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BACK TOGETHER AGAIN: YORK 2022

From 6–8 April, York Law School, University of York, played host to the 2022 SLSA conference.

It was such a pleasure to welcome the socio-legal community back to its first face-to-face meeting since the Leeds conference in 2019, and – for those who were unable to attend face-to-face – to welcome those beaming in online via the hybrid arrangements.

We last hosted the conference in 2013 and the SLSA research community has gone from strength to strength since then. There were over 500 papers presented at the conference across those three days in a smörgåsbord of 40 streams and current topics, with 14 posters on display from postgraduate researchers.

Huge thanks go to all of the stream and current topic convenors and the small army(!) of student conference assistants for all of their work to ensure that our first go at a hybrid conference had fewer hiccups than we had feared.

The Master of the Rolls, Sir Geoffrey Vos, gave the plenary lecture on ‘the proper place of the law in a digital society’. It stimulated some excellent questions from the floor and responses from Sir Geoffrey. The lecture will be available on the SLSA YouTube channel very soon.

The conference also provided an opportunity to recognise the contributions of two members of the SLSA community in particular. York Law School’s Professor Caroline Hunter received the prestigious SLSA Prize for Contributions to the Socio-Legal Community with a barnstorming speech – followed by a standing ovation – at the conference dinner (we have nearly finished sweeping up the confetti!). All of us at York Law School were so proud to see Caroline’s long, sustained, and deeply influential contributions to socio-legal scholarship recognised by this prestigious award.

The conference also marked Professor Rosie Harding’s last as Chair of the Socio-Legal Studies Association. Her



success in ensuring a vibrant and diverse socio-legal academic community is reflected in the breadth and depth of research that was on display at the conference. Huge congratulations also go to all of this year’s SLSA prizewinners: Professor Mark Massoud, Dr Hedi Viterbo, Dr Jana Norman, Dr Nafay Choudhury, Sara McIlroy and Emnani Subhi.

As ever, the Annual Conference would not be possible without the backing of the exhibitors and of the *Journal of Law and Society* – thanks to them for their generous and longstanding support of the SLSA conference.

The thing that really stood out to us as organisers was the feedback we received from university staff working on the event. In the week following the conference, we were inundated with feedback from the caterers, cleaning team, AV support, and reception staff saying what a lovely bunch the delegates were. Getting the SLSA back together for a (partially) face-to-face conference underscored for us what a great community of people this association is. We look forward to seeing us all back together again at Ulster next year!

The SLSA 2022 Organisers

See page 4 for a report on the pgr activities at York from our postgraduate rep Maddy Millar.

ANNUAL PRIZE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SOCIO-LEGAL COMMUNITY

Since 2011 this prize has been awarded to 11 extraordinary socio-legal scholars. The winner of this prestigious award receives £500 and lifetime membership of the Association.

SLSA members are warmly invited to submit nominations for this year’s prize. Nominators should simply state in 100 words why the person they are nominating would be a worthy recipient of the prize. Visit the [prizewinners’ page](#) to find out why the previous winners’ names were put forward. Nominations should be sent to [e admin@slsa.ac.uk](mailto:admin@slsa.ac.uk) by Monday 5 September 2022. The prize is funded by a private sponsor.

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Are your membership details up to date? And are you paying the correct amount?

The full membership fee is £50 and the student membership fee is £25 (with the first year free for new student members). Members can pay their fees by bank transfer, standing order or Paypal. As many people renew their membership in the summer, this is a good time for everyone to check their details are up to date. **If you currently pay by standing order, please take a few moments to check your records to be sure that you are paying the correct amount.**

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SLSA BOARD NEWS

There were big changes to the membership of the SLSA Board at the AGM in York on 7 April 2022.

Rosie Harding retired as Chair and Trustee. Rosie joined the then Executive Committee in 2013 and served as Vice Chair from 2015 before becoming Chair in 2017. During her time, she oversaw the SLSA transition to a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and steered it through the pandemic. John Harrington is the new Chair – see his Chair’s message below.

Other Board members who stepped down after generously giving their time and talents to the SLSA over the past several years are Victoria Adkins, Diamond Ashiagbor, Ed Kirton-Darling, Jess Mant and Huw Pritchard.

As a result, five new Trustees were elected at the AGM. They are Anna Bryson, Marie Burton, Richard Craven, Elisabeth Griffiths and Matthew Howard.

In addition to the above changes, Vanessa Munro remains on the Board, but after three years in the job is handing over the Treasurer role to Philip Bremner.

Other *ex officio* Trustees remain the same, namely: Chris Ashford (Vice Chair); Neil Graffin (Secretary) and Colin Moore (Membership Secretary).

Full contact details for Board members are opposite. Members are warmly invited to contact Board members regarding SLSA matters.

CHAIR’S MESSAGE

This is an exciting time for the Socio-Legal Studies Association as we launch new initiatives to renew the socio-legal community, to advance equality and inclusion within the SLSA and in the academy, and to strengthen our international links for the benefit of all our members.

Over the last two years we faced the challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic, moving activities online, including the Annual Conference run by Cardiff, and prudently managing our resources in order to ensure our continuing capacity to support our community.

It was a great privilege to be elected Chair of the SLSA at our York conference in April this year. We are all indebted to Rosie Harding for guiding us through this difficult period, while seeing through key initiatives, including launching funds to support and showcase the impact of socio-legal scholarship and securing the status of Charitable Incorporated Organisation for SLSA. This will be a lasting legacy and I am looking forward to building on it, working with our Board of Trustees, all dedicated and highly able, all serving as volunteers.

We are well positioned to intervene in decisions which are key to the flourishing of our discipline, including national and institutional responses to REF 2021 and planning for its possible successor, the implementation of UKRI initiatives on open access publishing and postgraduate training, and the development of new research funding schemes by the ESRC, AHRC and others. We will also work to promote socio-legal methods as an essential part of undergraduate and taught postgraduate curricula in law schools. Conscious of the inherently interdisciplinary nature of our field, we will develop productive working relationships with other learned societies and subject associations in the social sciences and the humanities.

Our current work includes the development and implementation of an EDI strategy, building on the

insights of a recent survey of SLSA members (see page 5). More on this in the autumn. We are also actively participating in the Global Meeting on Law and Society at the LSA Annual Meeting in Lisbon this July, using that opportunity to strengthen connections with socio-legal associations around the world with a view to partnership and to creating shared opportunities for our members. Our stable financial position has also allowed us to maintain and add resources to our grant and seminar competitions, supporting scholars as they rebuild networks in the aftermath of the pandemic.

York was rich, diverse, lively and energising, a first in-person encounter for many after two years of lockdown. We are looking forward to our next Annual Conference which will be hosted by Ulster University in Derry-Londonderry in 2023. Having recently visited the first-class facilities and the beautiful and historic city, I know that this will be another memorable meeting. I am also delighted that our annual Postgraduate Conference will be held at the Centre for Socio-Legal Studies at Oxford next January. I am grateful to everyone organising these events and to all our institutional partners and the journals and publishers who facilitate our work. Socio-legal scholarship is flourishing in the UK, as indicated in the report of the REF 2021 law panel. Our community leads in the development of empirical, theoretical and critical perspectives on law and the legal system. It is rich in talents, skills and interests, reflecting and reinforcing the multinational and multicultural diversity of UK academia. We are committed to learning from the community, and to representing and supporting it.

John Harrington, SLSA Chair

AcSS: new SLSA academician appointed and call for nominations

We are delighted to announce that the SLSA’s nominee **Professor Erika Rackley**, Kent Law School, is now an AcSS Fellow.

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** by **10 October 2022**.

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PGR Activities at York

It was fantastic to see so many PGRs, both virtually and in-person, at SLSA York 2022. I feel privileged to have been able to hear so much about postgraduate research and attend talks by PGRs throughout the three days.

The PGR activities were a great opportunity for PGRs to meet and network before the main conference kick-off, as well as hear a range of invaluable insights from our speakers. This year, we included a variety of sessions to help support PGRs.

Firstly, Emma Jones and Amanda Spalding facilitated their session entitled 'Hangin' tough? Thinking about resilience in postgraduate research'. It was a really interactive session which assisted PGRs in developing a Resilience Toolkit by encouraging them to share strategies which have helped them to 'bounce back' when they have experienced difficult times.

Secondly, Jess Gracie facilitated her session entitled 'Building a PGR community'. As a PhD student herself, Jess normalised the expectations and experiences of postgraduate research. Her session encouraged discussion of initiatives that support PGRs, as well as the practicalities of starting their own initiatives, such as accessing funding. In particular, she mentioned the SLSA Seminar Competition, and more on this can be found [here](#).

The next session was facilitated by Jess Mant and Emma Milne, and was entitled 'Maximising your research through social media'. Emma kicked off by discussing the use of video to display and promote your research and explained how PGRs could start making their own videos too! Jess then followed up with her presentation about blogging. She explained the benefits of blogging, as well as how PGRs could get started – particularly by writing for the SLSA blog, details of which can be found [here](#).

The final session of the morning was facilitated by Emma Milne and Beverley Clough with their session, 'The

“socio” in socio-legal’. They explained the benefits and challenges of conducting socio-legal research and gave great recommendations of what to do when faced with such challenges. They talked about how interdisciplinary research can support a deeper understanding of the law, as well as discussing the practicalities of conducting socio-legal research, such as publishing findings.

Following the PGR activities, the PGR Poster Competition took place. The submissions for this year were of an incredibly high quality and included a range of fascinating research topics. Congratulations to this year’s winner, Sara McIlroy, and runner-up Emnani Subhi. Special thanks also to our poster judges Rosie Harding, Chris Ashford, Mitch Travis and Chalen Westerby, and to the *International Journal of Law, Crime and Justice* for sponsoring the prize!

Thank you to all our fantastic speakers for the invaluable information they shared, and thank you to the PGRs for attending! If you have any ideas for what you would like to see as part of the PGR Activities at the 2023 conference at Ulster University, do get in touch at [e slsaprep@gmail.com](mailto:slsaprep@gmail.com)! We can’t wait to see you again there!

Finally, a message from Victoria Adkins, who has stepped down from the PGR Representative role:

I have found my time as SLSA PGR rep to be an invaluable experience and I am very grateful to have been involved with the work of the Board over the past couple of years. I have also loved meeting PGRs at our events (mainly virtually) and look forward to seeing many of you again at future SLSA Conferences.

I would like to thank Victoria for all the time and commitment she has given to the SLSA PGR community, and I am excited to continue her example and work with PGRs to create a thriving research community

Maddy Millar (SLSA PGR Rep)

SLSA Postgraduate Rep: call for expressions of interest

The SLSA wishes to appoint a new Postgraduate Representative to its Board.

The role of the Postgraduate Representative includes representing the views of postgraduate members to the Board of Trustees, encouraging postgraduates working in socio-legal studies to join the Association, maintaining a postgraduate email list and sharing relevant information with PGRs through the mailing list and via social media, and organising particular activities for postgraduate members at the SLSA Annual Conference. Alongside attending Board meetings, the Postgraduate Representatives each undertake Board member responsibilities, such as reviewing articles for SLSA prizes and being part of SLSA subcommittees. They make an active and essential contribution to the SLSA’s work on equality, diversity and inclusion. You will likely hold the role for up to 2–3 years and would need to be a PGR student throughout this period. You will be required to be a member of the SLSA (if not already) at the time of taking up the appointment. There are two PG representatives on the Board, recognising the level of work involved and allowing responsibilities to be shared. Further information on the role can be obtained from the current Postgraduate Representative, [e Maddy Millar](mailto:Maddy.Millar). General information on membership of the SLSA Board of Trustees is available

on the [w SLSA website](#). Please send an expression of interest (300 words) and a CV with the header ‘SLSA PGR Rep 2022’ to the SLSA Chair, Professor John Harrington at [e harringtonj3@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:harringtonj3@cardiff.ac.uk) by Friday 15 July 2022. Your expression of interest should explain why you would like to be considered for the role, what you would bring to it, and how you would advance the charitable aims of the SLSA. We are keen to increase the diversity and representativeness of our Board and welcome applications from members of minoritised communities.

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 policies

The SLSA is guided in its work by policies on EDI, research ethics, our Trustee Code of Conduct and more. You can read them all here [w policies page](#).

SLSA PRIZES 2022

Many congratulations to this year's prizewinners, announced on 7 April during 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

Hart—SLSA Prize for Early Career Researchers

- 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

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* 47(1): 292–330

SLSA Poster Competition

- **Winner:** Sara McLroy 'The family justice jigsaw: piecing together an investigative process'
- **Runner-up:** Emnani Subhi 'Empowerment versus protection: what should sexual consent look like for adults with intellectual disability?'

SLSA EDI SURVEY: AN UPDATE AND A THANK YOU

In December 2021, the SLSA carried out its first equality, diversity, and inclusion (EDI) survey. We would like to thank everyone who took the time to complete the survey and give us such rich and insightful data on which to reflect and build an EDI strategy for the SLSA.

We asked members about their characteristics (race, gender, disability and so on) and their experiences with the SLSA. Our response rate (around 8%) reflects a normal rate for a survey like this, and we were pleased to learn that the SLSA is doing a lot of things well. But we also learned that we could do better in some areas, too, and this will be a core focus of the SLSA Board, led by the EDI Subcommittee, over the coming years.

The results of the survey will be published at the earliest opportunity. The report will also outline our next steps, and how we plan to build on the EDI survey to support minoritised groups within the socio-legal community. To this end, we've identified three main areas of attention that we will be focusing on directly: social location attributes (specifically race and disability); widening participation; and precarity.

As a result, the Board has established working groups to consider how we can make meaningful contributions in each of these three areas. These will develop and implement an EDI strategy for the SLSA that feeds into and learns from best practice across the sector and beyond.

The SLSA is already taking some positive steps to support under-served communities, including the appointment of a Precarity Rep last year and the

Call for nominations for SLSA book and article prizes 2023

Nominations are now open for this year's book and article prizes. There are four prizes:

- the Hart Socio-Legal Book Prize;
- the Socio-Legal Article Prize;
- the Hart Socio-Legal Prize for Early Career Academics;
- and the Socio-Legal Theory and History Prize.

The closing date is Monday **3 October 2022**. Publications published in the 12 months up to **30 September 2022** are eligible.

The first three prizes are generously sponsored by Hart Publishing. The Socio-Legal Theory and History Prize is sponsored by a private benefactor and the same rules apply for this as for the other book prizes, but no book or author will be eligible to win the Theory and History Prize and the Book Prize or Prize for Early Career Academics in the same year.

The winners of all the book prizes will receive £250 and the winner of the article prize will receive £100. Shortlists will be published in the spring issue of the newsletter and winners will be announced at next year's conference dinner in Derry-Londonderry. Full details can be found on the SLSA **w prizes page** and follow the prizes links. If you have a query about any of the prizes, please contact **e admin@slsa.ac.uk**.

establishment of an Impact Scheme with awards and prizes which we hope will widen participation and encourage outreach beyond the law school at SLSA events. We're mindful that EDI is everyone's work though, and that the survey is a starting point for ongoing dialogue.

We will keep you informed of initiatives and proposals through this newsletter and the weekly ebuletin, but also welcome dialogue with and feedback from members. In the meantime, we would like to extend a big thank you once again to everyone who took part.

Clare Williams, Chair, SLSA EDI Subcommittee

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- Coloniality, belonging and citizenship deprivation in the UK: exploring judicial responses – Zainab Batul Naqvi
- Law, culture and decolonisation: the perspectives of Aboriginal elders on family violence in Australia – Harry Blagg, Victoria Hovane, Tamara Tulich, Donella Raye, Suzie May and Thomas Worrigal
- Indigenous parents and child welfare: mistrust, epistemic injustice, and training – Robert Leckey, Raphael Schmieder-Gropen, Chukwubikem Nnebe and Miriam Clouthier
- 'Yo sí te Creo': alcohol-facilitated sexual violence among young women in the Spanish night-time economy – Pilar Tarancón Gómez, Nuria Romo-Avilés and Laura Pavón-Benítez
- Diversity, dissent and representation: lessons from the first minority judge in the Israeli Supreme Court – Manal Totry-Jubran
- Shifting accounts of justice: the legalisation and politicisation of international criminal justice – Henry Redwood and Hannah Goozee

SLSA GRANTS SCHEME

In this issue we bring you summaries from our latest cohort of grantholders plus a final report from Eithne Dowds' completed project.

The successful applicants this year are:

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'
- Alexandra Fanghanel, Greenwich University, £600, 'Encountering the sex game gone wrong: legal professionals' perspectives in the courtroom'
- 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 the Islamic State 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 restorative justice conferences'

Applications open for SLSA Research Grants and PhD Fieldwork Grants 2023

The SLSA Grants Scheme has been running since 1999 and has funded well over a hundred projects. It aims to support work for which other funding sources would not be appropriate and to encourage socio-legal research initiatives in a practical way.

Applications for this year's round are now invited. Applications are considered only from those who are fully paid-up members (or registered as free student members) of the SLSA, wherever they live. Applications must be made using the Application Package available on the SLSA website. The Application Package is subject to change so be sure to download the latest version.

The deadline is **31 October 2022**.

Further information

For more information and to help you decide whether your project is appropriate for an SLSA grant, visit the **w grants section** of the website where you will also find a full list of previous grantholders. In addition it may be helpful to look at some of the numerous examples of previous project summaries and reports available in the **w newsletter archive**. And you may also wish to read the instructive article by Jess Guth, former chair of the Grants Subcommittee, published in **SLN 82:5**.

If you have any queries about research grants or fieldwork grants, please contact **e admin@slsa.ac.uk**.

Research Grant summaries

The right time for rights? Use of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child in Australian Family Law Decision-Making

Dr Georgina Dimopoulos, Swinburne Law School, Swinburne University of Technology, £1485

This research project examines the use of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC) in judicial decision-making in Australian family law proceedings. The objectives are to identify the various ways that judges use the CRC in their decision-making in proceedings under part VII of the Family Law Act 1975 (Cth), which deals with children's matters; to identify practical influences on judges' willingness and ability to engage with the CRC; and to evaluate the relevance and significance of the CRC to judicial decision-making in part VII proceedings.

The role of the judiciary in protecting and advancing children's rights has been the subject of increasing scholarly attention in recent years. While Australia ratified the CRC in 1990, it has not been incorporated into domestic law. The Family Law Act does not require judges to consider children's rights in their determination of a child's 'best interests' as 'the paramount consideration' in proceedings under part VII. Yet children's rights have been embedded into the legislative framework through an 'additional object': 'to give effect to the Convention on the Rights of the Child' (section 60B(4)). This research will offer the first mixed method study of the use of the CRC in decision-making under part VII of the Family Law Act. The project methodology will comprise an empirical study of published judgments; and a survey of judges of the Federal Circuit and Family Court of Australia and the Family Court of Western Australia.

This project will test the potential of academic research on children's rights to inform and influence judicial decision-making in Australian family law. It builds on my doctoral research, which developed a theory of children's right to decisional privacy and will be published by Routledge as a monograph, entitled *Decisional Privacy and the Rights of the Child*, in 2022.

An oral history of securing the Northern Irish border

Lynsey Black, Maynooth University, £1489

The histories of crime and criminal justice at the Northern Irish border have assumed particular relevance since the Brexit vote of 2016, and the long shadow this has cast over the jurisdiction and the possible implications for the region.

The research adopts oral history interviewing to investigate the experiences of persons involved in the policing of the Northern Irish border.

The project has two key objectives:

- 1 To unearth and explore personal experiences of policing the Northern Irish border, focusing on the perspectives of retired customs officers and policing personnel. Oral history interviews will illuminate the historical meanings and realities of the 'hard border' that existed on the island of Ireland for much of the post-partition period.
- 2 To offer insight on the contemporary socio-legal landscape in Northern Ireland by greater historical contextualization. To date, the debate on the Northern

Irish border (including debates on the potential imposition of a 'hard' border, the negotiation of the NI protocol, and the creation of an 'Irish Sea Border') has proceeded with little insight into the histories of policing a border in Northern Ireland.

The creation of a border formed a liminal space in which illegality flourished. However, while various commentators have explored the political violence in Northern Ireland and the period colloquially known as 'the Troubles' more generally, much of it exploring questions of transition and post-conflict challenges (see eg [Hillyard and Tomlinson 2000](#); [McEvoy 2013](#); [Topping 2015](#)), there has been less focus trained on the border itself as a site of crime and criminal justice. An historical investigation of this area can contribute much to contemporary socio-legal understandings of the meanings and realities of the border in the present context.

Pushing Back: copyright law and film archives

Melanie Stockton-Brown, Bournemouth University, £1500

Film scholarship and copyright law have a long-interwoven history, and copyright law impacts on how film archives share their film collections with the public. In turn, this impacts on the films the public see and the histories and stories we tell. The International Federation of Film Archives (FIAF), based in Brussels, has members from almost 100 countries. As FIAF has developed and expanded, copyright law has become a crucial concern for its members, both large and small, with entire annual FIAF conferences dedicated to discussing copyright concerns. However, this copyright focus and legal/policy engagement and lobbying by FIAF in international copyright law has been somewhat overlooked in academic scholarship.

The importance of this research is in understanding how the historical relationship between FIAF and copyright law shapes the existing copyright practices and views within FIAF and film archiving globally. It will be explored through the archival collections to what extent individual archivists have shaped FIAF policy through their own personal copyright law views.

The considerable paper and film collections in the FIAF archives span almost 90 years. A very small percentage of the collection is digitised, which is why in-person archival research is required. This research project therefore intends to undertake primary research at the FIAF international archives in Brussels, using documents that have never been digitised or researched, concerning the Copyright Commission and copyright dealings of FIAF.

This research will lead to a book chapter, 'Pushing back: the influence of copyright law on FIAF and the FIAF community', in an upcoming academic edited collection (expected publication date 2023) organised by the FIAF committee about the Federation's history. The SLSA grant also kindly allows for the findings of this research to be disseminated to fellow copyright scholars and film archivists/film archival scholars through an illustrated zine.

Defence counsel 'Maestro'

Agata Fijalkowski, Leeds Beckett University, £1471

The project will identify what shapes a brilliant defence strategy. It will explore the strategies that a defence lawyer adopts in high-profile cases. Cases that are driven by attempts to seek justice for crimes of an egregious nature

are noteworthy, making them high profile. The tactics deployed by defence lawyers in such cases are a matter of political and social justice in relation to the question of accountability.

At the same time, there are lessons to be learned going forward in cases that might not be considered high profile but are equally important for justice. Most literature in international criminal justice/law has considered the victim ([Dembour and Haslam 2004](#)); prosecutor ([Ferencz 1998](#)); courts ([Schabas 2012](#)); or the perpetrators ([Smeulers et al 2019](#)). Yet, the defence lawyer as a key protagonist is largely ignored ([Rigney 2018](#)).

This project aims to rectify this gap. It will focus on the Polish defence lawyer Stanisław Hejmwowski (1900–1969). Hejmwowski made a mark at the national war crimes trials of 1946–1948 and later in the high-profile trials of 1956, which involved strikers in Poznan, resulting in him being nicknamed 'Maestro'.

This project will involve access to Hejmwowski's recently discovered private personal archive and case notes, which have never been revealed in the public domain. Using the legal/judicial biography augments an important line of research that is developing in socio-legal studies ([Mulcahy and Sugarman 2015](#); [Vadi 2017](#)). I will consider Hejmwowski's personal archives alongside archival documents on his surveillance by the Polish secret police that are in my possession.

The Gold Rush in Scotland: mining nuggets of legal consciousness

Avi Boukli, Open University, and Andreas Kotsakis, Oxford Brookes University, £1360

The academic literature has extensively covered the impact of extractivism on the Peruvian Andes, Southern Ecuador, South Africa and Australia, and has consistently highlighted the conflict between mining companies and local social movements. Research, however, has not addressed this same relationship in the context of the Global North.

We propose to close this gap by conducting legal consciousness-informed qualitative research in Scotland, where recent extractivist drives have triggered new tensions between mining companies, central and local government, and local communities.

In particular, we focus on two instances. The first one is Cononish's gold and silver mine near the village of Tyndrum in the Grampian Highlands of mid-western Scotland, and the second is GreenOre's gold prospecting and joint venture with Turkish mining giant Koza near the hamlets of Towie and Alford, approximately 50km west of Aberdeen.

Our study centres on the impact of mining on local Scottish communities and how the law grapples with the tensions between extractivism and harm. We aim to achieve the following objectives:

- 1 provide accounts from local residents and artists about the tensions between law, mining and environmental harm in Scotland;
- 2 update the evidence base regarding experiences of gold mining and local communities;
- 3 contribute to and expand the existing literature on legal consciousness; and
- 4 create infographics to make our findings available to a wider audience.

Fieldwork Grant summaries

The craft of facilitation in restorative justice: a study of restorative conferences

Tania Nascimento, Strathclyde University, £976

This research aims to examine the work of restorative justice facilitators within restorative conferences. Specifically, it seeks to investigate the occupational and emotional demands on facilitators, including how they prepare and run restorative conferences, how they cope with feelings of stress and uncertainty, how they handle participants' emotions, and how they find a balance between building an honest connection with participants and maintaining professional boundaries.

Restorative justice (RJ) has grown in popularity in recent years as an alternative to mainstream justice. Yet, its evaluation remains in its infancy. Crucially, there is a lack of knowledge surrounding the work of RJ practitioners and the emotional dynamics of RJ encounters. Whilst there is consensus in the literature that facilitators play a significant role in RJ and that successful interactions require a significant amount of planning and expertise, conference facilitation remains a remarkably undeveloped area of study. This research aims to address this gap by providing a sociological account of the social world of facilitators who work for a not-for-profit community interest company in the UK – Restorative Solutions.

This study will be pioneering in its approach and method by using a blend of qualitative methods (narrative interviews, focus groups, and ethnographic observations). Contrary to previous RJ studies that have sought to quantify the elements present in a conference using a pre-determined protocol, this research will use a less structured approach and provide a rich and contextual description of work conducted by facilitators. As well as revealing how the job of RJ facilitators is accomplished on a day-to-day basis, the research will explore what they do and how they feel about their work.

Rethinking international law from Amazonian onto-epistemologies: the Kukama people and the Amazonian Waterway project

Cristina Blanco, University of Essex, £1000

The research focuses on the interactions between Amazonian onto-epistemologies, international law (IL) and human rights in the context of an investment project. In the Amazonian rivers, water flow varies significantly with the seasons. During the dry season, low water levels hinder the navigation of large vessels. Although the peoples inhabiting the Amazon rainforest have travelled and traded using these rivers over centuries, the fluctuating navigability prevents uninterrupted large-scale transport. This is the main reason why the Peruvian state is promoting the 'Amazonian Waterway', an infrastructure project that consists of removing sediments from the bottom of the main Amazonian rivers. The Amazonian Waterway is far from being an isolated project. It rather reflects the neoliberal developmental paradigm favoured by IL (Escobar 2011; Pahuja 2011; Eslava 2019). In addition to generating serious socio-environmental impacts, the project hides a profound conflict of ways of understanding the world.

The Amazonian indigenous peoples conceive the territory as a space inhabited by human and non-human entities, a conception that challenges the very definition

of what we call 'nature'. The sharp distinction between humans and non-humans that governs the Western world and underlies modern (international) law is not necessarily present in Amazonian cosmologies (Viveiros de Castro 2004; Descola 2013; De la Cadena 2015). For the Kukama-Kukamiria people, for instance, the territory is inhabited by different 'categories of people' living in a 'plurality of worlds' (Tello 2014). The river is an (aquatic) world in itself, inhabited by beings endowed with their own subjectivity and intentionality (Rivas Ruiz 2011). Therefore, thinking from the Amazon perspective means not only standing in a geographically different place but also in an onto-epistemically different one.

In this scenario, the main problem the research seeks to explore is that IL does not take this onto-epistemic diversity seriously. It instead frames the issue as a cultural question of relevance to indigenous collective rights. While such rights play an indispensable role in protecting indigenous worldviews, they are insufficient to prevent their elimination. This, in turn, has important implications in areas as critical as the Amazon.

In order to make sense of IL from the Amazon point of view, this case study explores how to move from the impact of IL in the Amazon (historically aimed at its internationalisation) to enable the influence of Amazonian epistemologies on IL. This exercise of 'Amazonising IL' can allow us to reveal the epistemological richness of the Amazonian cosmology and explore its potential for rethinking IL.

The research has three main methodological components. Substantively, it is a socio-legal research project that takes as the unit of analysis the interactions between IL, human rights and the Amazonian worldview relevant to the case study. In analytical terms, it has an interdisciplinary approach theoretically informed by Amazonian studies and critical approaches to IL.

As for the empirical component, it uses a case study method based on qualitative analysis of documentary and visual information, as well as in-depth semi-structured interviews. The fieldwork is possible thanks to the valuable support of the SLSA.

Silicosis and the state: reframing contestations between capital and labour in contemporary India

Shruti Iyer, University of Oxford, £1000

This PhD thesis explores the moral economy of recompense for ill-health when caused by hazardous working conditions. It does this through an ethnographic case study of a government welfare scheme for people diagnosed with silicosis, an occupational lung disease, in the State of Rajasthan in India.

The state programme provides monetary relief to those with a certified diagnosis of silicosis and represents an emergent negotiation at the nexus of informal work, ill-health and welfare in India. It is the only scheme of its kind where the state compensates workers for occupational disease and does not hold employers directly responsible. Further, it does not require proof of work history, in recognition that most workers do not possess any legal documentation of their employment status. In this sense, it marks a radical break from the logics of workers' compensation and tort law.

I focus on the moral economy of the scheme, drawing attention to the discourses, practices and claims that frame government intervention in occupational health. How do people understand financial 'compensation' for ill-health?

How does it fit into their sense of justice, responsibility, and their everyday moral reasonings about the duties and obligations we have to one another?

Through over a year of ethnographic data collection, including participant observation in a Workers' Rights Centre and a community health clinic, this project investigates the ethical visions and moral values that give monetary relief and recompense for injury meaning. Focusing on interactions between bureaucrats, doctors, trade unionists, NGO workers and silicosis-affected communities, I aim to illuminate how recompense and restitution are imbued with moral norms and ethical reasoning in everyday life.

The ethnography will contribute to socio-legal and anthropological understandings of state relief practices, medical expertise and workplace relations, as well as processes of moral and legal claim-making. This has the potential to expand our conceptual understanding of how values inform the worth of life and labour, and how claims for justice and reparation are articulated.

Encountering the sex game gone wrong: legal professionals' perspectives in the courtroom

Alexandra Fanghanel, Greenwich University, £600

Bondage and sadomasochism (BDSM) is a sexual practice which usually comprises an element of consensual violence. Criminal cases which involve alleged BDSM activity have proliferated in the past 20 years.

Though BDSM and defences related to BDSM have become more mainstream, BDSM is still poorly understood by legal professionals encountering cases with an alleged BDSM element (a so-called sex game gone wrong).

Socio-legal understandings of BDSM are approached and mobilised by legal professionals who are tasked with prosecuting and defending these cases. Although consent to sexual violence which is more than transient or trifling is impossible in law (see *R v Brown* [1993] UKHL 19, [1994] 1 AC 212 and section 71 of the Domestic Abuse Bill 2021), cases where this defence is mobilised have proliferated over the past few decades with 17 reported cases in England and Wales up to 2001, and 40 between 2001 and 2021 (**We Can't Consent to This**, 2021). This indicates that consent to sexual violence continues to play a part in socio-legal praxis.

In order to better explore this phenomenon, I will interview legal professionals who have dealt with cases which have a sex game gone wrong element to them in order to uncover how BDSM is understood in these contacts, what makes a sex act a sex game and the role of consent in these cases.

I intend to use these findings to curate good practice guidelines for legal professionals and to advocate for better knowledge about sexual subcultures in court cases in which they arise.

The women and children of the Islamic State and their journeys back home: imagining justice in the UK and beyond

Atoosa Khatiri, York Law School, £1000

This research project proposes to undertake a socio-legal study into the women and children affiliated with the Islamic State (IS), through both doctrinal and empirical methods. This topic presents a justice dilemma that on the one hand, prioritises national security concerns alongside the pursuit of legal accountability and prosecution. On the

other hand, it involves the legal duty of the home states to uphold their human rights obligations, as well as a moral impetus to repatriate, rehabilitate and reintegrate women and children of IS back into our societies.

The overarching research question is: 'To what extent can the UK Government's treatment of women and children affiliated to IS be considered "just" treatment?' In answering it, this study seeks to anchor considerations of the treatment of IS affiliates in a holistic, interdisciplinary understanding of justice, and, in doing so, provide a novel contribution to socio-legal scholarship.

Addressing an empirical gap in current scholarship, in-depth interviews will be sought with key stakeholders including: IS affiliates, their families and close associates; advocacy groups, including organisations advocating for victims of terrorism; lawyers working in the field; and governmental and policy actors.

The interviews will seek to explore participant's experiences of the treatment of IS affiliates, and their perspectives on concepts of justice, transitional justice mechanisms, extra-legal tools relating to rehabilitation and reintegration, the obstacles and challenges that currently affect potential mechanisms of justice, and their understanding of and perspectives on the human rights issues at stake.

This study will give voice to key stakeholders to better understand how 'justice' is understood and applied in this context.

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Grant report

New methodologies in feminist legal studies: legislative drafting project

Eithne Dowds, £1500, Queen's University, Belfast

I was delighted to receive a 2021 SLSA Grant Scheme award for the project 'New methodologies in feminist legal studies: legislative drafting project'. Following the significance of feminist judgment projects globally, feminist academics have increasingly turned their attention to legislative drafting as a new and innovative methodology. Efforts have been directed towards demonstrating how traditional legal methods, such as legislative drafting, can provide feminists with a valuable opportunity to rethink and rewrite the law from a feminist perspective, thus bridging the divide between theory and practice.

The current project aimed to explore the potential of feminist legislative drafting within the context of Northern Ireland. In this jurisdiction, legislative reforms on key areas of feminist research have recently taken place or are presently being discussed (eg sexual offences, abortion, domestic abuse); longstanding and legacy concerns stand to be approached anew from feminist perspectives (eg the Northern Ireland Bill of Rights, the Northern Ireland Act); and emerging legislative areas can be viewed through a feminist lens (eg the new Climate Act).

The project involved two online workshops. The first workshop brought together feminist academics with an interest in feminist legislation to discuss their work and the potential for a feminist approach to legislative drafting. The second workshop brought together legal professionals, policy-makers and feminist activists in Northern Ireland to explore their experience of the legislative process. Both workshops were small and invitation only, with approximately 15 external participants attending each. The workshops were recorded as a means of capturing the discussions. The recordings and their accompanying transcripts, available through Microsoft Teams, were reviewed and analysed as a means to draw out themes and develop guiding principles related to the processes and outcomes of feminist engagement with the legislative process.

Key themes from the workshops include:

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Ethnography in motion, or walking with W G Sebald – Panu Minkkinen

The changing status of European Union nationals in the United Kingdom following Brexit: the lived experience of the European Union Settlement Scheme – Catherine Barnard, Sarah Fraser Butlin and Fiona Costello

Reconceptualising 'risk': towards a humanistic paradigm of sexual offending – Anne-Marie McAlinden

Revisiting Polish abortion law: doctors and institutions in a restrictive regime – Atina Krajewska

Maintaining exceptionality: interrogating gestational limits for abortion – Erica Millar

Ensuring access to water in an emergency context: towards an overexploitation and contamination of water resources? – Chloé Nicolas-Artero

Different but equal? Exploring potential catalysts of disparity in remand decision-making in the youth court – Yannick van den Brink

- the diversity of academic projects, some engaging with legal realities and others imagining future legal utopias, and the need to evaluate the processes that lead up to legislative texts as opposed to legislation in isolation;
- the 'messiness' of feminist law-making, both in terms of the various sites of feminist intervention and, in the context of academic projects, the difficulties associated with developing a new methodology;
- the taking for granted of labour and resources, particularly in respect of those from the voluntary sector who often feel a duty to engage with the legislative process; and
- the limits of the law and the tensions created when working within traditional legal processes.

In this respect, three core principles of feminist law-making were devised:

- *accessibility*, both in terms of ensuring that key stakeholders are given the opportunity to engage with the law-making process and ensuring that any subsequent legislation is easily understood by those it is designed to affect;
- *meaningful engagement and respect*, for those who engage with the law-making process through consultation at the early stages of legislative reform and the removal of pre-determined agendas; and
- *improving the lives of women* through the adoption of an intersectional approach and a broader understanding of gendered harm.

Relatedly, the project identified four potential methods of feminist law-making.

A key feminist method identified throughout the workshops was incorporating the *lived-experience of women* into the law-making process.

A method closely related to the one above is *collaboration*, both within a project team and within processes of law-making themselves.

Creativity and/or imagination was also noted as an important method, including the need to create safe spaces removed from dominant debates for ideas to flourish.

Finally, while subject to debate, it was noted that it is the job of scholars to create spaces for the *voices* behind legislative texts to be found.

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British Academy: Global Convening Programmes – call for expressions of interest

The scheme aims to provide significant opportunities for researchers in the UK and internationally across the humanities and social sciences globally to network, open new fields of inquiry, harness research to address these challenges aiming to catalyse change in industry, practice, policy and society, and support collaborative exploration across disciplines and borders.

This programme is a new style of activity for the Academy's international engagement. These are major three-year programmes of internationally convened researchers that are problem or challenge-focused and highly interdisciplinary. Awards will be for around £500,000 per annum each. See [w website](#) for details. Closing date for expressions of interest: **6 July 2022**.

Law Teacher of the Year Award

Two SLSA members have been shortlisted for this Oxford University Press award.

Jeffrey Kennedy is a lecturer in criminal law at QMUL where he teaches criminal law, evidence and criminal sentencing. Colleagues have described his teaching as 'innovative, empathetic, and above all, effective' and one student commented that his lectures are 'super engaging and interactive'.

Tamara Hervey is a Jean Monnet Professor of EU Law at City, University of London, where she also teaches legal systems and methods, health law, and applied legal writing and research. One student wrote: 'As a student with Asperger's syndrome ... Tammy's inclusive approach made me feel very comfortable.' While a colleague said she is 'an outstanding law teacher' offering the 'highest quality educational experience.'

For further details of all six nominees, see the [w website](#). The winner will be announced at the Oxford University Press '**Celebrating Excellence in Law Teaching**' event on 22 June 2022 at Sandown Racecourse, Surrey.

BA: Researchers at Risk Fellowships – monthly rolling deadlines

The British Academy with Cara (the Council for At-Risk Academics) has established a Researchers at Risk Fellowships Programme with the support of the Academy of Medical Sciences, the Royal Academy of Engineering and the Royal Society. The Fellowships will cover the natural sciences, medical sciences, engineering, humanities and social sciences with applications made via UK-based institutions. See [w website](#) for details. Upcoming closing dates: **29 June and 20 July 2022**.

Maghreb Action on Displacement and Rights: funding call

The Maghreb Action on Displacement and Rights (MADAR, Arabic for 'path') welcomes applications for research grants. MADAR will fund research projects that meet the aims of the MADAR Network Plus. Grants range from £20,000–£100,000 for periods of 6 to 12 months. Projects have to be led by organisations in Algeria, Morocco, Tunisia, or the UK, and can include co-applicants from anywhere in the world. See [w website](#) for details. The application deadline is **14 September 2022**.

New JLS Chair of Socio-Legal Studies at Cardiff Law School

David Cowan, currently Professor of Law and Policy at University of Bristol Law School, will be moving to Cardiff Law School in April 2023 to take up the post of *Journal of Law and Society* (JLS) Chair in Socio-Legal Studies. He joins the JLS Editorial Board with immediate effect.

Dave is a veteran member of the SLSA and served two terms as Vice Chair on the SLSA Executive Committee, as it then was (2002–04 and 2008–11). He is also editor of Palgrave's Socio-Legal Studies series which has published around 40 titles since its launch in 2012. Dave said: 'I'm delighted to be joining Cardiff Law School as the initial JLS Professor of Socio Legal Studies. It's an exciting time for socio-legal studies and Cardiff is at the forefront. I look forward to contributing to its increasing success.' In 2020 Dave received the SLSA's prestigious Award for Contributions to the Socio-Legal Community.

Consultation on animal cruelty offences

The Sentencing Council is consulting on revised sentencing guidelines for animal cruelty offences following changes introduced by the Animal Welfare (Sentencing) Act 2021.

The proposed changes include a new guideline for the most serious animal cruelty offences and changes to the existing guideline for the offence of a breach of duty of a person responsible for animal welfare. See [w website](#) for details. Closing date: **1 August 2022**.

A brief tribute to Joseph Raz

Joseph Raz, one of the foremost legal philosophers of our time, died on 2 May 2022. Raz studied law at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem and subsequently moved to Oxford, first as a researcher and then as a torchbearer of legal positivism following the path of his mentor, H L A Hart. For several decades he taught philosophy of law at Oxford, Jerusalem, King's College London, and Columbia Law School and delivered numerous lectures elsewhere. He was 83 at time of his demise in London.

With his influential works including *Morality of Freedom* (1968), *The Concept of a Legal System* (1970), *Practical Reason and Norms* (1975), he ignited legal minds all over the world and continues to do so with his insightful ideas. In his magnum opus, *The Authority of Law Essays on Law and Morality* (1979), Raz identified the major attributes of the rule of law. He will be remembered for the indelible legacy that he has left in the fields of law, politics and philosophy.

Hussain Bari, PhD Student in Law, University of Sheffield

Nuffield Foundation Research, Development and Analysis Fund: open

This fund is for projects to inform the design and operation of social policy and practice across the Foundation's three core domains of education, welfare and justice. Applications are usually between £10,000 and £750,000. Most of the grants are in the £50,000 to £300,000 range and projects are between six months and three years in duration, but the Foundation will occasionally consider proposals with a larger budget or longer timescale.

Applications for grants in this fund are considered twice a year. The next deadline is in **September 2022**. See [w website](#) for details.

CSLS Visitor's Programme: call for applications

The Centre for Socio-Legal Studies (CSLS) at the University of Oxford invites applications for its Visitor's Programme.

Academic visitors are an important part of the Centre's activities and considerable effort is made to integrate all visitors into the intellectual and social life of both the Centre and the university. All visitors are entitled to make full use of the university's research facilities and libraries, in addition to attending seminars, lectures and other academic gatherings.

The scheme supports three types of visitor: academic visitors; recognised student visitors; and visiting students. The next termly deadline for this ongoing scheme is **29 October 2022**. Applications should be submitted at least two terms ahead of the intended visit. See [w website](#) for full details.

New Centre for Rule of Law in Europe

The Centre for the Rule of Law and European Values (CRoLEV) at the School of Law of UCLan Cyprus is a new Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence funded by the EU under the Erasmus+ programme. The rule of law and democracy backsliding within and outside the EU makes it imperative to analyse the various ways in which the rule of law and other European values are under attack within member states, how such attacks have intensified in times of crisis, and what the EU has done, and can do, to secure its values. It thus appears that a pressing need exists for further research and analysis of the state of the rule of law and values across the EU, taking into account new developments and new challenges that have arisen both nationally and supranationally. CRoLEV intends to:

- i explore the state of the rule of law within the EU and in neighbouring countries, using empirical research;
- ii investigate the deterioration of the rule of law and EU values in times of crisis;
- iii evaluate the mechanisms available at the EU level to secure European values and rule of law protections;
- iv and deliver research-informed teaching designed to reach academics, students and professionals, but also young people and the civil society in Cyprus and across Europe.

The centre seeks to address these challenges by, among other things, measuring the effectiveness of rule of law and value protections, and investigating the compatibility between government emergency responses and such protections. Given how these challenges are common in many European and non-European countries, CRoLEV will produce outcomes that will be of significance for multiple international actors, contributing to filling in the gap in the protections of the rule of law and European values and multiplying the impact of its work.

The project will organise activities, such as public lectures and intensive courses by world-leading experts on the rule of law. In addition, the centre will create and maintain an interactive dashboard and index tracking the state of the rule of law and European values in Cyprus and other countries.

The centre is directed by Professor Stéphanie Laulhé Shaelou, Professor of European Law and Reform at the School of Law at UCLan Cyprus. For further information about the new centre and its work, see [w CRoLEV](#), contact [e crolev@uclancyprus.ac.cy](mailto:crolev@uclancyprus.ac.cy) or follow on [Twitter](#) or [Facebook](#).

The CRoLEV Team

Hall of Residence Grants at Oñati

The International Institute for Sociology of Law (IISL) was founded in 1988 by the Research Committee on the Sociology of Law of the International Sociological Association (ISA). From the outset, the IISL has created academic links and collaborative relations with various European and non-European universities by providing facilities for seminars, workshops, visiting scholars and library research.

The Board of the IISL has created Residence Grants for scholars who would like to conduct research at the Institute's Library. Grants are available for one PhD student for two months and three post-doctoral scholars (who finished their PhD in the last five years) for two weeks. The residencies will run from October 2023 to March 2024. When awarding grants, coming from a country in category C of the list drawn up by the ISA will be a basis for preferential treatment. See [w website](#) for details. Closing date: **28 February 2023**.

AHRC current funding opportunities

Research partnerships with indigenous researchers

The AHRC invites applications for funding to allow for equitable collaboration between indigenous and non-indigenous researchers and communities around the world. Applicants must be based at an organisation eligible for UK Research and Innovation funding. Proposals can focus on a number of themes, including:

- gender, inequalities and rights
- languages
- community and civic discourse
- intergenerational justice
- climate and food security.

The full economic cost of projects can be up to £350,000 with 80% funded by the AHRC. All applications must include the involvement of at least one co-investigator from an indigenous community named on the application. See [w website](#) for details. Closing date: **9 August 2022**. Projects can last between 30 and 36 months and must start on **1 February 2023**.

Collaborate with arts and humanities researchers in Germany or Luxembourg

The AHRC has also pre-announced a new round of funding for joint UK/German research. Projects can address any area of arts and humanities, including law, to make fundamental advances in human knowledge. The maximum budget for projects for this scheme is also £350,000 for projects lasting up to three years. Applications will open on **6 October 2022** and close on **15 February 2023**. See [w website](#) for full details and further announcements in due course. This scheme is co-funded by the German Research Foundation.

There is also currently an open call, announced in February, for projects between £50,000 and £1m for collaborative projects with researchers in Luxembourg. This scheme is co-funded by the Luxembourg National Research Fund. See [w website](#) for details.

For both these schemes, UK applicants must be based at a UK research organisation eligible for AHRC funding and the AHRC will fund 80% of the full economic costs.

The Future of Legal Gender: final project report

The Future of Legal Gender was a collaborative research project, funded by the Economic and Social Research Council, UK, that ran from May 2018 until April 2022. It explored, from a social justice perspective, the legal, social, and policy implications of reforming the current system in England & Wales which requires everyone to have a legal sex.

The project was led by Davina Cooper, King's College London, assisted by co-investigators Emily Grabham and Flora Renz, Kent University, and Elizabeth Peel, Loughborough University. The final report is available on the project [website](#).

Not for want of trying: women's legal landmarks in the interwar years: call

1919 marked the start of a new legal era for women. Women could now vote, enter Parliament, become lawyers and magistrates and sit on juries. However, far from being a golden age of legal progress for women, the interwar years are generally dismissed as a fallow period for British feminism. *But were they?*

It seems that, despite a clear backlash against the first-wave feminist advances, there were reforms and advances for women in the interwar years that have been largely forgotten, or whose significance has been underestimated, as well as strenuous campaigns for reform that failed to reach fruition until the post-war years, or which never succeeded. In fact, feminists were active in the legal

domain across the whole period, and, if they did not always succeed, it was not for want of trying.

This project builds on the *Women's Legal Landmarks* project, which focused on legal landmarks for women in Britain and Ireland from c 940 to 2018, but which included very few landmarks from the interwar years. *Here, we seek to fill that gap by identifying and discussing some key legal landmarks for women in the UK in the period between 1919 and 1939.* The landmarks may be a case, statute, book, association, campaign, event or personal achievement (eg 'a first woman to ...' in law). The landmark must have been positive for (some) women. However, it need not have been a 'success' during the interwar period (that is, it may have provided the groundwork for later positive legal advances for women).

Call for expressions of interest and papers

We welcome expressions of interest from academics across all relevant disciplines and at any stage of their career as well as from independent scholars. Please send a short summary of around 250–300 words to Rosemary Auchmuty [e r.auchmuty@reading.ac.uk](mailto:r.auchmuty@reading.ac.uk) and/or Erika Rackley [e e.rackley@kent.ac.uk](mailto:e.rackley@kent.ac.uk) by **1 September 2022**. This should outline:

- i the context to the proposed landmark;
- ii the landmark itself;
- iii what happened next; and
- iv its significance.

We plan to hold a workshop in central London to discuss draft papers in early 2023, with final papers (6000 words) due late spring 2023 for publication in an edited volume.

Organisers: Rosemary Auchmuty, Erika Rackley and Mari Takayanagi

Books

Articulating Security: The United Nations and its Infra-Law (2022) Isobel Roele, Cambridge University Press £85 225pp

We live in a world of mobile security threats and endemic structural injustice, but the United Nations' go-to solution of strategic management fails to stop threats and perpetuates injustice. *Articulating Security* is a radical critique of the UN's counter-terrorism strategy. A brilliant new reading of Foucault's concept of disciplinary power and a daring foray into psychoanalysis combine to challenge and redefine how international lawyers talk about security and management. It makes a bold case for the place of law in collective security for, if law is to help tackle injustice in security governance, then it must relinquish its authority and embrace anger. The book sounds an alarm to anyone who assumes law is not implicated in global security, and cautions those who assume that it ought to be.

Feminism, Violence against Women and Law Reform: Decolonial Lessons from Ecuador (2022) Silvana Tapia Tapia, Routledge £120hb 200pp

This book offers an important addition to existing critiques of governance feminism and carceral expansion based mainly on experiences from the Global North. It addresses feminist law reform on violence against women, from a decolonial perspective. Challenging the consensus that penal expansion is mainly associated with the co-option of feminist campaigns to counteract violence against women in the context of neoliberal globalisation, the author shows that long-standing colonial narratives underlie many of today's dominant legal discourses justifying criminalisation, even in countries whose governments

have called themselves 'leftist' and 'post-neoliberal'. Mapping the history of law reform on violence against women in Ecuador, she reveals how the conciliation between feminist campaigns and criminalisation strategies takes place through liberal legality, the language of human rights, and the discourse of constitutional guarantees, across the political spectrum. Whilst human rights make violence against women intelligible in mainstream legal terms, the book shows that the emergence of a 'rights-based penalty' produces a benign, formally innocuous criminal law, which can be presented as progressive, but in practice reproduces colonial and postcolonial paradigms that limit and reshape feminist demands. Thus, the book raises new questions on the complex social and political factors that impact on feminist law reform projects, as it demonstrates how colonial assumptions about gender, race, class and the family remain embedded in liberal criminal law.

Women's Access to Transitional Justice in Timor-Leste: The Blind Letters (2022) Noemí Pérez Vásquez, Hart £76.50 320pp

Seeing the role of transitional justice as an area of contestation, this book focuses on the principle of equality guaranteed in the access to transitional justice mechanisms. By raising women's experiences in dealing with the law and policies as well as the implications of community and family practices during post-conflict situations, the book shows how these mechanisms may have been implemented mechanically, without considering the different intersections of discrimination, the public and private divides that exist in the local context or the stereotypes and values of international and national actors. See [website](#) for details. Use code: GLR A6AUK at checkout for 20% discount.

Libel and Lampoon: Satire in the Courts, 1670–1792 (2022) Andrew Benjamin Bricker, Oxford University Press £70 352pp

Libel and Lampoon shows how English satire and the law mutually shaped each other during the long eighteenth century. Following the lapse of prepublication licensing in 1695, the authorities quickly turned to the courts and newly repurposed libel laws in an attempt to regulate the press. In response, satirists and their booksellers devised a range of evasions. Writers increasingly capitalised on forms of verbal ambiguity, including irony, allegory, circumlocution, and indirection, while shifty printers and booksellers turned to a host of publication ruses that complicated the mechanics of both detection and prosecution. This volume documents the mutual influence of English literature and the law during the long eighteenth century and explains the legal origins of verbally evasive satire and the growth of caricature and visual satire. In addition it provides a new history of censorship and Anglo-American freedom of the press and studies the emergence of new reasonable and objective doctrines in English common law.

Justice for Everyone: The Jurisprudence and Legal Lives of Brenda Hale (2022) Rosemary Hunter and Erika Rackley (eds) Cambridge University Press £95 500pp

As the first woman to be appointed President of the UK Supreme Court, Brenda Hale was one of the UK's most high-profile and influential judges, and she is among the most powerful women leaders of our time. For almost half a century, she pioneered as an educator, reformer, and decision-maker, leaving a distinct mark on the law and the lives of many. In commemoration of her recent retirement from the Supreme Court, this collection celebrates her long and illustrious career. Organised by thematic chapters and featuring original research from leading academics, judges and lawyers, this book offers a comprehensive account of Lady Hale's achievements and enduring impact. The contributors, many of whom were her peers and colleagues, demonstrate how Hale forged her own path within male-dominated institutions, carved a space for herself and others, and, ultimately, endeavoured to promote justice for everyone.

Beyond Law and Development: Resistance, Empowerment and Social Injustice (2022) Sam Adelman and Abdul Paliwala, Routledge £120 302pp

The book highlights new imaginaries required to transcend traditional approaches to law and development. The authors focus on injustices and harms to people and the environment and confront global injustices involving impoverishment, patriarchy, forced migration, global pandemics, and intellectual property rights in traditional medicine resulting from maldevelopment, bad governance and aftermaths of colonialism. New imaginaries emphasise deconstruction of fashionable myths of law, development, human rights, governance, and post-coloniality to focus on communal and feminist relationality, non-western legal systems, personal responsibility for justice and forms of resistance to injustices.

Medical Doctors in Health Reforms: A Comparative Study of England and Canada (2022) Jean-Louis Denis, Sabrina Germain, Catherine Régis and Gianluca Veronesi £80 250pp

This timely comparative study assesses the role of medical doctors in reforming publicly funded health services in England and Canada. Respected authors from health and legal backgrounds on both sides of the Atlantic consider how the high status of the profession uniquely influences reforms. With summaries of developments in models of

care, and the participation of doctors since the inception of publicly funded healthcare systems, they ask whether professionals might be considered allies or enemies of policy-makers. With insights for future health policy and research, the book is an important contribution to debates about the complex relationship between doctors and the systems in which they practice.

The Times and Temporalities of International Human Rights Law (2022) Kathryn McNeilly and Ben Warwick (eds), Hart £76.50hb/£61.50eb 256pp

This collection brings together a range of international contributors to stimulate discussions on time and international human rights law, a topic that has been given little attention to date. The book 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. These include 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 dedicated 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.

Jurisprudence of the Future: Science Fiction and the Legal Imaginary, Alex Green, Mitchell Travis and Kieran Tranter (eds): call for papers in edited collection

The papers in this volume shall explore the key themes of emerging scholarship on science fiction and the legal imaginary, defining the field. At the same time, they shall seek out the science fictive underpinnings of all jurisprudential theory. Finally, they shall boldly go towards a future in which scholars interested in discrete areas of law, justice, and science fiction are engaging in a common enterprise. See [announcement](#) for details. Call closes: **19 August 2022**.

Blogs

Where Law Meets the Humanities: special issue of 'Talking Humanities' – the blog of the School of Advanced Study, University of London

Introduced by Carl Stychin (**'Where law meets the humanities'**), Director of the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, the special issue brings together an important sample of how the humanities provide a vital sensibility for cutting-edge legal scholarship today. In his contribution (**'The humanities and law: more intertwined than you might think'**), David Sugarman explores the often uneasy and complex relationship between law and the humanities, and the growth and development of influences from the humanities within legal scholarship. Mara Malagodi (**'How legal briefs find new life in celluloid'**) focuses on the relationship between law and film, and its role in enabling our understanding of 'justice'. Jill Marshall (**'The power of listening: how survivors' voices can transform human rights'**) explores the importance of narrative and storytelling in fostering a victim-centred approach to international human rights law and international criminal law. Michael Thomson (**'From "heartbeats" to bounty hunters – the legal complexities of abortion'**) situates the current American challenge to the constitutional right to abortion through a historical analysis of the relationship between law and medicine, while connecting this to the histories of slavery which continue to leave their imprint.

- **BLACKSCAPES: URBAN PRECARIETY, 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.
- **LIBERALISM AND ECOLOGY IN THE ANTHROPOCENE**
30 June–1 July 2022: University of Messina, Italy
See [w website](#) for details.
- **PANDEMIC (IN)EQUALITIES – THE COST(S) OF ‘SINGLENES’?**
5 & 7 July 2022: Edinburgh & Milton Keynes
See [website](#) for details: [w Edinburgh](#); [w Milton Keynes](#).
- **LAW AND HUMANITIES ROUNDTABLE 2022**
7 July 2022: University of Southampton and online
Organised by Professor Gary Watt (Warwick) and Professor David Gurnham (Southampton). See [w website](#) for details.
- **FEMINISM, LAW AND CITIZENSHIP**
10–12 July 2022: University Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne, Paris
See [announcement](#) for details.
- **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.
- **LEGAL PROFESSIONAL PRIVILEGE: A HUMAN RIGHT OR A BARRIER TO JUSTICE?**
19 July 2022: Northumbria Law School
See [w website](#) for details.
- **CRITICAL LEGAL CONFERENCE 2022**
31 August–2 September 2022: Tromsø, Norway
Theme: Liminalities. See [w website](#) for details.
- **INTERNATIONAL EMPIRICAL LEGAL STUDIES CONFERENCE**
1–2 September 2022: Amsterdam
See [w website](#) for details.
- **SOCIETY OF LEGAL SCHOLARS ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2022**
6–9 September 2022: King’s College London
See [w website](#) for details.
- **CARCERAL POLICY, POLICING AND RACE CONFERENCE**
7–9 September 2022: SOAS University of London
See [w website](#) for details.
- **CRIME, JUSTICE AND THE HUMAN CONDITION: BEYOND THE CRIS(ES)**
13–14 September 2022: Keble College, University of Oxford
Theme: reframing and reimagining justice. See [w website](#).
- **SAFI CONFERENCE 2022: ‘RESPONSIBILITY’**
29 September–1 October 2022: Verona, Italy
Keynote speakers: Judith Butler, Marina Calloni, Adriana Cavarero and Erzsébet Rózsa. See [w website](#) for details.
- **CRYPTOCURRENCIES, SMART CONTRACTS, AND ALTERNATIVE PAYMENTS: REGULATING THE ‘WILD WEST’**
13–14 October 2022: Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, London
See [w website](#) for details.
- **INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON LAW AND ART IN THE 19TH CENTURY: CALL FOR PAPERS**
19–21 October 2022: Verona, Italy
See [w website](#) for details. Closing date for proposals: 31 July 2022. Closing date for applications: 30 June 2022.
- **ARBITRATION IN BRITAIN AND ITS EMPIRE: DEVELOPMENTS AND DIVERGENCES**
22 October 2022: Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, London
See [w website](#) for details.
- **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**
23 November 2022: online from Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, London
See [announcement](#) for full details.
- **ASIAN LAW AND SOCIETY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING**
9–10 December 2022: Vietnam National University, Hanoi
See [w website](#) for details.
- **JOINT INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH PROJECT IN THE FIELD OF GENDER EQUALITY**
9 January 2023 and 3–6 July 2023: University of Haifa, Israel, and Lille University, France
See [announcement](#) for details.
- **23RD INTERNATIONAL ROUNDTABLES FOR THE SEMIOTICS OF LAW: CALL FOR PAPERS**
24–27 May 2023: online from Rome
See [announcement](#). Closing date: 6 January 2023.

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.

Future SLSA events

Annual Conferences

- University of Ulster, 4–6 April 2023
- University of Portsmouth 2024 dates tbc

Other events

- **LSA Graduate Student and Early Career Workshop**, 27–30 June & 12 July 2022, hybrid, online and Lisbon, Portugal (co-sponsored)
- **LSA Global Meeting**, 13–16 July 2022, hybrid, online and Lisbon, Portugal (co-sponsored)

Seminars

- Legal Masterplots: A Way Forward for Socio-legal Studies?: **date and venue: tbc**
- Breaking Free from the Master’s Tools: **date and venue: tbc**
- New Directions in Law and Time Scholarship: **date and venue: tbc**

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