice to the incredible amount of work they have done for the Association, but we offer them heartfelt thanks.

### Trustees standing for re-election

Alongside Vanessa, Philip Bremner and Rebecca Moosavian have both come to the end of their first three-year term and will be standing for re-election at the AGM.

### Call for nominations

At its January 2022 Board meeting, the Board voted to increase the number of Trustees from 20 to 21. This means that there will be five vacancies on the SLSA Board at the AGM, including vacancies for the ex-officio Trustee roles of Chair and Treasurer. The Board would also particularly like to hear from members who would be willing to take on the key role of Social Media Officer.

If you are interested in being nominated as an SLSA Trustee, 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: **Thursday 10 March 2022 at 17.00**. See webpage for details of the [w nomination process](#).

## SLSA BOOK AND ARTICLE PRIZE SHORTLISTS 2022

*The SLSA Board is delighted to announce the shortlists for our prestigious book and article prizes. The prizewinners will be announced at the SLSA annual dinner in York.*

### Hart–SLSA Book Prize

- Mark Massoud (2021) *Shari'a, Inshallah: Finding God in Somali Legal Politics* Cambridge University Press
- Jana Norman (2021) *Posthuman Legal Subjectivity* Routledge
- Hedi Viterbo (2021) *Problematizing Law, Rights, and Childhood in Israel/Palestine* Cambridge University Press

### Hart–SLSA Prize for Early Career Researchers

- Richard Martin (2021) *Policing Human Rights: Law, Narratives, and Practice* Oxford University Press
- Jana Norman (2021) *Posthuman Legal Subjectivity* Routledge
- Hedi Viterbo (2021) *Problematizing Law, Rights, and Childhood in Israel/Palestine* Cambridge University Press

### Socio-Legal Theory and History Prize

- Jana Norman (2021) *Posthuman Legal Subjectivity* Routledge
- Russell Sandberg (2021) *Subversive Legal History: A Manifesto for the Future of Legal Education* Routledge
- Amelia Thorpe (2020) *Owning the Street: The Everyday Life of Property* MIT Press

### SLSA Article Prize

- Nafay Choudhury (2021) 'Order in the Bazaar: the transformation of non-state law on Afghanistan's premier money exchange market' *Law and Social Inquiry*, First View 1–39
- Jennifer Hendry (2021) "'The usual suspects": knife crime prevention orders and the "difficult" regulatory subject' *British Journal of Criminology* XX: 1–18
- Kieran McEvoy and Anna Bryson (2021) 'Boycott, resistance and the law: cause lawyering in conflict and authoritarianism' *Modern Law Review* 1–36

### SLSA policies

The SLSA has published two new policies: the SLSA Policy on Retired Membership; and the SLSA Policy on Freezing Membership. Visit the [w policies page](#) to see the full list.

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# NEW SLSA SUPPORT FOR SOCIO-LEGAL IMPACT AND ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES

*SLSA Chair Professor Rosie Harding announces an exciting new initiative from the SLSA Board.*

On behalf of the SLSA Board of Trustees I am delighted to announce a new suite of support and funding for impact and engagement activities by SLSA members. Ensuring that academic research makes the most of pathways towards impact has been increasing in importance over the last decade and more. As impact becomes further embedded in REF, and as the value to be gained from working with non-academic partners becomes increasingly recognised, ensuring that all scholars have access to funds to support impact is evermore important.

Since becoming a registered Charitable Incorporated Organisation, the object of the SLSA is:

for the public benefit to advance education and learning in the field of socio legal studies and to promote research, the useful results of which shall be published for the public benefit, teaching and the dissemination of knowledge in the field.

This new 'public benefit' object means that we have greater scope to support activities that are aimed at developing non-academic, cultural, social, economic and justice impacts and effects of socio-legal research, which is an important element in ensuring public benefit.

There are a range of ways in which the SLSA will support impact in the future, including impact funding, networking funding, impact prizes and training on impact. We began the latter with the hugely successful 'Impact and Law Reform' conference that we organised at the Institute for Advanced Legal Studies in June 2018 in collaboration with the Society of Legal Scholars and the Law Commissions. We will continue with it at conferences and events in the future.

We recognise that impact activities are unevenly supported across UK higher education institutions and across all types of socio-legal scholarship. Some socio-legal scholars – particularly those who work in research-intensive universities with access to ESRC Impact Acceleration Account funding – may have easy access to significant support for impact development. Others, whose work sits on the humanities side of the ESRC/AHRC boundary, or whose institutions have limited funding to support impact work, have much less support available to them to realise the non-academic impact of their research.

In addition, supporting impact activities will also enable the SLSA Board to have a clearer understanding of impactful outcomes of socio-legal research. This will help us to make the case for our discipline to research funders, policymakers and others.

We are, therefore, delighted to announce three new ways in which the SLSA will support the impact activities of our members.

**1 Impact Grants:** this new grants scheme will fund impact activities, including public engagement activities. All SLSA members (including PGR students) will be eligible to apply for an impact grant of up to £1500. As with all SLSA funding streams, the funds must be administered by the applicant's research institution. There will be an annual deadline of **31 May**. Please see

full details of the Impact Grants Scheme on the impact activities page on the SLSA [website](#).

**2 Stream Convenor Impact Funding:** recognising the important role that SLSA stream, theme and 'current topic' convenors have in acting as a focal point for bringing members together in key areas, the SLSA Board have decided to make a limited amount of funds available to help create capacity building and networking opportunities to develop pathways towards impact. A maximum of £1000 per activity will be available. This is primarily intended to support involvement from non-academic partners. Full details of the Stream Convenor Impact Funding can be found on the SLSA [website](#).

**3 Annual Impact Prize:** a new annual prize worth £250 will be instituted to recognise and celebrate excellence in non-academic impact arising from socio-legal research. All current SLSA members, including PGR members, will be eligible to nominate themselves or others using the SLSA Impact Prize Nomination Form. Nominees must be based at a UK higher education institution, but need not be SLSA members. The deadline for nominations will be **1 November** each year, and the shortlist and winners will be announced alongside other SLSA prizes at our Annual Conference. Full details of the Annual Impact Prize can be found on the SLSA [website](#).

As mentioned above, full details of this new suite of support for impact and engagement activities are now available on website. In the first year of these awards, the Board have agreed to fund impact and engagement activities up to a total pot of £15,000. The value of this pot will be reviewed annually, subject to affordability and the SLSA's financial position.

The SLSA Board look forward to receiving applications from members for the first round of these activities, and to supporting impact and engagement work in the future.

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Audit as accountability: technical authority and expertise in the governance of private financing for development – Celine Tan

The governance of complaints in UK higher education: critically examining 'remedies' for staff sexual misconduct – Anna Bull and Tiffany Page

'They are here without chains, but with invisible chains': understandings of modern slavery within the New South Wales settlement sector – Keren David and Michael Salter

Why women judges really matter: the impact of women judges on property law outcomes in Kenya – Martha Gayoye

Collective dissent as legal consciousness in contemporary British theatre – Debbie De Girolamo

The struggle for the human right to a good life for everyone: Oscar Correas's legacy for the *Crítica Jurídica* movement in Latin America – Mauro Cristeche and Cesar Villena

On the sociology of law in economic relations – Iagê Miola and Sol Picciotto

### **Book reviews**

*A Jurisprudence of the Body* – Joshua Shaw

*Speaking Out: Feminism, Rape and Narrative Politics* – Susanna Menis

## SLSA RESPONSE TO UKRI EDI CONSULTATION

*UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) has launched a consultation on its draft Equality, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) Strategy.*

The SLSA plans to make a submission on behalf of our members. Please take a moment to have a look at the Strategy, UKRI's Strategic Objectives and 'cornerstones for change' and get in touch by **18 March 2022** with Clare Williams with your comments and suggestions [e c.williams-678@kent.ac.uk](mailto:c.williams-678@kent.ac.uk).

The consultation asks specific questions about the ambition of UKRI's EDI Strategy and its Strategic Objectives. Specifically, the consultation asks how the objectives could be improved, if there are any significant gaps, and what opportunities there are for you/your organisation (the SLSA) to work with UKRI to achieve the proposed objective.

The draft strategy is available **online** – please look out for links in the bulletin and on social media. Please also think about making an individual submission too, and nudging your institution to make one. The open consultation closes on **28 March 2022**. *Thank you.*

*Clare Williams (on behalf of the SLSA EDI subcommittee)*

## MEMBERSHIP SURVEY

*The SLSA will shortly be publishing the results of its first EDI survey.*

Launched in November 2021, the survey is an important initial step for the Association in identifying the wishes, experiences and needs of the socio-legal community in this area. It will support the development of a strategy for addressing exclusion and for valuing and supporting the achievements of all our members. It will allow us to make an informed contribution to the equality, diversity and inclusion (EDI) work of funders, regulators and universities, including the current UKRI consultation.

Our response rate, around 8%, or n=97 member responses, is average for this type of exercise, but we will work to ensure higher numbers in future surveys. Nonetheless, the results have given us a snapshot profile of SLSA members, with reference to categories including gender and religious identification, race and ethnic background, disability and caring commitments. Moreover, survey feedback on the scope of the categories themselves will help the Association to refine and broaden the focus of its EDI strategy.

Qualitative responses have provided us with a rich resource for reflection. Comments highlighted areas where we are doing well, such as our support for postgraduate and early career researchers. They also picked out areas where we need to enhance our efforts. Ensuring accessibility at both in-person and virtual events is one such issue. Reaching out to socio-legal scholars working in disciplines other than law and securing due recognition for collaborators in the Global South are others.

We are very grateful to all those who completed the survey. Our next steps include: identifying key issues and basic principles to shape an EDI strategy for the SLSA; specifying a process for developing that strategy in detail; and setting out a timeline for implementing it. We look forward to engaging with you all on this in the near future.

*The EDI Subcommittee*

## SLSA PRECARIETY REP

*In 2021, the SLSA Board appointed the Association's first precarity rep, Arwen Joyce of the University of Leicester. Here, Arwen introduces herself and gives an overview of her role.*

I am delighted to join the SLSA Board as its first Precarity Representative. I recently secured a permanent lectureship at Leicester Law School, but for nearly a decade I was precariously employed in the higher education sector. I worked on a semester-to-semester basis as an adjunct lecturer in Singapore, and then in the UK as a graduate teaching assistant on a 0.2 FTE contract, an hourly-paid Unitemps tutor, and a lecturer on a fixed-term contract. I am from the US, so these roles have all been outside my home country, which at times has added immigration-related precarity to the mix. I am immensely grateful for the experience and income these ad hoc, fractional and fixed-term opportunities have provided, but I have also experienced first-hand the uncertainty, visa-related expense and stress, and financial insecurity endemic to precarious professional employment.

The creation of this Board-level role to raise the profile of issues related to casualisation within the SLSA is timely and important. Increased casualisation of employment is a trend throughout the labour market and the higher education sector is no exception. According to the University and College Union (UCU) 2021 Precarity Report, about one-third of academic staff in the UK are employed on fixed-term contracts. Unsurprisingly, the burden of casualisation does not fall equally on all groups: women, BAME and disabled staff are all disproportionately likely to be precariously employed. For example, 28 per cent of white academic staff that identify as men are employed on fixed-term contracts compared to 40 per cent and 44 per cent of Black and Asian academics, respectively, who identify as women. Nearly one in five Black academics (19 per cent) are employed on an hourly-paid contract compared to 12 per cent of white academics.

Being employed on an hourly basis or on successive casual contracts can erode an academic's labour rights, bargaining power and financial security. The UCU reports that 42 per cent of staff on casual contracts have struggled to pay household bills, while many others find themselves unable to put down roots or take out a mortgage. In addition, during the pandemic thousands of fixed-term contracts expired without renewal across the sector.

The SLSA already plays an important role in supporting socio-legal researchers in precarious employment. The social and research connections and support available through the SLSA transcend employment at any particular academic institution. I'm hoping that as Precarity Rep I can be a conduit for the diverse views and concerns of precariously employed socio-legal researchers to the SLSA Board. Members should feel free to contact me at [e arwen.joyce@le.ac.uk](mailto:arwen.joyce@le.ac.uk).

### SLSA YouTube channel

The SLSA YouTube channel continues to develop, with exciting new content planned for this year. We are focusing on working with the winners of the 2021 SLSA prizes to produce videos about their work. We will also be releasing new videos from our Research Grants scheme, Seminar Competition and Fieldwork Grants scheme. Subscribe to be kept up-to-date with our latest videos: [w SLSA YouTube](#).

## SLSA POSTGRADUATE CONFERENCE 2022

*'A PhD takes a village.'* This was one of the main messages that resonated through the advice given by our speakers in the SLSA Postgraduate Conference which took place online on 11 and 12 January 2022, writes SLSA PGR Rep Maddy Millar.

The sessions delivered covered a wide range of topics in an interactive manner to support PGRs in developing skills that would be useful across their research journey. The day began with PGRs being split into groups to give further networking opportunities and to try and make the sessions as interactive as possible.

The first session for my group was 'Getting published' and was facilitated by Dave Cowan and Silvana Tapia Tapia. They began by discussing the importance of choosing the right journal, making sure to marry up the interests of the journal with one's own interests. They also discussed book proposals; Silvana kindly shared a book proposal of her own, which was helpful in further understanding how to approach structure. The second session was 'Getting a job', with SLSA Chair Rosie Harding and Ed Kirton-Darling. Whilst this could have been a daunting session, Rosie and Ed discussed tips to build an academic CV to make the job application process easier in the future, which was really reassuring. Next, they discussed shortlisting and academic interviews, highlighting that prioritising the culture of the institution you apply to is essential. The third session of the first day was 'Conference papers', delivered by Rosie Harding and Anne-Marie Greenslade. They gave helpful recommendations for abstract writing, in particular getting support from your supervisor, as well as being concrete in what you will present. They also gave tips on answering questions, such as using them as an opportunity to network! My final session of the day was 'Funding and impact', which was facilitated by Rosemary Hunter and Dave Cowan. They outlined different types of funding (for example, network funding and seminar funding), which was informative and motivating (and perhaps I may try and get funding for a seminar of my own!).

The second day of the conference began with 'Research ethics', delivered by Rosemary Hunter and Andra le Roux-Kemp. They discussed responsibilities to colleagues and the wider community by observing academic integrity. In particular, they discussed participant involvement in research and steps to preserve participant integrity. The second session of the day was 'Conference posters' by Caoimhe Kiernan and Naomi Creutzfeldt. This was a really interactive session where we discussed research posters from previous SLSA poster competitions. It was great to brainstorm what others think makes a good poster and, whilst some aspects vary, we highlighted some of the key elements to bear in mind. Overall, their top tips were to write an abstract about what you aim to present in the poster, show it to a non-specialist audience, and look at the requirements of the conference carefully! The final session of the day was 'Supervising your supervisor', presented by Mike Adler and Katherine Langley. This session encouraged PGRs to share their experiences of supervision and help each other develop solutions together. It was a supportive environment where we were provided with guidance on a range of scenarios, such as dealing with criticism and how to ask for constructive feedback.

The conference concluded with a discussion by ECRs (Arwen Joyce, Caoimhe Kiernan and Katherine Langley) hosted by Jess Mant. Each had something novel and

valuable to add to the conversation to help PGRs in their research journey. Here are their top tips:

- Arwen – 'Try to mix other things into your PhD research!'
- Caoimhe – 'A PhD takes a village – make sure to rely on your supervisor!'
- Katherine – 'You don't have to have all the answers. Be kind to yourself!'

A huge thank you to all our fantastic speakers and ECRs for making the event such a success! And thank you to all the PGRs for your contributions throughout the day. We're looking forward to seeing you again at the SLSA Annual Conference at the University of York!

## SLSA SEMINAR

*This event, 'Mental Capacity in the Context of Sexual Relationships and Intimacy', to be held on 23 May 2022 and funded by the SLSA Seminar Competition, aims to bring together academics and practitioners working on issues of mental capacity, sexual relationships and intimacy.*

The event will take an interdisciplinary approach to the issues raised by recent legal developments around tests for capacity to consent to sex, contact and social media use, as well as wider issues impacting on the development and maintenance of intimate relationships. One of the key drivers of the seminar is the need for a multifaceted analysis of the issues raised, and the confirmed speakers range from legal and disability studies academics, legal practitioners, social workers and psychiatrists.

This one-day event will provide a space to explore:

- 1 the social context and development of the law in the area of mental capacity, sex, relationships and intimacy;
- 2 the doctrinal and practical challenges; and
- 3 future research trajectories.

We will be putting together an edited collection based on the papers and discussions at the workshop, with a focus on reflective insights from policymakers, practitioners and people with lived experience. In the longer-term, we hope to generate interest in a broader research network. In particular, this will focus on generating creative and inclusive ways to bring those with lived experience of the law into conversations around law, practice and reform.

There will be an open invite for 10–15 participants who will be asked to provide a short outline of their interest in this area and willingness to join the research network. The event will also provide an important opportunity to bring those with lived experience and representatives from user groups into the conversation through funding three reserved spaces.

*Beverly Clough and Laura Pritchard-Jones*

### 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'. Send nominations (max 500 words) to Vanessa Munro [e v.munro@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:v.munro@warwick.ac.uk) by **31 March 2022**.

## SLSA GRANTS SCHEME

We are delighted to announce the projects in our latest round of research and fieldwork grants. Plus, two fascinating reports from completed fieldwork studies. Visit the [website](#) to see full details of the scheme and past projects.

### Research grants 2022

- Lynsey Black, Maynooth University, £1489, 'An oral history of securing the Northern Irish border'
- Avi Boukli, Open University, £ 1360, 'The gold rush in Scotland: mining nuggets of legal consciousness'
- Georgina Dimopoulos, Swinburne University, Melbourne, £1485, 'The right time for rights? Use of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child in Australian family law decision-making'
- Agata Fijalkowski, Leeds Beckett University, £1471, 'Defence counsel "maestro"'
- Melanie Stockton-Brown, Bournemouth University, £1500, 'Pushing back: copyright law and film archives'

### Fieldwork grants 2022

- Cristina Blanco, University of Essex, £1000, 'Amazonian epistemologies and IL: the case of the Amazonian Waterway project'
- Shruti Iyer, University of Oxford, £1000, 'Silicosis and the state: reframing contestations between capital and labour in contemporary India'
- Atoosa Khatiri, University of York, £1000, 'The women and children of ISIS and their journeys back home: imagining justice in the UK and beyond'
- Tania Nascimento, Strathclyde University, £976, 'Facilitating emotions in restorative justice: a study of conference'

## Navigating citizenship law: a critical theory from Europe's last empire

**Marcelo Carvalho Loureiro, University of Birmingham, £1000**

People from the Portuguese overseas colonies were not Portuguese citizens. Their legal status in the Portuguese constitutional system was one of '*indigene*'. This status was characterised by being a national without citizenship rights who had to abide by constitutional restrictions established by the Portuguese constitutional framework. These restrictions included a lack of political participation, the need to pay heavy 'hut' taxes, the need to partake in indentured work, the inability to transit into parts of 'white' towns and the need to be clothed in a 'civilised manner', amongst other limitations.

Art 3. For the purposes of this Statute, are to be considered indigene the individuals of the black race or descending from it who by their illustration and customs do not distinguish themselves from the common of that race. ('Political, civil and criminal Statute of the indigenes of Angola and Mozambique' 'Estatuto politico, civil e criminal dos indigenas de Angola e Moçambique), Diário do Governo, n.237, I Série (23 Outubro 1926), 1667)

The context of indigenous oppression has already been addressed in academic literature, through historical and anthropological lenses, but a documented analysis from

a socio-legal perspective was still lacking. To close this gap, I developed a PhD thesis that targeted understanding the way in which colonial oppression worked through citizenship law to construct places of oppression that go beyond the 'postcolonial'. My attempt with the thesis was to answer the overall question of whether citizenship continued to be a by-product of coloniality. Today, my answer to this question is 'yes'.

I was able to construct this answer by engaging on two 'fronts'.

The first was a theoretical analysis that looked at the development of citizenship from a racialised perspective. This analysis focused on understanding the connection existing between citizenship-as-whiteness, slavery and the creation of 'indigeneity' as a new status for non-white people.

Secondly, I worked on giving materiality to this theory. My attempt was to prove, beyond reasonable doubt, that citizenship law derived from a place of whiteness. Non-white people, unable to participate in this whiteness of the colonial, continued to be locked outside the territory of rights, protection and constitutional subjecthood.

For giving materiality to my theory, accessing archival sources was crucial. Access to colonial documentation was only possible due to the SLSA grant. The fieldwork grant allowed me to find documentation which was previously deemed non-existent within the colonial legal framework. In the archival trip I was able to locate an assimilation ordinance from the former Portuguese province of Timor-Leste. The existence of this law, which regulated who was to be considered civilised and therefore a citizen, had been denied by scholars who believed only the colonies of Africa possessed assimilation frameworks. The law was similar to those applied in Angola, Portuguese Guinea and Mozambique. But it expanded the notion of '*indigene*' to cover the people from the 'Oceanic race':

Art 2. For the purposes of this diploma, are considered indigene the individuals natural to Timor of Oceanic race or descending from it, who by their illustration and customs do not differentiate themselves from the common of that race. ('Diploma legislativo n. 10' Boletim Oficial da Colónia de Timor, n. 6 suplemento (10 Fevereiro 1934) 2.)

This finding corroborated with the thesis I proposed: that citizenship was established and continued developing on a highly racialised foundation. The racialisation territory of citizenship went beyond Portuguese Africa and Blackness and to the terrain of Portuguese Timor and Tetum people as well.

In addition to the Timorese ordinance, around 150 other laws imposing restrictions on Black, mixed-race and Asian people in the Portuguese empire were found. These laws covered a wide range of subjects. The mandatory use of 'European clothing' in Angola, the compulsory payment of 'indigenous radio licence fees' in Mozambique, anti-loitering laws in São Tomé and Príncipe, and the prohibition of indigenous circulation in Portuguese Guinea are some examples.

The findings the fieldtrip yielded will enable a change in the way in which race and citizenship is thought about in the Portuguese empire. These findings are the core of my PhD thesis. They provide a critical approach to thinking about citizenship from a liberation standpoint that lies outside of the scope of whiteness. However, a question remains: will law care to hear the lamentations of colonial others in their fight out of subalternity?

## Unearthing the law from the pits: legal mapping of customary and living laws as an alternative to ASM mining formalisation in Ghana

Linda Mensah, University of Strathclyde, £1930

The central objective of my research is to examine the living, customary laws of artisanal and small-scale gold miners, locally known as the 'galamsey' in Ghana. Artisanal and small-scale mining (ASM) is a low-tech, manual labour-intensive form of gold mining and processing. It represents a significant employer and contributor to the rural economies of the country, despite the limited government support, constant state criminalisation, militarised evictions, numerous regulatory challenges, negative environmental externalities and bad publicity. Nearly four decades after the state launched its formalisation project to integrate all ASM into the formal legal system, almost 80–90% of artisanal and small-scale miners continue to operate informally and without state oversight. These informally operating miners have constituted to themselves a self-regulating association guided by long-standing customary laws, internally generated rules and indigenous spiritualities. These regulate how they access lands, apportion labour, distribute profits, settle disputes, enforce sanctions and relate with the mining communities in which they operate.

My initial plan was to engage with these issues through a detailed legal ethnographic study of ASM in one of Ghana's oldest gold-mining communities, Obuasi, my birthplace and my home. However, the onset of the pandemic and the lockdown heavily disrupted my travel plans to Ghana and threw my scheduled fieldwork study into an uncertainty that was beyond agonising. Those early days of the lockdown were gloomy, but they also provided me with the time to reflect and re-strategise.

In particular, I reflected on the ethical implications of fieldwork undertaken by Global North-based researchers like myself in vulnerable, research-fatigued communities in the Global South, most of whom are grappling with limited vaccine access and financial difficulties in the aftermath of lockdown without any social safety support from their governments. I also thought deeply about the institutional support systems for research students in similar situations like myself who as first-generation, minoritised, disabled, chronically ill, immunocompromised, student carers or as self-supporting students had to navigate fieldwork research amidst such precarity while juggling institutional deadlines and monitored immigration status compliances.

Despite the pandemic, I gained a lot of clarity about my research methodologies and came to appreciate, even more so, the value of communality, the African *ubuntu* principle of humanness and collective orientation, African feminist sisterhood, and indigenous spiritualities for knowledge production that benefits the local community. I also learnt the possibility of doing fieldwork in many ways, such as from a deeply and sensitively remote place. I tapped into my community of local networks and family members with whose help I conducted 14 virtual interviews with leadership of the local small-scale mining groups, media personnel and civil society groups, lawyers and peer researchers working on ASM research across Africa. The information gained highlighted the existence of a well-patterned, yet flexible system of ASM informality rooted in local histories, observance of taboos, performance of rituals, enforcement measures and strong ties with chiefs and the local community. I also gathered from these interactions a general sense of frustration with misconceptions about

the galamsey and their long-standing preference for non-state, customary legal systems. Additionally, there is deep resentment with how detached state laws are from the local ASM realities and how inherent class biases of such laws tend to target poor, vulnerable miners as the main subjects of arrests and state prosecutions for so-called environmental crimes.

Since I am using a decolonised socio-legal framework, I also embarked on a study of the legal history to better understand the complex pluralities of the customary and state law systems in ASM. I conducted archival research at the National Archives at Kew, London, and at the Wesleyan Missionary Archives at SOAS, London, in August 2020 for three weeks. I also engaged an archivist from the Public Records and Archives Department to undertake similar research in Ghana. This interdisciplinary exercise was not only revelatory in terms of the materials I discovered, but it was also one of the most liberating and fulfilling moments of my entire PhD journey. It gifted me the opportunity to reconnect with my ancestors in ways I had never experienced before. I felt a deep spiritual connection as I gazed through their eyes in the archived photographs and pored through pages documenting how they lived, mined their gold, planted their fields and tended to their families.

The archives helped me to map historical records from 1850–1930 which was a pivotal period of gold boom in present-day Ghana that coincided with an expansion of British mercantilism, militarism and missionary work. This period of extractivism was sustained by ordinances, remnants of which are still prevalent in the current plural legal system of ASM governance. I was also able to trace the evolution of land, conservation and mining laws which revealed intersections between these colonial era laws and the assimilationist policies that inform the current formalisation system.

To obtain a better understanding of the customary laws of ASM, I engaged two Obuasi-based research assistants who conducted interviews with six local chiefs in the community. This engagement with the chiefs explored life histories, oral histories of indigenous mining practices, spiritualities and the relationship between local small-scale miners and the chieftaincy institution. I gained insights into the integral role local chiefs play in sustaining informal ASM as the custodians of customary laws and holders of the allodial title to lands in the local mining communities. The alienating and exclusionary nature of the state's formalisation scheme was a common theme from the accounts of the chiefs. It revealed the tensioned relationship between customary-driven ASM, ASM formalisation and the traditional authorities.

Guided by the methodological lens of African feminisms, I was able to glean from the collected data the intersectionality of racialised, classed and gendered privileging that has historically informed extractivist mining laws and policies in Ghana and its unjust implications for local miners. The muted stories of indigenous miners throughout the archives were apparent, as was how they mirror the prevailing silencing tactics and subjugating politics of the government.

I have transcribed all the interviews conducted in the Asante Twi language and synthesised all the data into relevant themes that will inform my PhD thesis. I am indebted to my ancestors for guiding me through this journey and to the people of Obuasi who co-produced this knowledge with me. I am also grateful to the SLSA, not just for the funding, without which I could not have undertaken this study, but also for their patience and holding space for me as I dealt with the setbacks of the pandemic in my personal circumstances.



# THE QUEER JUDGMENTS PROJECT: AN EMERGING GLOBAL COLLABORATION

*Co-editors, Professor Nuno Ferreira and Dr Maria Federica (Marica) Moscati (both Sussex Law School) and Dr Senthoran Raj (Manchester Law School), introduce the recently launched Queer Judgments Project.*

The Queer Judgments Project is an initiative that evolved from disparate conversations between the current co-editors about how legal judgments related to sexual orientation, gender identity and expression and sex characteristics (SOGIESC) could have been written in more appropriate terms in light of the legal framework at the time.

We wanted to cultivate a project that brought together friends, colleagues and activists who were interested in improving and challenging the law and its application to make life better for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex, queer and other (LGBTIQ+) people and communities.

The main aim of the project is to reimagine, rewrite and reinvent, from queer and other complementing perspectives, judgments that have considered SOGIESC issues. The project has an international reach and multidisciplinary scope. Individual contributors are free to choose which judgment they want to focus on, featuring voices from across the globe. Similarly, the audience for the outputs of our project includes people outside of academia, especially marginalised communities, and young people.

This initiative is inspired by past similar projects, such as the Feminist Judgments projects (in the **UK, Ireland, Australia and USA**), the **Children's Rights judgments project**, the upcoming **Earth Law judgments project** and Alex Sharpe's important article '**Queering judgment**'.

In July 2021, we held two scoping workshops to bring together queer scholars and activists to reflect on jurisprudential challenges related to SOGIESC matters. In framing this conversation, we were not tied to specific SOGIESC-related rights issues or subdisciplines of law or styles of jurisprudence. We wanted to create an open space which gave people the opportunity to identify some of the pressing legal, scholarly and activist concerns relating to SOGIESC-related rights and to work out what a 'queer judgments project' might offer to our collective work to improve SOGIESC-related rights globally. To that end, we asked those interested in the conversation to reflect on the following questions:

- 1 How might queer judgments be relevant to your work (as a lawyer, scholar, activist etc)?
- 2 What jurisdictional and jurisprudential scope should the project have?
- 3 What theoretical perspectives should inform such a project?
- 4 What form should 'queer judgments' take?
- 5 What (scholarly, political, artistic) outputs could we develop together?
- 6 How might we resource this work?

We had over 30 people from different parts of the world join the initial (virtual) dinner-table conversation to consider these questions. The discussions that took place online were enormously rich. What became clear from

the conversation is that the Queer Judgments Project would not just be a 'typical' academic edited collection. Rather, people were interested in offering critical commentaries through writing and podcasts, rewriting judgments, experimenting with legal form, queering legal interventions by theatricalising them or turning them into comics, and collaborating with activists and artists to rethink the limits and possibilities of law when it comes to SOGIESC issues or the lives of LGBTIQ+ people.

We held further workshops with more participants (following an open call) in October 2021. At these workshops, we addressed several theoretical questions:

- 1 How does legality reflect colonial power structures?
- 2 What kind of queer subjects does the law imagine?
- 3 Are we seeking legality?
- 4 Is there value in being stigmatised?
- 5 In what ways does the law think about the queer subject and how queer subjects position themselves in relation to the law?

We also addressed some methodological questions:

- 1 How deep does our knowledge of the judgment have to be?
- 2 How can evidence be queered to become accessible?
- 3 How can we queer the files that judges have access to?

At these workshops, fellow queer scholars and activists spoke passionately about issues ranging from reimagining the decriminalisation of homosexuality to making room for the experiences of LGBTIQ+ people who seek asylum, to rethinking modes of legal gender recognition, to dismantling carceral systems harming socially marginalised populations etc. The various topics discussed spanned jurisdictions, court hierarchies and subdisciplines of law. In order to capture all potential contributions, the editors collated the preferences of about 70 people interested in contributing to the project. Based on the responses, we decided that our first output would be an edited collection, to be designed at a workshop in February 2022 with those who have expressed an interest in that aspect of the project.

Our project, however, will not end with the production of an edited collection. Through our conversations, we have amassed a wonderful group of people who have varying professional skills, scholarly interests, activist ambitions and community aspirations. We want to hold space for all of them, and all their pursuits. In doing so, we hope to grow the network of people involved in the Queer Judgments Project.

We are in the process of developing a website – **Queer Judgments** – that will collate all the different elements of our work. We will also be encouraging other outputs as we grow: podcasts, theatre performances, talks etc. Please look out for more details in the future. In the meantime, please follow us on social media (**Twitter, Facebook and Instagram**) at @queerjudgments and learn more about how you can join and support the project.

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## Newton International Fellowships

Newton International Fellowships enable researchers to work for two years at a UK institution with the aim of fostering long-term international collaborations. The scheme aims to attract the most promising early career postdoctoral researchers from overseas in the fields of natural sciences, social sciences and the humanities. It is delivered by the British Academy and the Royal Society. See [w website](#) for details. Closing date: **16 March 2022**.

## The SAFI network

SAFI (*Societas Feminarum Aperta in Theoria Iuris/Women's Theory of Law Open Society*) is an interdisciplinary network which aims to support and promote the research of women working in the fields of law and legal theory. We are a group of female academics from different universities and departments (philosophy, political science, legal studies) who founded the network in order to give voice to and make visible the participation and contributions of women to the discipline. Our goal is to network and organise in order to work together on different levels. In this way, female researchers can present their work in a professionally visible manner. Only then can outstanding research by female contributors become properly established and recognised in today's academia. Membership is open to everyone, regardless of gender or disciplinary background, and anyone who is interested or works in related fields is encouraged to join.

### What do we want to achieve?

- an increase in our visibility in academia;
- the enablement of networking;
- the staging of regular conferences;
- the exchange of ideas about professional and academic issues;
- the sharing of experiences and information;
- the co-promotion of cooperation and joint projects; and
- the encouragement of support and funding.

### What do we offer?

- a variety of cooperation opportunities;
- profiled presentations of academics and their research;
- networking amongst members and the chance of cooperation beyond the network;
- a newsletter, with an roundup of relevant information for women in academia;
- a list of publications and profiles of female researchers;
- to date, two conferences (Berlin and Hamburg) which have resulted in two special issues in peer-reviewed journals on the topics 'Violence and Power' and 'Recognition'; and
- our next conference on 'Responsibility', 29 September–1 October 2022 in Verona, Italy.

### What can you do?

- organise a conference with SAFI and
- send information for the SAFI newsletter to [e kontakt@safi-network.org](mailto:kontakt@safi-network.org).

More information is available on the [w SAFI website](#) (an English website is in progress).

*Dr Sabrina Zucca-Soest, Helmut-Schmidt-Universität, Hamburg*

## British Academy Book Prize for Global Cultural Understanding

The British Academy Book Prize invites nominations until **31 March 2022**. Now in its 10th year, the £25,000 prize is awarded annually for a non-fiction book that has made an outstanding contribution to global cultural understanding for a wider public audience. The Academy is the UK's national academy for humanities and social sciences, and eligible books might come from any of those disciplines. The judges are seeking books that demonstrate rigorous original and high-quality research, which are accessible and engaging to read. They will select a shortlist of up to six books to be announced in September. The 2022 winner will be announced in October. See [w website](#) for details.

## The Neglected Decade: Legal Issues of the 1950s: call for papers

Professors Rosemary Auchmuty and Fiona Cownie are organising an online conference, entitled 'The Neglected Decade: Legal Issues of the 1950s', hosted by the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies (IALS) on **23 November 2022**.

The 1950s tends to be regarded as a very conservative decade, in contrast to the more radical 1960s and 1970s; yet there was considerable legal development, for example in the use of equity in the courts, in the movement for divorce and homosexual law reform, in the admission of women to the judiciary and the House of Lords, and in ideas about criminal justice. Legal issues arising in the 1950s could be drawn from almost any area of legal study. This conference offers participants the opportunity to explore this under-researched decade from whatever perspective they find most interesting.

Proposals are now invited for presentations of approximately 20 minutes on any aspect of legal issues as they played out in the 1950s in the UK. Topics already suggested include aspects of transport law, the Wolfenden Report, aspects of company law, of legal education and of gender/sexuality and the law. The organisers are looking for original presentations relating to any area of law which could contribute to what promises to be an exciting exploration of legal issues arising in the 1950s, which have hitherto received little or no attention.

If you would like to offer a presentation, please send a brief abstract (max 200 words) to [e f.cownie@keele.ac.uk](mailto:f.cownie@keele.ac.uk) and [e r.auchmuty@reading.ac.uk](mailto:r.auchmuty@reading.ac.uk) by **31 March 2022**. If you wish to discuss your abstract before submitting it, please email Fiona or Rosemary.

There will be no charge for participation in the conference, either as a speaker or member of the audience, as this conference is part of the IALS national outreach programme. Details of how to attend the conference will be circulated in due course.

*Fiona Cownie and Rosemary Auchmuty*

## 2022 Podgórecki Prize – call now open

The call for the 2022 RCSL Podgórecki Prize is now open. The prize is to be awarded for outstanding scholarship by a socio-legal researcher at an earlier stage of their career. Closing date: **28 March 2022**. See [w website](#) for details.

## Law Commission: Diversity Work Shadowing Schemes

For the law to be effective, it must be representative of the communities it covers. With this in mind, the Law Commission is keen to look to as broad and diverse a pool of talent as possible to find Commissioners and lawyers of the future. The Law Commission is offering a Diversity Work Shadowing Scheme to those who may not previously have considered a career as a lawyer or Commissioner.

Candidates will have an opportunity to learn more about the roles, helping them decide whether to take their interest further. They must be from one or more of the following under-represented groups at the Commission:

- women
- Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic
- socially or economically disadvantaged
- those who consider themselves to have a disability within the meaning of the Equality Act 2010

See [w website](#) for details of this open scheme with no closing date.

## Leverhulme Trust funding opportunities

### Major Research Fellowships scheme

Applications are invited from well-established, distinguished researchers in the humanities and social sciences to complete a piece of original research. Fellowships are particularly aimed at those who are or have been prevented by routine duties from completing a programme of original research. The duration of fellowships is two or three years, and the funding covers replacement salary costs. Applicants must be employed by a UK university or other institution of higher education in the UK. See [w website](#) for details. Closing date: **13 May 2022**.

### Visiting Professorships scheme

This scheme enables UK institutions to invite an eminent researcher from overseas to enhance the skills and knowledge of its academic staff and/or students. The professorships can last between 3 and 12 months. See [w website](#) for details. Closing date: **5 May 2022**.

## Roger Cotterrell awarded Dennis Mahoney Prize in Legal Theory

Professor Roger Cotterrell, who is Anniversary Professor of Legal Theory at Queen Mary University of London (QMUL), has been awarded this prestigious prize by the **Julius Stone Institute for Jurisprudence** at the University of Sydney.

Roger received the AU\$50,000 prize – which is only awarded once every five years – for his book *Sociological Jurisprudence: Juristic Thought and Social Inquiry* (published in 2018 by Routledge). The purpose of the Prize is to advance sociological jurisprudence as pioneered by Professor Julius Stone, Challis Professor of Jurisprudence and International Law at the University of Sydney from 1942 to 1972.

According to the **announcement by QMUL**: ‘The prize is a magnificent achievement and offers official recognition of Professor Cotterrell’s life-long dedication to enabling dialogue between analytical, normative, doctrinal, critical, and empirical approaches to law.’

### 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 Board 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 [e admin@slsa.ac.uk](mailto:admin@slsa.ac.uk), or approach a Board member 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. Please see [w webpage](#) for details of past events under this initiative.

## Nuffield Foundation: call for applications

The SLSA conference in York this April will again showcase the range and depth of socio-legal research in the UK and the insights it produces. We at the Nuffield Foundation are very proud to have supported so much important research in this field over the years. We have recently reviewed our interests in justice research and refreshed our funding priorities – you can read about both here: **Reviewing the Scope and Priorities of our Research in Justice**.

We continue to see issues around the application of law and administration of justice as central to our wider organisational mission to understand the foundations of, and build pathways to, a more just and inclusive society. We are especially keen to encourage applications that take a broader or interdisciplinary view of justice topics and questions, including the consequences of justice system involvement or legal needs for people’s wider life chances.

We welcome applications for research funding, with biannual deadlines for outline applications in March and September. Full details on how to apply are available in the funding section of our [w website](#).

We do have some capacity to discuss potential ideas for projects (usually this would entail us giving an initial indication of a proposed topic’s relevance to our funding priorities), but there is no requirement to approach us before submitting an application.

Regrettably, we aren’t able to fund every good idea or project that is proposed to us, but we are always open to considering thoughtful and rigorous proposals that seek to address key issues in justice, whether featured in our priorities or beyond, and look forward to engaging with you about this.

Should you have any queries about applying for funding, you can contact the Nuffield Foundation at [e info@nuffieldfoundation.org](mailto:info@nuffieldfoundation.org).

*Rob Street and Ash Patel, Justice Programme Team*

### SLSA membership benefits

Benefits of SLSA membership include:

- three hard-copy newsletters per year
- discounted SLSA conference fees
- a weekly term-time ebulletin
- eligibility for grants (research, fieldwork and impact)
- eligibility for Seminar Competition
- eligibility for SLSA prizes
- eligibility for Stream Convenor Impact Funding
- eligibility to stand for Board membership
- members’ priority in newsletter publications pages
- discounted student membership (with first year free)
- free annual Postgraduate Conference
- student bursaries for SLSA Annual Conference
- discounts on selected books, plus special online discounts from Hart 20%, Palgrave 20%, Bristol University Press/Policy Press 25%, Combined Academic Publishers 25% and Edward Elgar 25%
- special membership category for retired members

... and much more.

Visit [w website](#) for details.

## Books

***American Legal Education Abroad: Critical Histories*** (2021) Susan Bartie and David Sandomierski (eds), New York University Press \$60hb/eb 416pp

The second half of the twentieth century witnessed the export of American power – both hard and soft – throughout the world. What role did US cultural and economic imperialism play in legal education? *American Legal Education Abroad* offers an unprecedented and surprising picture of the history of legal education in 14 countries beyond the United States, including England. Each study in this book represents a critical history of the Americanisation of legal education, re-examining prevailing narratives of exportation, transplantation and imperialism. Collectively, these studies challenge the conventional wisdom that American ideas and practices have dominated globally.

***The Times and Temporalities of International Human Rights Law*** (2022) Kathryn McNeilly and Ben Warwick (eds), Bloomsbury £76.50/£61.20eb 256pp

This collection brings together international contributors to stimulate discussions on time and international human rights law, a topic that has received little attention. It explores how time and its diverse forms can be understood to operate on, and in, this area of law; how time manifests in the theory and practice of human rights law internationally; and how specific areas of human rights can be understood via temporal analyses. A range of temporal ideas and their connection to this area of law are investigated, including collective memory, ideas of past, present and future, emergency time, the times of environmental change, linearity and non-linearity, multiplicitous time, and the connections between time and space or materiality. Rather than a purely abstract or theoretical endeavour, this attention to the times and temporalities of international human rights law will assist in better understanding this law, its development, and its operation in the present. What emerges is a future – or, more precisely, futures – for time as a vehicle of analysis for those working within human rights law internationally.

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Tokenizing and articulating protection of women in migration law: strategies of exclusion in contemporary Europe and the nineteenth century USA – Nicole Stybnarova

***Análisis e implicaciones de los derechos sociales/ Analysis and Implications of Social Rights*** (2021), M Isabel Garrido Gómez, Dykinson €23.75hb/€18.75eb 266pp

This book studies the general framework of a social rule of law in which social rights are mainly located. Such a framework is based on the articulation of a way of understanding freedom and on the protective articulation of economic, social and cultural rights. With regard to the main issue identified, this is the lack of effective social rights because – to overcome high inequality levels, among other things – a global, multifaceted and interconnected notion of rights is required. Moreover, since the complexity of the context within which such rights operate has increased, it requires new adaptive techniques on the part of public institutions. It is suggested that the arguments against social rights that must be addressed are chronological, structural and economic, and that new techniques are needed based on the current redefinition of the state in the wake of globalisation and neoliberalism. In short, in the context of defending social rights, this volume combines theory with practice and provides proposals and solutions.

***The Cabinet of Imaginary Laws*** (2021) Peter Goodrich and Thanos Zartaloudis (eds), Routledge £34.99pb/£120hb/£31.49eb 248pp

This is a collection of fictive contributions to the theme of conceiving imaginary laws in the vivid vein of jurisliterary invention. Disparate in style and diverse in genres of writing and performative expression, the celebrated and unknown, venerable and youthful authors write new laws. Thirty-five dissolute scholars, impecunious authors and dyspeptic artists from a variety of fields including law, film, science, history, philosophy, political science, aesthetics, architecture and the classics become, for a brief and inspiring instance, legislators of impossible norms. The collection provides an extraordinary range of inspired imaginings of other laws. This momentary community of radical thought conceives of a wild variety of novel critical perspectives. The contributions aim to inspire reflection on the role of imagination in the study and writing of law. Verse, collage, artworks, short stories, harangues, lists, and other pleas, reports and pronouncements revivify the sense of law as the vehicle of poetic justice and as an art that instructs and constructs life.

***Interdisciplinarity: Research Process, Method, and the Body of Law*** (2022 forthcoming) Didi Herman and Connal Parsley (eds), Palgrave Socio-Legal Series £39.99 136pp

This book illuminates methodology in legal research by bringing together interdisciplinary scholars who employ a diverse set of methodologies to address a specific shared research challenge: ‘the body’. Contributors were asked: if you were invited to contribute to an edited book on ‘the body’, where would you start and then where would you go? The result is a self-reflective discussion of how and where researchers engage with methodological practices. The contributors draw on their own interdisciplinary research experiences to explore how ‘the body’ might be addressed in their work, and the resources they would deploy in order to carry out the task. This ‘book within a book’ is innovative in both content and format. It provides a rare insight into how top interdisciplinary legal scholars go about making decisions about their research. The shared device of ‘the body’ allows the volume to trace a number of rich approaches into the process of research as practised by these diverse scholars. In presenting thinking and research in action, the volume offers a new, self-reflective view on the much-addressed theme of the body, as well as a fresh approach to the historically vexed problem of research methodology in legal studies.

**Judgment: New Trajectories in Law** (2022) Thomas Giddens, Routledge £44.99hb 152pp

Judgment is simple, right? This book begs to differ. Written for all students of the law – from undergraduate to Supreme Court justice – it opens readers to a broad landscape of ideas surrounding common law judgment. Short and accessible, it touches upon the many pathways leading out from the phenomenon of judgment in common law jurisdictions. It engages not only with the core operation of judgment as legal decision, but considers questions of authority and reason, and broader issues of interpretation, rhetoric and judicial improvisation. The aim of this book is not to present a summary of research or a comprehensive ‘theory’ of judgment, nor is it bounded by the divisions of different legal subjects. Instead, it is a handbook or companion for students of the law to read and return to in their studious journeys across all common law topic areas, providing readers with a robust and open-ended set of tools, combined with selected further readings, to facilitate their own discovery, exploration and critical analysis of the rich tapestry of common law judgment.

**Posthuman Legal Subjectivity: Reimagining the Human in the Anthropocene** (2021) Jana Norman, Routledge £120hb/£33.29eb 196pp

This book provides a reimagining of how Western law and legal theory structures the human–earth relationship. As a complement to contemporary efforts to establish rights of nature and non-human legal personhood, it focuses on the other subject in the relationship: the human. Critical ecological feminism exposes the dualistic nature of the ideal human legal subject as a key driver in the dynamic of instrumentalism that characterises the human–earth relationship in Western culture. The book draws on conceptual fields associated with the new sciences, including new materialism, posthuman critical theory and Big History, to demonstrate that the naturalised hierarchy of humans over nature in the Western social imaginary is anything but natural. It then constructs a counternarrative. The proposed ‘Cosmic Person’ as alternative, non-dualised human legal subject forges a path for transforming Western cultural understanding of the human–earth relationship from mastery and control to ideal co-habitation. Finally, the book details a case study, highlighting the practical application of the proposed reconceptualisation of the human legal subject to contemporary environmental issues.

**Subversive Legal History: A Manifesto for the Future of Legal Education** (2021) Russell Sandberg, Routledge £120hb/£33.29eb 242pp

Provocative, audacious and challenging, this book rejuvenates the historical study of law and the role of law schools by asking which stories we tell and which we forget. It argues that a historical approach to law should be at the beating heart of the curriculum. Far from being archaic, elitist and dull, historical perspectives on law are subversive. Comparison with the past underscores how the law and legal institutions are not fixed but constructed; that every line drawn in the law and everything it holds sacred is arbitrary; and how the environment into which law students are socialised is a historical construct. A subversive approach is needed to highlight, question, deconstruct and reconstruct the authored nature of the law, revealing that legal change on a larger scale is possible. Far from being archaic, this recasts legal history as anarchic. Subversive legal history is not a type of legal history but is its defining characteristic if it is to be a central part of law school life. It describes a legal method that should not be the preserve only of specialist legal historians but rather part of the toolkit of law students, teachers and researchers.

**Precursor Crimes of Terrorism: The Criminalisation of Terrorism Risk in Comparative Perspective** (2022)

Clive Walker, Mariona Llobet Angl  and Manuel Cancio Meli  (eds), Edward Elgar £115hb/£25eb 368pp

This illuminating and original book offers a timely assessment of the development and proliferation of precursor crimes of terrorism, exploring the functions and implications of these expanding offences in different jurisdictions. In response to new forms, modes and sources of terrorism, attempts to pre-empt potential attacks through precursor offences have emerged. This book examines not only the meanings and effectiveness of this approach, but also the threat challenges it poses to human rights and social and economic development.

**Policing Human Rights: Law, Narratives, and Practice** (2021) Richard Martin, Oxford University Press £80 448pp

Human rights go to the heart of policing in democratic societies. Across the world, police are now governed by human rights principles and increasingly detailed standards – from arrest and detention to the regulation of protest and the use of lethal force. Yet there has been remarkably limited research examining human rights as a central feature of contemporary police reform, rhetoric and regulation. *Policing Human Rights* breaks new ground by offering one of the first sociologically inspired and empirically grounded accounts of how officers encounter and experience human rights law in their everyday work. The substantive insights and associated arguments of the book are based on unprecedented fieldwork with the Police Service of Northern Ireland, including interviews and focus groups with over 100 police officers, from more than 20 police stations and across five departments. Adopting an interdisciplinary style of analysis that draws on sociology, anthropology and organisational studies, the book takes the reader on a tour of four sites of policing to expose how and why human rights law comes to be socially constituted, organisationally conditioned and routinely interpreted and applied by police officers. The book offers an insight into the function of human rights law in modern policing, exposing the visions and values police officers express in their daily narratives, sensemaking and practices.

### **Journal of Law and Society (December 2021): Socio-Legal Methodologies**

Introduction: socio-legal methodologies – Linda Mulcahy and Rachel Cahill-O’Callaghan

Becoming a feminist methodologist while researching sexual violence support services – Eleanor Whittingdale

Doing research with intellectually disabled participants: reflections on the challenges of capacity and consent in socio-legal research – Rosie Harding

Researching the visual culture of law and legal institutions: some reflections on methodology – Leslie J Moran

Journeying the everyday of civic space: movement as method in socio-legal studies – Jessica Smith

The politics of preservation: oral history, socio-legal studies, and praxis – Anna Bryson

It’s about time: investigating the temporal in socio-legal studies through unstructured interviews – Linda Mulcahy, Meredith Rossner and Anna Tsalapatanis

**Forensic Science: A Sociological Introduction** (2022)

Christopher Lawless, Routledge £32.99pb/£120hb/  
£28.04eb 166pp

This book provides a comprehensive overview of the sociology of forensic science. Drawing on a wealth of international research and case studies, it explores the intersection of science, technology, law and society and examines the production of forensic knowledge. This new edition also reviews and critically appraises recent scholarship in the field, and new international case studies have been introduced, providing readers with an international comparative perspective. Engaging with sociological literature to make arguments about the ways in which forensic science is socially constituted and shapes justice, *Forensic Science* provides an excellent introduction to students about the location of forensic science and the ways it fits within the criminal justice system, as well as systems of professionalisation and ethics.

**Law's Documents: Authority, Materiality, Aesthetics**

(2021) Katherine Biber and Trish Luker, Priya Devii Vaughan (eds), Routledge £120hb/£33.29eb 388pp

Illuminating their breadth and diversity, this book presents a comprehensive and multidisciplinary view of legal documents and their manifold forms, uses, materialities and meanings. In 1951, Suzanne Briet, a librarian at the Bibliothèque Nationale in Paris, famously said that an antelope in a zoo could be a document, thereby radically changing the way documents were analysed and understood. Since then, the digital age has introduced a potentially limitless range of digital and technological forms for the capture and storage of information. In their multiplicity and their ubiquity, documents pervade our everyday life. However, the material, intellectual, aesthetic and political dimensions and effects of documents remain difficult to pin down. This collection tackles the question 'What is a legal document?' to explore the material, aesthetic and intellectual attributes of legal documentation; the political and colonial orders reflected and embedded in documents; and the legal, archival and social systems which order and utilise information.

**Supporting Legal Capacity in Socio-Legal Context**

(2022 forthcoming) Mary Donnelly, Rosie Harding and Ezgi Tascioglu (eds), Bloomsbury £76.50hb/£61.20eb 400pp

In this collection leading international socio-legal and medico-legal scholars explore the dilemma of how to support legal capacity in theory and practice. This book examines the difficulties in establishing effective and deliverable supported decision-making, concluding that approaches to capacity need to be informed by a grounded understanding of how it operates in 'real life' contexts. Focusing on the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and with contributions spanning 16 jurisdictions, the collection takes a comparative and interdisciplinary approach. Many of the contributors have been directly involved in law reform processes in their home jurisdictions and combine both academic expertise and practical, grounded awareness of the challenges of legal change.

**Owning the Street: The Everyday Life of Property**

(202) Amelia Thorpe, MIT Press 344pp £30pb

In *Owning the Street*, Amelia Thorpe examines everyday experiences of and feelings about property and belonging in contemporary cities. She grounds her account in an empirical study of PARK(ing) Day, an annual event that reclaims street space from cars. A highly recognisable example of DIY urbanism, PARK(ing) Day has attracted considerable media attention, but not close scholarly examination. Focusing on the event's trajectories in San

Francisco, Sydney and Montréal, the author addresses this gap, making use of extensive fieldwork to explore these tiny, temporary, and yet often transformative urban interventions. PARK(ing) Day is based on a creative interpretation of the property producible by paying a parking meter. Paying a meter, the event's organisers explained, amounts to taking out a lease on the space; while most 'lessees' use that property to store a car, the space could be put to other uses – engaging politics (a free health clinic for migrant workers, a same sex wedding, a protest against fossil fuels) and play (a dance floor, giant Jenga, a pocket park). Through this novel rereading of everyday regulation, PARK(ing) Day provides an example of the connection between belief and action – a connection at the heart of Thorpe's argument. She examines ways in which local, personal and materially grounded understandings about belonging, ownership and agency intersect with law to shape the city. Her analysis offers insights into the ways in which citizens can shape the governance of urban space, particularly in contested environments.

**Uncovering Private Family Law: Adult Characteristics and Vulnerabilities (Wales)**

A new report by Dr Linda Cusworth and the Family Justice Data Partnership team has been published by the Nuffield Family Justice Observatory. Using population-level data routinely collected by Cafcass Cymru, linked to hospital and GP records, the research found that men and women involved in private law proceedings in Wales are more likely to have experience of mental health difficulties, substance misuse and self-harm than other adults. See [w website](#) for details and to download the report in Welsh or English.

**Journals**

**Journal of Research Methodology:** special edition on 'Empirical Legal Research Methodology' – call for papers

After a highly successful inaugural special edition of the online open access *Journal of Legal Research Methodology*, the editors invite papers for the second issue, a special edition on the topic of empirical legal research methodology. See [w website](#) for details. Closing date: **20 May 2022**.

**Amicus Curiae:** call for papers

The editor, Professor Michael Palmer (SOAS University of London, HKC and CUHK, Hong Kong) welcomes submissions for the next issue of *Amicus Curiae* (volume 3-3 spring 2022) – the open access journal of the Society for Advanced Legal Studies. Final deadline: **25 April 2022**. Publication: **27 June 2022**. The current issue (3-2) is available **online**. Email for submissions and queries [e.amicus.curiae@sas.ac.uk](mailto:e.amicus.curiae@sas.ac.uk) or [e.mp@soas.ac.uk](mailto:e.mp@soas.ac.uk).

**Santander Art and Culture Law Review:** special issue on 'Colonial Loot and its Restitution': call for papers

The guest editors – Evelien Campfens (University of Leiden) and Surabhi Ranganathan (University of Cambridge) – invite submissions for this special issue. See **announcement** for details. Call closes: **15 May 2022**.

**International Journal of Disability and Social Justice:** new open access journal

This is a new international and interdisciplinary journal in the field of disability studies. It publishes cutting-edge scholarship and research by authors concerned with challenging injustices relating to disability and building inclusive societies. It is currently open for submissions. See [w website](#) for details.

- **RACIALISED CONSTRUCTIONS OF PUNISHABILITY IN SENTENCING HEARINGS FOR ‘UNWANTED’ MIGRANTS**  
24 March 2022: online from Birkbeck Criminology Department  
Speaker: Dr Gemma Lousley. See [w website](#) for details of this event in the Race and Justice Seminar Series.
- **GENDER, TRAUMA AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE: WHY ORANGE SHOULD NOT BE THE NEW BLACK**  
25 March 2022: online from Minerva Law Network  
Speaker: Federica Coppola. See [w website](#) for details.
- **CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE RULE OF LAW CONFERENCE**  
31 March–1 April 2022: UCL Centre for Law and the Environment  
Please see [w website](#) for further details.
- **SLSA ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2022: REGISTRATION OPEN**  
6–8 April 2022: York Law School, University of York and online  
See [w website](#) for details. Closing date for registration: 28 March 2022.
- **WHITE TERROR: ON THE FAR RIGHT, COUNTERTERRORISM AND THE RACIALISATION OF VIOLENCE**  
28 April 2022: online from Birkbeck Criminology Department  
Speaker: Dr Aaron Winter. See [w website](#) for details of this event in the Race and Justice Seminar Series.
- **MCGILL GRADUATE LAW CONFERENCE**  
5–6 May 2022: online and McGill University Montreal, Canada  
Theme: (Legal) Adaptation. See [announcement](#) and [w website](#) for details.
- **DEMYSTIFYING THE UK REF AND THE APPOINTMENT PROCESS IN LAW SCHOOLS**  
14 May 2022: online hosted by the Minerva Law Network  
Speaker: Professor Rosemary Auchmuty. See [w website](#) for details.
- **WORKSHOP ON GENDER, EQUALITY AND CARE: CALL FOR PAPERS**  
20 May 2022: online and University of Southampton  
Organised by the Stefan Cross Centre for Women, Equality and the Law. See [w website](#) for details.
- **MENTAL CAPACITY IN THE CONTEXT OF SEXUAL RELATIONSHIPS AND INTIMACY**  
23 May 2022: Keele Hall, Keele University  
See page 6 above for further details. This is an SLSA-sponsored event under our [Seminar Scheme](#).
- **DECOLONIZING POSTCOLONIALISM AND THE CASE OF KASHMIR**  
26 May 2022: online from Birkbeck Criminology Department  
Speaker: Dr Ather Zia. See [w website](#) for details of this event in the Race and Justice Seminar Series.
- **SCOTLIN EARLY CAREER SCHOLARS SYMPOSIUM**  
1–2 June 2022: University of Edinburgh  
See [w website](#) for details.
- **RACIALIZED SWARMING, SACRALIZED POLITICS, AND CRIMINAL PENETRABILITIES: OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, AND SETTLER COLONIAL ISRAEL**  
2 June 2022: online from Birkbeck Criminology Department  
Speaker: Professor Nadera Shalhoub-Kevorkian. See [w website](#) for details of this event.
- **TOO BIG TO CONVICT? CORPORATE CRIMINAL LIABILITY – CHALLENGES AND SOLUTIONS**  
7 June 2022: online event hosted by University of Derby  
Please see [announcement](#) for details.
- **W G HART WORKSHOP 2022**  
9–10 June 2022: Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, London  
Theme: Responding to the Crises: Law, Alternative Economies and Activism. See [w website](#) for details.
- **SURVEILLANCE, DEMOCRACY AND THE RULE OF LAW, FLORENCE**  
8–10 June 2022: European University Institute, Florence  
Jointly organised by the University of Portsmouth and European University Institute. Please see [announcement](#) for details.
- **BLACKSCAPES: URBAN PRECARIY, STATE VIOLENCE AND INSURGENT POLITICS IN A ZONE OF NONBEING**  
30 June 2022: online from Birkbeck Criminology Department  
Speaker: Dr Jamie Amparo Alves. See [w website](#) for details of this event in the Race and Justice Seminar Series.
- **FEMINISM, LAW AND CITIZENSHIP: CALL FOR PAPERS**  
10–12 July 2022: University Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne, Paris  
See [announcement](#) for details. Call closes: 30 March 2022.
- **LSA GLOBAL MEETING 2022, HYBRID ONLINE AND LISBON, PORTUGAL**  
13–16 July 2022: ISCTE University Institute of Lisbon, Portugal  
Theme: Rage, Reckoning, and Remedy. Please visit [w website](#) for details. The SLSA is a co-sponsor of this event.
- **LAW AND HUMANITIES ROUNDTABLE 2022**  
July 2022 tbc: Southampton School of Law and online  
Organised by Professor Gary Watt (Warwick) and Professor David Gurnham (Southampton). See [announcement](#) for details.
- **INTERNATIONAL EMPIRICAL LEGAL STUDIES CONFERENCE: CALL FOR PAPERS**  
1–2 September 2022: Amsterdam  
Submissions are invited for pre-arranged panels, individual paper presentations and posters. See [announcement](#) for details. Call closes: 15 April 2022.
- **SAFESOC DEATH IN PRISONS CONFERENCE**  
2–3 November 2022: Oxford  
See SAFESOC [w website](#) for details in due course.
- **THE NEGLECTED DECADE: LEGAL ISSUES OF THE 1950S: CALL FOR PAPERS**  
23 November 2022: online from Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, London  
Organised by Professors Rosemary Auchmuty and Fiona Cownie. See [announcement](#) for full details. Closing date for abstracts: 31 March 2022.
- **23RD INTERNATIONAL ROUNDTABLES FOR THE SEMIOTICS OF LAW: CALL FOR PAPERS**  
24–27 May 2023: online from Rome  
Theme: Global Semiotics and Everyday Legal Claims – Intercultural Use of Law, Interreligious Dialogue and Translation Ethics. See [announcement](#). Closing date: 6 January 2023.

### Future SLSA events

#### Annual Conferences

- University of York, 6–8 April 2022: [registration](#) closes on 28 March 2022
- University of Ulster, 4–6 April 2023
- University of Portsmouth 2023 dates tbc

#### Other events

- Seminar: Mental Capacity in the Context of Sexual Relationships and Intimacy, Keele University: 23 May 2022, details on page 6 above
- [LSA Graduate Student and Early Career Workshop](#), 27–30 June & 12 July 2022, hybrid and Lisbon, Portugal (co-sponsored)
- [LSA Global Meeting](#), 13–16 July 2022, hybrid, online and Lisbon, Portugal (co-sponsored)



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