

# Horses, Society and the Law: Past, Present and Future

A multi-disciplinary symposium to explore  
key topics in this expanding area of academic study

Tuesday | 11 April 2017 | 12.00pm - 6.00pm  
Hugh Aston Building, De Montfort University, Leicester, UK

Programme							
12.00pm	<b>Registration and Coffee</b>						
12.30pm	<b>Welcome</b> <b>Andy Gray</b> Solicitor   Head of Sports Law at DMU   British Show Jumping Disciplinary Panel Member						
12.40pm	<b>Introduction</b> <b>Dr Sarah Sargent</b> University of Buckingham   Conference Co-Convenor						
1.00pm -1.20pm	<b>Keynote Speaker</b> <b>Sophie Wells MBE</b> Paralympics London and Paralympics Rio Equestrian Gold Medallist						
1.20pm - 2.50pm	<b>PANEL ONE   THE INFUSION OF HORSES ACROSS CULTURES AND LANDSCAPES</b> Chair Dr Sarah Sargent						
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<b>Break</b>							
3.00pm - 3.20pm	<b>Keynote Speaker</b> <b>Dr Georgina Crossman</b> LOCOG Staff Member and National Technical Official at the Rio Paralympics						
3.20pm -4.50pm	<b>PANEL TWO   ISSUES OF EQUINE WELFARE AND INTEGRITY IN HORSE SPORTS</b> Chair Dr Sarah Sargent						
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<b>Closing Remarks</b> <b>Jonathan Merritt</b> To follow... an optional informal social event at a nearby traditional English pub							

## Admission

Full Price	£75
Students and concessions	£40

## Conference Online Registration

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## Conference co-chairs

**Jonathan Merritt**  
Leicester De Montfort Law School



Jonathan Merritt joined Leicester De Montfort School of Law in 2006 although he has taught on DMU programmes since 2004. Having taught and published initially in the business law field, Jonathan specialised for a number of years in policing, being the lead on a number of projects to bring police training into the UK university sector and has written on police powers in the era of increased civilianisation. Jonathan is now weaving all that experience into his teaching and writing on sports law, commencing a PhD in 2011 on regulating equestrianism and horse racing.

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**Dr Sarah Sargent**  
University of Buckingham



Sarah Sargent joined the University of Buckingham's Law School in 2011. She is a qualified lawyer in the United States. Licensed to practice law (Licenses inactive) Colorado, Maryland, Kansas, USA. Her legal practice concentrated on issues of children's rights. She worked for several non-profit organisations, including work in the capacity of Managing Attorney and Director of Legal Services. Her legal practice included extensive litigation experience, and filing briefs of amicus curiae with the state appellate court on children's rights issues. She is also one of the founders of the non-profit organisation, Kansas Association of Counsel for Children, which is an affiliate of the national organisation, National Association of Counsel for Children, and has served as a Board member and past President of this organisation

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