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SLSA LEEDS 2019

From 3 to 5 April 2019, socio-legal scholars will be gathering in Leeds as guests of the University of Leeds Law School for the SLSA Annual Conference.

Leeds is a vibrant multicultural city in West Yorkshire, surrounded by beautiful countryside and a rich industrial history. Highlights for visitors include the Leeds Art Gallery, and the Henry Moore Institute, the City Museum, and further afield the National Museum of Mining, the National Sculpture Park and the Hepworth Gallery. Cultural events abound, with world class dance through the Northern Ballet, and music from Opera North, alongside impressive Victorian architecture in the Town Hall, City Museum and the beautiful City Library. The conference team has organised a line-up of additional activities alongside the main conference programme, with a number of self-guided tours of the campus art installations and city attractions, plus guided tours of some of the city's museums. An optional trip to the National Sculpture Park will be organised for the Thursday afternoon, subject to sufficient interest.

There will be the usual packed conference programme with around 400 papers across 34 streams and 10 current topics over the three days. The hub of the conference will be the beautiful Parkinson Building (pictured) with sessions running in rooms nearby. This year's plenary session will explore the everyday, invisible function of law with a particular focus on accessibility. The law places obligations on us to make society accessible to people with disabilities – through the Equality Act 2010 and the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities – but how far do those obligations extend? Our plenary session explores the concept – and importance – of accessibility beyond mere physical accessibility, looking to the accessibility of the arts. The speakers will discuss their experience from the perspectives of audience member, performer and accessibility officer. The plenary will be followed by a drinks reception in Parkinson Court. Day two closes with the SLSA annual dinner and prize-giving which will take place in the Refectory in Leeds Student Union: a famous gig venue with its own rich history (as fans of The Who may well know!) – after-dinner entertainment will be from a live band.

For postgraduates, there will be a PGR session before the welcome lunch on **3 April 2019**. Previous topics covered in these workshops have included academic wellbeing and resilience. Our popular Poster Competition is also back, and there will be networking opportunities for PGRs to meet with each other, and with ECRs, throughout the three days of the conference.

Leeds is well-served by the transport network and accessible by rail, car, bus, coach and plane. The website features comprehensive details of all travel routes. Accommodation is not included in the conference package, but the Leeds team has arranged preferential rates at several city hotels, which can also be found on the website, along with a link to book. The team has also negotiated child care with the on-campus Bright Beginnings, and it will be possible to book places for your children until a few weeks before the conference begins.

The call for papers is now open, with a deadline of 6pm on **14 January 2019** (see pages 14–15). Registration will open shortly, and delegates can take advantage of early bird rates until **6 February 2019**.

For further information and to book your place, visit the conference website: www.slsa2019.com. If you have any queries, please contact the conference organising team at slsa2019@leeds.ac.uk.

We look forward to welcoming you in the spring!

The SLSA 2019 Team

FIONA COWNIE AND TONY BRADNEY JOINTLY AWARDED SLSA ANNUAL PRIZE

The SLSA Executive is delighted to announce that the SLSA Prize for Contributions to the Socio-Legal Community 2018 will be jointly awarded to Professor Tony Bradney and Professor Fiona Cownie.

Tony Bradney and Fiona Cownie (or should it be Fiona and Tony?) constitute a wonderful academic couple. They are far too modest to claim it, so I do it on their behalf. Over decades they have produced path-breaking scholarship in the fields of legal education, study skills, legal profession, and law and religion.

As a duo, they have written fine illustrations of socio-legal scholarship and pedagogical innovation. For example, their book *English Legal System in Context* is now in its 6th edition and *How to Study Law* has reached its 8th edition.

Their selfless contribution to the SLSA stretches over decades. Both have served more than once on the Executive, having held the offices of vice chair (Fiona 1993–1999 and Tony 2004–2008) and membership secretary. They were central contributors to the SLSA Postgraduate Conferences, finally stepping down in January 2018. And they have been present and active at the SLSA Annual Conference since time immemorial, running the stimulating legal education stream.

They are kind, progressive, thoughtful, understated people who merit the public recognition awarded by the SLSA. They are now beginning to contemplate professorial retirement from the University of Keele where Fiona is a Pro Vice Chancellor. They expect to live partly in France, but we know academics never really retire. They will return and return to do what they do best for the betterment of the socio-legal community and the SLSA. We look forward to seeing them in Leeds in April 2019.

Phil Thomas

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FUTURE SLSA EVENTS

One of the SLSA's main aims is to organise and support socio-legal conferences, workshops and seminars both at home and abroad. See pages 4 and 6 for reports of recent events and details of this year's Seminar Competition.

SLSA Postgraduate Conference 2019

Our annual postgraduate event is being hosted this year by the University of Warwick from **3–4 January 2019**. The conference is aimed at those starting out in their careers who may need guidance on issues such as: completing their postgraduate research; getting their work published; finding their first academic job; and establishing links with like-minded scholars. The informal two-days is run principally through small group workshops led by senior socio-legal academics and a highlight is the dinner which is attended by PGRs and law professors alike.

Please see website for further details.
 www.slsa.ac.uk/index.php/conferences/postgraduate-conference. Closing date: to be confirmed.

Rich Law, Poor Law

This one-day event is being organised by Katie Bales and Dave Cowan, University of Bristol, and Ann Mumford, Dickson Poon School of Law, King's College London. It will take place on **25 January 2019** at the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, London. Plenary speakers: Kathleen Lahey (Queens, Canada), Linda Mulcahy (Centre for Socio-Legal Studies, Oxford (from January 2019)) and John Flint (Sheffield). See website for details
 www.slsa.ac.uk/index.php/news/events-news?id=328.

Impact and Law Reform Conference

This one-day conference has been organised by the SLSA and the Society for Legal Scholars in collaboration with the Law Commission for England and Wales and the Scottish Law Commission. It will take place on **11 June 2019** at the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, London. The plenary speaker is Brenda Hale (President of the Supreme Court, The Right Hon the Baroness Hale of Richmond DBE). Please see website for details
 www.slsa.ac.uk/index.php/news?id=323.

Transmitting Justice: Transparency, visuality and mediatization

This event will take place in Pall Mall, London, on **10 December 2018**. It is being organised by Sarah Moore, Bath University, and is supported under our seminar scheme. See website for details
 www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/transmitting-justice-transparency-visuality-and-mediatization-tickets-45677388298.

Workshop on Security, Borders and International Development: Intersections, convergence and challenges

This is another seminar scheme event. It will take place at the University of Warwick on **25–26 April 2019**. The organisers are Celine Tan and Ana Aliverti. See website for further details
 www.slsa.ac.uk/index.php/news/events-news#Aug10_12.

LSAANZ Annual Conference

As part of its aim to build international socio-legal links, the SLSA is co-sponsoring the Law and Society Association of Australia and New Zealand Annual Conference at the University of Wollongong, Australia, from **12–15 December 2018**. See website for details
 www.lsaanz.org/conferences. The SLSA is providing bursaries to support the attendance of three students at this event.

SLSA Annual Conferences

Our 2019 conference is being hosted by the University of Leeds (see page 1 for details and pages 14–15 for the call for papers). Dates and venues have now been confirmed for our next two annual conferences. They are:

- Portsmouth University, **1–3 April 2020**
- Cardiff University, **30 March–1 April 2021**

Details will be announced when available, but save the dates!

Reports of all SLSA events will appear in the newsletter in due course.

One-day conferences

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

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PGR RESOURCES LIST

Hello everyone! We – Rachael Blakey and Tahir Abass – are the PGR representatives for the SLSA.

Our role is to represent the views of our postgraduate members on the Executive Committee. We hope to carry on the great work Jess Mant has done over the last few years and update you about upcoming events for postgraduates and other subjects of interest.

We're both really looking forward to meeting other postgraduates over the coming months, particularly at the SLSA PG Conference, in Warwick, on **3–4 January 2019**. It's an excellent opportunity to meet other PGRs and spend some time with senior colleagues who are keen to encourage the next generation. Keep an eye out for more information on this conference in the coming weeks!

Over the summer, we have compiled a resource list for PGRs. It includes sources to help postgraduates with writing and preparing for the viva, as well as communities for support. The list is now available on the SLSA website: www.slsa.ac.uk/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=329.

Our aim is to continue updating this spreadsheet and have sources on a variety of areas. If you know of any other sources that may be of use to PGRs, please let us know! Contact us at elsapgrep@gmail.com. Sources can include databases, books on socio-legal research and apps that help you work. We hope that the list will be useful to everyone throughout their postgraduate studies and will grow in size over time.

As always, please email us if you have any general queries relating to postgraduate matters. If you are an academic running any events that may be relevant or useful for PGRs, let us know and we will send the information out to our postgraduate mailing list. See you all soon!

ESRC SOCIO-LEGAL MASTERCLASS, OXFORD

Eleanor Rowan, a postgraduate researcher at Birmingham University, attended this event in September.

As a second-year PhD student, and after a year of painfully recruiting participants, conducting interviews, and fresh from 'transcription doom' (those of you who have been there will hear me!), I still felt like I had absolutely no idea what I was doing or where my project was going. I was then faced with attending an ESRC Masterclass.

Initial panicked thoughts included: (i) 'Have you seen the professors and speakers – how very intimidating?'; and (ii) 'Me? Attending a Masterclass with these people?' I only realised last week that, despite interviewing solicitors, I had, in a transcription-like haze, been typing 'blisters' instead of 'solicitors' whenever the word was spoken by either my participant or me during an interview. What chance do I have?

Ultimately – you guessed it – I had nothing to worry about. The Masterclass was both incredibly beneficial academically and incredibly comforting mentally. This is a short report of my experiences at this year's fantastic two-day residential ESRC Masterclass, made possible by the support of the Oxford and LSE ESRC Doctoral Training partnerships, the *Journal of Law and Society*, the Oxford Centre for Socio-Legal Studies and the SLSA.

This year's Masterclass was organised by Linda Mulcahy and held at St Catherine's College, Oxford. The overall theme was 'Socio-legal methodologies'. Speakers ranged from those who

helped found the socio-legal research school of thought, to those who had recently completed their doctorates and were now in practice or just beginning their academic careers.

Antonia Layard kicked-off proceedings by presenting about arts-led methodologies used in her work investigating and challenging bus fares and transport policies in Bristol, as well as in other work. The room was inspired by the discussion of methodological approaches so different to those traditionally taught on research methods courses across our institutions. Following Antonia's presentation, we had an open discussion about the implementation and intricacies of arts-based methodologies. For example, we discussed how art-led methods are a good way of gaining entry to, and retrieving perspectives from, more marginalised groups in society, compared with traditional methods. We also talked about managing our research stakeholders' expectations, speaking the truth about our findings, and appreciating that all research is co-produced.

We then had presentations across the two days from Insa Koch on ethnography on a council estate; from Dave Cowan on his research with people living on house-boats; from Keina Yoshida on the use of docudramas as data; from Marina Kurkchiyan on focus-group conversations in comparative studies; from Linda Mulcahy on content analysis; and from Rosie Harding on her experiences of completing research involving people with intellectual disabilities.

The event was all about sharing ideas, thoughts and frustrations with people – academics and doctoral students – who understood and cared about the use and development of sociological methodologies to investigate legal phenomena. It wasn't a demonstration on how to be a perfect researcher; it was a collective discussion on how to aim to be a better researcher – learning from those with a myriad of experiences in the socio-legal field. At no point did I feel intimidated, or out of my depth.

I walked away with a wealth of new information, a reading list as long as my arm, and some important notes and 'dirty footnotes' for my PhD methodology chapter. I also walked away with friends that I hope to stay in contact with for a very long time. A PhD, as we are all aware, can be incredibly isolating if you let it be. The brilliant organisers and speakers at this event inspired us, imparted wisdom, and created and encouraged an inclusive and laid-back community for up-and-coming socio-legal researchers. Personally, to Linda and all the speakers involved, I cannot thank them enough.

If you are a socio-legal PhD student and have the opportunity to attend this event next year – do it. You will not regret it. Lastly, make sure you read all materials sent to you beforehand so you can fully exploit the invaluable opportunity for all it is worth.

SLSA BLOG

Since its launch in the summer of 2016, the SLSA Blog has published almost 60 blog posts.

Topics have included: 'Religious freedom and school uniforms'; 'The SQE, law degrees and socio-legal studies'; 'Inquiries, regulation and fire in the high rise'; 'Apology, the IRA, and the "disappeared"'; and 'What do intersex people want from the law?' And that's just scratching the surface!

Authors have included PGRs and ECRs as well as senior socio-legal academics, including two SLSA chairs and one winner of our prestigious annual prize.

The SLSA blog is open to all, so if you have something to say (max 1000 words) about a hot topic of interest to your SLSA colleagues and others, please email [e blogeditors@slsa.ac.uk](mailto:blogeditors@slsa.ac.uk). See [w http://slsablog.co.uk/blog](http://slsablog.co.uk/blog).

RECONSIDERING FAMILY LAW'S UNDERSTANDINGS OF MONEY IN MODERN-DAY COUPLES

Charlotte Bendall of Birmingham Law School reports back on her research project that received £2320 under the SLSA Grants Scheme.

My SLSA grant covered the travel and transcription costs required to conduct empirical research exploring financial independence, and interdependence, within modern-day couples in England and Wales.

I examined the ways that partners hold their money and their perceptions of it, and considered the compatibility of the partners' responses with how the courts deal with asset division on relationship breakdown. I looked at the financial behaviour of both those in formalised relationships and those who were cohabiting.

The courts have limited power to redistribute property when a cohabiting relationship breaks down. In contrast, when a married couple gets divorced, or a civil partnership is dissolved, the principles of needs, compensation and sharing are applied to all resources (although most smaller money cases are decided on the basis of needs alone), unless there is good reason to ring-fence 'non-matrimonial property'.

This project has been reflecting on whether a couple's marital status should be so determinative of how assets are treated. It has additionally been looking at the financial behaviour of same-sex, as well as different-sex, couples. This is because of indications of a greater tendency amongst same-sex partners to keep finances more separate.

I conducted 20 interviews between August and December 2017: five with people in a different-sex marriage; five with people in a different-sex cohabiting relationship; five with people in a formalised same-sex relationship; and five with people in a cohabiting same-sex relationship (the relationships averaging around 11 years in duration). I found that the most common way to hold money was 'partial pooling' (except amongst different-sex married partners, where this system came joint top), where some of the partners' income is combined to cover collective expenses, and the rest is kept separate. Two different-sex married respondents described their finances in this way, with two having closer to 'joint pooling' – where a couple pools all money – and one using 'independent management' – where the partners keep all finances separate.

It is interesting that so many employed either 'partial pooling' or 'independent management', as these were previously identified as more common amongst childless, unmarried cohabitants (two different-sex married participants had children, with one using a joint system and the other 'partial pooling'). Should there have been a rise in more individualised systems amongst married partners, we might question whether including everything in the 'pot' for financial relief is appropriate. Strikingly, in the case of *Sharp v Sharp* [2017] EWCA Civ 408, the court did depart from equal sharing where there was a 'marked degree' of separation in the couple's finances, but this was in the context of a short, dual-earning, childless marriage where one partner received substantial bonuses.

Of the different-sex cohabiting partners interviewed, three used 'partial pooling' (two having children) and two had separate finances (one of whom had children). Of those in same-sex formalised relationships, three described using 'partial pooling', whilst one (with a child) was close to having 'joint pooling', and another (who also had a child) had separate

accounts alone. Finally, of the same-sex cohabiting partners (all without children), four used 'partial pooling', whilst one just had a joint account in this country. The finances of the same-sex partners were less separate than in an earlier project that I conducted, where 44.2 per cent of 301 respondents to an online questionnaire (in cohabiting same-sex relationships and civil partnerships) had separate accounts alone. However, those in formalised same-sex relationships within the current project were all married. It may be fruitful to examine whether being in a marriage, as opposed to civil partnership, influences financial behaviour.

There did not seem, at least from this small sample, to be a great deal of difference in the ways that people hold their money, whether in a formalised relationship or not (across all categories, there was a greater variety of arrangements than might have been expected). Whilst the different-sex cohabiting respondents held their money somewhat more separately than the different-sex married ones, those in same-sex cohabiting relationships did not retain their finances as separately as anticipated, with none employing 'independent management'. If there is no significant disparity between the financial arrangements of partners in cohabiting and formalised relationships, it appears difficult to justify different treatment by the law. Moreover, whilst it is recognised that individualised systems of financial organisation can exist alongside merged perceptions of money, I observed this only on a minority of occasions, with ISAs, for instance, necessarily being held individually.

Whilst those cohabiting particularly voiced a sense of financial independence, some participants in formalised relationships did too, especially Beth* (who kept separate finances). In her case, though, the partners retained separate houses, and she felt that the finances might merge to a greater extent when they bought a home together (stating that 'it's not really the marriage, it's the housing situation' that impacted the arrangements).

Two other married participants expressly indicated that being married had not been of impact in this respect, whilst three claimed that getting a property together had made the difference (with Katy describing how 'we set it up when we moved in together [and] that was . . . what just continued'). Now that people will often buy or rent property together before getting married, the law's focus on whether or not a couple is married may be outdated.

To add to this, a number of other factors were cited by the participants as influencing how they had organised their finances. These were: the presence of children; the influence of parents and childhood experiences; experiences in previous relationships; having anticipated what would happen were the relationship to break down; a perception of their partner as being financially dishonest; seeking to provide a positive impression for visa applications; and, finally, cultural stereotypes (with Stephen remarking that 'gay men . . . are seen as . . . not [having] very stable relationships . . . so, actually, getting entwined financially was always seen as . . . not a great idea').

I am grateful for this opportunity to begin to identify the various influences at play in determining couples' financial arrangements. I hope to investigate these further, especially in terms of the impact of people's changing lives, and the fact that divorce is now a common part of life experience.

I have presented my preliminary findings at the Law and Society Association's annual meeting, and plan to share the knowledge generated by the research at a workshop later this academic year.

* Pseudonyms have been used.

SLSA ANNUAL SEMINAR COMPETITION

This year's Seminar Competition is now open for applications. The total prize fund is a maximum of £10,000.

The money can be used to support the delivery of an individual seminar or short conference, or a series of events. There are no restrictions on subject matter, provided that applicants can show relevance to the socio-legal community. Applicants must be SLSA members. Applications will not be considered where the amount of support required is less than £500, or where the event is targeted at staff or students of a single institution. The fund has so far supported 30 highly successful events.

If you are considering an application, please ensure that your proposal accords with the published guidance, downloadable from the SLSA website www.slsa.ac.uk/index.php/funding-schemes/seminar-competition. If you have any queries, please contact the subcommittee chair John Harrington [e harringtonj3@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:harringtonj3@cardiff.ac.uk). Closing date: **20 December 2018**.

Reports of two recent SLSA seminars held this year follow.

The Time(s) and Temporality of International Human Rights Law

Kathryn McNeilly reports on her event that took place on 2 July 2018 at the School of Law, Queen's University Belfast.

Dr Kathryn McNeilly and Dr Mark Hanna were the co-organisers of this event and Professor Samuel Moyn (Yale University) delivered the event's keynote address.

This workshop aimed to bring together a diverse range of scholars working in the areas of human rights and legal theory to reflect on critical approaches to international human rights law and temporality. While 2018 marks the 70th anniversary of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the seminal document founding the international human rights law regime, today's context is markedly different. International human rights face increasing critique as a form of legal protection and language of emancipation. At this historic juncture, the workshop offered an opportunity to take stock of this area of law and ask how critical engagement with ideas of temporality may lead to creative and innovative interventions in the present period.

To this end, the event posed a number of questions: how can we think about the past, present and future of international human rights law? How can we understand and make visible the diverse temporalities that exist within this area of law? How do such temporalities differ from and relate to other temporalities, such as those of state and the global economy? Do the latter marginalise human rights internationally? Can alternative ways of understanding the connection between past, present and future offer possibilities for international human rights law to be thought anew?

Workshop participants included Dr Illan Wall (University of Warwick), Dr Bal Sokhi-Bulley (University of Sussex), Dr Paul O'Connell (SOAS), Dr Mark Hanna (Queen's University Belfast), Dr Kathryn McNeilly (Queen's University Belfast), Dr Ben Warwick (University of Birmingham), Dr Lucy Finchett-Maddock (University of Sussex), Dr Birgit Schippers (Queen's University Belfast) and Dr Tristan Sturm (Queen's University Belfast). These speakers spoke to three themes: 'From human rights pasts to human rights futures'; 'Time, temporality and international human rights law'; and 'Human rights in unknown times and spaces'. Professor Moyn's keynote address was titled 'Human rights and hope in progress', exploring

narratives of hope and progress in contemporary Anglo-American scholarship on human rights, and is available to view online via the Queen's University School of Law YouTube channel. Two PhD travel scholarships to attend the workshop were awarded to Matina Liosi (University of Kent) and William Linton (QMUL).

The event provoked significant discussion around the temporal elements of international human rights law, including the relationship between the temporality of rights and discourses such as neoliberalism and capitalism. The future(s) that international human rights law may facilitate were equally a dominant theme, exploring the diverse possibilities such may take. Discussion also considered the role of history and ideas of progress in international human rights law as closely informed by linear conceptions of time, as well as potential to disrupt this. Plans for an edited collection informed by these themes are in place in order to continue the conversations on international human rights law, its times, pasts and futures in the contemporary context.

Our Arts in the North

Rebecca Moosavian, School of Law, University of Leeds was convenor of this seminar on 5 July 2018 at the Assembly Rooms, Newcastle.

'Our Arts in the North' was a multidisciplinary conference about copyright and the arts in the North of England. It formed part of the official programme of the Great Exhibition of the North which was held in Newcastle–Gateshead between June and September 2018 to celebrate the North of England's inventors, artists and designers.

The conference examined the arts and cultural regeneration in the North of England, particularly the role that copyright might play in fostering (or indeed hindering) such regeneration. It brought together leading academics working in a variety of complementary fields, including the arts, cultural regeneration and copyright law. In the spirit of the Great Exhibition, researchers from universities across major cities in the North – including Newcastle, Leeds, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Hull and Manchester – were represented.

Delegates enjoyed some fascinating papers from leading speakers, including: a keynote speech by Dr Smita Kheria (Edinburgh University) on 'Visual arts and copyright: artists' voices from the field'; Dr Danielle Child (Manchester Met University), 'From where you came: art, work and Manchester'; Dr Kristofer Erikson (University of Leeds), 'Profiting from openness: why some creative firms don't need copyright'; Professor Franco Bianchini (University of Hull); 'The preliminary outcomes evaluation of Hull UK City of Culture 2017: some key findings, themes and issues'; Dr Sukhpreet Singh (University of Glasgow); 'Not everything is about copyright and IP: creativity in the abyss of copyright's negative spaces, reflections from games, start-ups, archives, and other niche arts and cultural industries'.

The conference was of particular interest to those specialising in the arts and creative industries, cultural regeneration and those whose work engages copyright issues. It was attended by over 30 speakers and delegates from academia, local authority and heritage/creative sectors, and provided an invaluable opportunity to disseminate useful knowledge about copyright law and discuss how this maps on to the challenges of cultural regeneration. It also contributed to the ongoing building of contacts between intellectual property and creative academics across the North, providing an excellent platform for debate and future collaboration.

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ADDRESSING SEXUAL AND DOMESTIC VICTIMISATION AMONG UNIVERSITY STUDENTS

Marian Duggan and Sinéad Ring, University of Kent, describe their initiative to improve safety for Kent students.

For those working in and around the areas of sexual and domestic victimisation, the fact that students have long been let down by universities on this issue will come as no surprise. The 2011 'Hidden Marks' report produced by the National Union of Students (NUS) suggested that 1 in 7 respondents had experienced serious physical or sexual assault while at university, with 35 per cent of serious incidents being committed by someone the victim knew intimately. The report also detailed inadequate institutional support, resulting in Westminster issuing a directive in 2015 instructing all universities in England and Wales to indicate what action they were taking to address the issue.

The introduction of tuition fees means the UK higher-education sector has gradually shifted towards viewing students as customers. This brings additional focus on the sector's responsibilities towards students, including protecting their right to study free from fear or incidence of violence. Office for National Statistics data suggests that young women are at high risk of experiencing sexual and domestic violence; this is significant when combined alongside statistics which indicate that 40 per cent of young people enter higher education each year. Yet, for many years, the university environment was overlooked in terms of sexual and domestic violence and victimisation.

In this article, we report on our experiences of being central to the design, creation and implementation of several key initiatives aimed at overhauling the University of Kent's response to sexual and domestic victimisation. We conclude by reflecting on the challenges involved and offer some insights for others who are engaging in similar work.

Effecting meaningful change

In 2015, a series of independent events which highlighted the inadequacy of Kent's support, information and response around sexual and domestic victimisation led us to establish SexualRespect@Kent. Initially, this was designed to be a platform from which to propose institutional changes. Fortunately for us, our organising coincided with the establishment of the Universities UK Task Force and subsequent government directives to universities to address sexual violence among students. At Kent, a Steering Group was formed in response to this directive, which we as members of SexualRespect@Kent were invited to join. In the remainder of this article, we outline the core initiatives we have implemented to date.

UNI Protect

This is a bystander intervention programme based on 'The Intervention Initiative' designed by scholars at UWE (University of the West of England) Bristol. We began by using their freely available toolkit, running the suggested four two-hour workshops, but focusing on domestic and sexual victimisation. From the start, we were clear that these workshops needed to be facilitated by external experts rather than lecturers in order to preserve the integrity of the programme and its delivery methods (as teaching and facilitation are very different pedagogical approaches). Therefore, we secured the services of

a local domestic abuse charity to facilitate the workshops and implement a 'train the trainers' programme where the facilitators are training postgraduate research students to assist in delivering workshops. The Students' Union has ensured that UNI Protect workshops are embedded as part of their training and induction of key officers in clubs and societies, but to do this required revising the format to be a shorter (1.5 hour), one-off session. Following feedback from student attendees, the standard workshop has been revised down to three 1.5 hour sessions (4.5 hours in total) with optional additional training available.

Audio-visual materials

The Students' Union produced a promotional video advertising the UNI Protect workshops, featuring Kent students role-playing scenarios in which bystanders could play a part in preventing the escalation of victimisation. This accompanied a series of posters, flyers and information leaflets distributed across campus and in all first-year student starter packs. In addition, the Corporate Communications team created new webpages which updated and consolidated information about sexual and domestic victimisation and where to access help. Tailored information about various activities is also communicated to staff via the university *Newsletter* and Senior Leadership Forum.

Independent sexual violence adviser

We have recently appointed a wellbeing adviser with a specific sexual assault and harassment remit. This post (which also covers mental health) allows for a greater consolidation of activities across the university related to victimisation and student wellbeing.

University policies

We have drafted several policy documents for staff and students to inform them of what protocols are in place in cases where sexual victimisation is disclosed. The information ranges from practical support through to advice on internal and external specialist assistance. Guidance for alleged perpetrators is also available.

E-learning modules

The development of online modules aimed at staff and students addresses two areas of concern: informing staff what to do if a student discloses victimisation; and providing information to students. These cover all of the information available in the written policy guidance, but in a more accessible format.

Surveying students

We included two questions into the general student survey to give us a baseline idea of students' awareness of institutional provision in this area and their likelihood to access it. Students were presented with a vignette which suggested that a fellow student had disclosed an incident of sexual assault; students were then asked what they would do with options ranging from 'do nothing' through to telling a range of internal and external authorities (i.e. College Masters or the police). In the second question, students were asked if they were familiar with the outlined range of initiatives implemented by Kent (i.e. the bystander training, the guidance for victims of sexual assault etc.). This will soon be supplemented with the findings from a university-wide survey currently being undertaken into students' awareness and experience of sexual and domestic violence and related initiatives at Kent, in order to ensure we are matching provision to need.

Online reporting

The university has created an online reporting system which will be made available to students towards the end of 2018. This

mobile app includes the option of reporting anonymously if desired.

Sexual assault responders

Sexual assault responders (SARs) are volunteer members of staff who have been trained to provide out-of-hours emergency support to students who request it upon having alerted either campus security or a campus medic about an incident of sexual victimisation. SARs will inform the student of the options available to them (i.e. attending a sexual assault referral centre, reporting to the police, seeking emergency medical assistance or housing etc.) and will accompany students to medical centres or police stations if requested. They operate on a rota system and are remunerated accordingly.

ERC Consolidator Grant on Laws of Social Reproduction

Feminist scholars have long demonstrated the invisibility of women's reproductive labour, performed in bearing and raising children, maintaining households and socially sustaining male labour. Mainstream international economic institutions today acknowledge unpaid care work as an obstacle to women's economic empowerment and Sustainable Development Goal 5.4 even requires that unpaid care and domestic work be recognised through the provision of public services and shared responsibility within the family. However, the world faces a growing care deficit and depletion in social reproduction even as states and international institutions fail to commit to systemic reforms and instead criminalise women's livelihood choices.

Anchored in the Global South context of India, the proposed project, titled the Laws of Social Reproduction, will use an interdisciplinary lens through which to retheorise the normative, empirical, regulatory and policy dimensions of social reproduction. The project broadly conceptualises female reproductive labour and will investigate five sectors of women's reproductive labour spanning the market-marriage continuum, including sex work, erotic dancing, commercial surrogacy, paid domestic work and unpaid domestic work. The project will take materialist feminist theories of social reproduction as its starting point. Based on an empirical study of the political economies and legal ethnographies of these five sectors of women's work, the project will catalogue for each sector innovative economic models, legal and governance tools and policy proposals to enhance women's economic bargaining power. Ultimately, the project aims to shift political sensibilities towards reproductive labour by bridging the discursive and policy silos between sectors of reproductive labour.

Prabha Kotiswaran

Living Together Apart project

An interdisciplinary collaboration of social science academics representing sociology, gender studies, law, geography and education at Sussex and Brighton Universities is undertaking research that explores people's experiences of being part of a former intimate relationship with children, still living in the same space, thus 'Living Together Apart' (LTA). The project team is collecting stories of experiences of LTA, whether good, bad or somewhere in between. They are interested to hear from anyone with experience of currently or previously being in an LTA relationship (including what changed if this is no longer the case); or from those 18 and over with experiences of being a child growing up with LTA parents, step-parents or guardians. Please see detailed information about the project at [www http://livingtogetherapart.org](http://livingtogetherapart.org).

Nuno Ferreira

Reflections

Our collective expertise on sexual and domestic violence has been vital to addressing these issues from an informed, person-centred perspective. Importantly, we benefited from being part of the university Steering Group from the start, ensuring we could make recommendations and contribute to discussions to inform subsequent decisions. We would advise anyone working in this area to remain attentive to ways in which they can best ensure that their expertise is recognised and put to most effective use. At the same time, we think it is vitally important that universities recognise where collaborating with relevant external stakeholders can bring added value to a project, such as involving domestic violence practitioners, in the delivery of workshops, for example.

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IALS transformation project

The University of London is funding a multi-million pound transformation of the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies (IALS). This major project started in July 2018 and will replace the building infrastructure with new heating, cooling, ventilation, cabling and Wifi. IALS Library will be completely refurbished and redesigned. Once completed, IALS Library will be able to offer researchers:

- a new second-floor library entrance looking out on to Russell Square;
- 50 additional study desk places;
- bookable group study and training rooms;
- a special needs room;
- 10 additional lockable library research carrels;
- new desk and chair furniture throughout the library;
- more control over reading-room heating and cooling;
- more self-issue laptops; and
- improved IT services.

This major project will take around two years until 2020, but the building and library will remain open throughout. Read more about progress with this exciting project at: Transformation Project 2018–2020 [www http://ials.sas.ac.uk/about/ials-transformation-project](http://ials.sas.ac.uk/about/ials-transformation-project).

David Gee

ESRC doctoral scholarships

The Midlands Graduate School is an accredited ESRC Doctoral Training Partnership (DTP). One of 14 such partnerships in the UK, the Midlands Graduate School is a collaboration between Aston, Birmingham, Leicester, Loughborough, Nottingham and Warwick universities.

Birmingham Law School (University of Birmingham) the School of Law (University of Nottingham) and the School of Law (University of Warwick) are inviting applications for ESRC doctoral studentships in socio-legal studies. Information about the Midlands Graduate School DTP, including how to apply is available at [www www.mgsdtp.ac.uk](http://www.mgsdtp.ac.uk).

The studentships cover fees and maintenance stipend (if eligible) and extensive support for research training, as well as research activity support grants. To check your eligibility, visit [www www.mgsdtp.ac.uk/studentships/eligibility](http://www.mgsdtp.ac.uk/studentships/eligibility).

Enquiries can be directed to Professor Rosie Harding (Midlands Graduate School Socio-legal Studies Pathway Lead, University of Birmingham) at [e r.j.harding@bham.ac.uk](mailto:r.j.harding@bham.ac.uk), or to institutional socio-legal pathway co-ordinators at Nottingham (Dr Candida Saunders [e candida.saunders@nottingham.ac.uk](mailto:candida.saunders@nottingham.ac.uk)) and Warwick (Professor Shaheen Ali [e s.s.ali@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:s.s.ali@warwick.ac.uk)) Closing date: **22 January 2019**.

Sexual offences: assessing the impact of the definitive guideline

The Sentencing Council has completed an impact assessment of the Sexual Offences Definitive Guideline. The guideline, which came into force in April 2014, covers over 50 offences including rape, assault by penetration, sexual assault, sexual activity with a child and indecent images. The guideline appears to have achieved its aim to make sentencing practice more consistent for the offences covered, with one exception: sexual assault. This offence has seen an increase in average sentencing severity since the guideline came into force.

Having considered the impact assessment, the Council will revisit areas of the guideline for which issues were identified. To download the full publication or the summary, visit www.sentencingcouncil.org.uk/publications/item/sexual-offences-assessment-of-guideline.

Phil Hodgson

Ministry of Justice: Areas of Research Interest

The Ministry of Justice has recently published its Areas of Research Interest. The document can be found at www.gov.uk/government/publications/ministry-of-justice-areas-of-research-interest. It highlights the Ministry of Justice's strategic evidence gaps with a focus on long-term and cross-cutting gaps in understanding. The aim is also to engage with the external community to expand and deepen the department's underpinning evidence base. The Chief Social Researchers at the Ministry of Justice are keen to hear from academics who are working on any of the strategic evidence gaps outlined in the Areas of Research Interest. Researchers are invited to get in touch and describe in a few sentences what they are working on. Email [e researchsupport@justice.gov.uk](mailto:researchsupport@justice.gov.uk).

Alexy Buck

ESRC writing competition

The ESRC writing competition aims to encourage and reward outstanding written communication by ESRC-funded students. In a change to previous eligibility requirements, the competition is only open to students who are in receipt of ESRC funding on this year's closing date: **7 December 2018**. The winner will receive a £1000 cash prize and two runners-up will receive £500 each. See website for full details [w https://esrc.ukri.org/skills-and-careers/writing-competition/about-the-competition](https://esrc.ukri.org/skills-and-careers/writing-competition/about-the-competition).

Books and book series

Stopping Rape: Towards a comprehensive policy (2015) Emanuela Lombardo, Brian Francis, David Sugarman et al, Policy Press, relaunched as an open access book, 322pp

This book offers a comprehensive guide to the international policies developed to stop rape, together with case studies on their effectiveness in practice. Engaging with the legal and criminal justice systems, health services, specialised services for victim-survivors, educational and cultural outreach, and more, it brings together both theory and real-world evidence to build a thorough picture of worldwide efforts to fight rape in all its contexts. See website for free download [w www.oapen.org/search?identifier=648060](http://www.oapen.org/search?identifier=648060).

Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment: Benefit sanctions in the UK (2018) Michael Adler, Palgrave Macmillan £35.99ebook/£44.99hb 183pp

Published by Palgrave Macmillan in its Socio-Legal Series, *Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment* subjects the largely hidden phenomenon of benefit sanctions in the UK to sustained

AHRC blog

If you're an AHRC-funded researcher, past or present, and you're interested in writing a blog piece then the AHRC blog would like to hear from you. The blog provides a platform to tell both the wider academic community and general public what you are up to and promote your research to people who might not otherwise get to hear about it.

Blog entries are typically short, focused and fairly informal pieces of writing that aim to make a simple point well and for a broad audience (and include at least one image for the more visually minded reader). To find out more, visit the blog and read the blog-writing guide [w www.ahrc.ac.uk/documents/guides/ahrc-blog-writing-guide](http://www.ahrc.ac.uk/documents/guides/ahrc-blog-writing-guide) and then get in touch.

Housing After Grenfell blog

A 'Housing After Grenfell' blog has been launched by Susan Bright, Centre for Socio-legal Studies, Oxford. She is inviting contributions to add to the debate about housing and law-related matters following the Grenfell tragedy. For current blogs and for guidelines on how to contribute, see [w www.law.ox.ac.uk/housing-after-grenfell](http://www.law.ox.ac.uk/housing-after-grenfell).

Susan Bright

W G Hart Legal Workshop 2020: call for workshop proposals and the nomination of Academic Directors

The Institute of Advanced Legal Studies is seeking proposals and Academic Directors for the 2020 W G Hart Legal Workshop from law schools across the UK. The W G Hart Legal Workshops are directed towards the advancement of legal education at the academic stage. The Institute hosts the workshops on behalf of the University of London and invites applications to provide the academic leadership of the 2020 workshop; it will particularly welcome proposals that continue the workshops' long tradition of breaking new ground.

The Institute would also welcome proposals and the nomination of directors from across the UK and would encourage early career scholars with a proven track record of conference organisation to submit proposals and direct future Workshops. It is recommended that there be no fewer than two directors for the Workshop. Please see website for full details [w http://ials.sas.ac.uk/events/event/17564](http://ials.sas.ac.uk/events/event/17564). Closing date: **11 January 2019**.

examination and critique. It comprises 12 chapters dealing with the terms 'cruel', 'inhuman' and 'degrading' that are used as a benchmark for assessing benefit sanctions; benefit sanctions as a matter of public concern; the historical development of benefit sanctions in the UK; changes in the scope and severity of benefit sanctions; conditionality and the changing relationship between the citizen and the state; the impact and effectiveness of benefit sanctions; benefit sanctions and administrative justice; the role of law in protecting the right to a social minimum; a comparison of benefit sanctions with court fines; benefit sanctions and the rule of law; and what, if anything, can be done about benefit sanctions. Each chapter ends with a paragraph that attempts to highlight the most salient points and the book ends with a short conclusion in which benefit sanctions are assessed against the chosen benchmark. It should be of special interest to academics and students in law and the social sciences. It would also be of interest to professionals and service providers who provide assistance and support for social security claimants, particularly those who have been sanctioned, and to politicians, policymakers and pressure groups.

Legal Strategies for the Development and Protection of Communal Property (2018) Ting Xu and Alison Clarke (eds), Oxford University Press £65 256pp

In the Proceedings of the British Academy series, this book provides readers with an overview of communal property in different jurisdictions; offers a socio-legal interpretation of the nature and importance of communal property; and explores the multi-faceted analysis of the theoretical nature and current developments of communal property. It is one of the research outputs of Dr Xu's project entitled 'Diversifying Ownership of Land?: Communal Property in the UK and China' funded by the British Academy International Mobility and Partnership Scheme 2014–2017.

Ombudsmen and ADR: A comparative study of informal justice in Europe (2018) Naomi Creutzfeldt, Palgrave Macmillan £80.50ebook/£101hb 207pp

How do ordinary people experience and make sense of the informal justice system? Drawing on original data with British and German users of Ombudsmen — an important institution of informal justice — Naomi Creutzfeldt offers a nuanced comparative answer to this question. In so doing, she takes current debates on procedural justice and legal consciousness forward. This book explores consciousness around 'alternatives' to formal legality and asks how situated assumptions about law and fairness guide people's understandings of the informal justice system. The author shows that the everyday relationship that people have with the informal justice system is shaped by their experiences and expectations of the formal legal system and its agents. This book is an innovative theoretical and empirical statement about the future prospects for informal justice in Europe.

A Socio-legal Study of Hacking: Breaking and remaking law and technology (2018) Michael Anthony C Dizon, Routledge £115 277pp

This book examines the relations and interactions between hacking and the law with a view to understanding how hackers influence and are influenced by technology laws and policies. In our increasingly digital and connected world where hackers play a significant role in determining the structures, configurations and operations of the networked information society, this book delivers an interdisciplinary study of the practices, norms and values of hackers and how they conflict and correspond with the aims and aspirations of hacking-related laws. Describing and analysing the legal and normative impact of hacking, as well as proposing new approaches to its regulation and governance, this book makes an essential contribution to understanding the socio-technical changes, and consequent legal challenges, faced by our contemporary connected society.

Litigants in Person in Northern Ireland: Barriers to legal participation (2018) Gráinne McKeever, Lucy Royal-Dawson, Eleanor Kirk and John McCord, Nuffield Foundation 356pp

The Nuffield Foundation provided funding for a two+ year study into litigants in person in the civil and family courts in Northern Ireland, examining the barriers to legal participation. The research, published on 14 September 2018, found that the barriers faced by litigants in person can jeopardise their right to a fair trial under Article 6 ECHR. The main recommendations from the research are that there is a need for cultural change to 'normalise' the presence of litigants in person in the court system (to tackle the attitudinal barriers they face) and a need for information materials to support litigants in person, developed through user-focused design principles (to tackle intellectual, practical and emotional barriers). The research and associated publications are available on the website www.nuffieldfoundation.org/impact-litigants-person-northern-ireland-court-system.

The Politics of Love in Myanmar (2018) Lynette Chua, Stanford University Press \$25.95 232pp

The Politics of Love in Myanmar offers an intimate ethnographic account of a group of LGBT activists before, during and after Myanmar's post-2011 political transition. The author explores how these activists devoted themselves to, and fell in love with, the practice of human rights and how they were able to empower queer Burmese to accept themselves, gain social belonging, and reform discriminatory legislation and law enforcement. Informed by interviews with activists from all walks of life — city dwellers, villagers, political dissidents, children of military families, wage labourers, shopkeepers, beauticians, spirit mediums, lawyers, students — Lynette Chua details the vivid particulars of the LGBT activist experience founding a movement, first among exiles and migrants and then in Myanmar's cities, towns and countryside. A distinct political and emotional culture of activism took shape, fusing shared emotions and cultural bearings with legal and political ideas about human rights. For this network of activists, human rights moved hearts and minds and crafted a transformative web of friendship, fellowship and affection among queer Burmese. Chua's investigation provides crucial insights into the intersection of emotions and interpersonal relationships with law, rights and social movements.

Nobody's Law: Legal consciousness and legal alienation in everyday life (2018) Marc Hertogh, Palgrave Macmillan €57.19hb €95.19ebook 240pp

Nobody's Law shows how people — who are disappointed, disenchanted and outraged about the justice system — gradually move away from law. Using detailed case studies and combining different theoretical perspectives, this book explores the legal consciousness of ordinary people, businessmen and street-level bureaucrats in the Netherlands. The empirical research in this study tells an original and alternative narrative about the role of law in everyday life. While previous studies emphasise the law's hegemony and argue that it's 'all over', Hertogh shows that legal proliferation makes it harder for people to know, and subsequently identify with, the law. As a result, official law has become increasingly remote and irrelevant to many people. The central finding presented in this highly topical text is that these developments signal a process of 'legal alienation' — a gradual and mundane process with potentially serious consequences for the legitimacy of law. A timely and original study, this book will be of particular interest to scholars in the fields of law and society, socio-legal studies and legal theory.

Anti-shechita Prosecutions in the Anglo-American World, 1855–1913: A major attack on Jewish freedoms (2018) David Fraser, Academic Studies Press \$119.00 258pp

The first study of historical attempts by animal welfare groups to ban the Jewish method of slaughter (shechita) details cases from Australia, Canada, England, Scotland and the USA, many for the first time, in which anti-animal cruelty groups prosecuted those engaged in shechita as part of their attempts to introduce compulsory stunning of animals before slaughter. Use code SLSA online for 20 per cent discount at www.academicstudiespress.com.

Jewish Law and American Law: A comparative study, vols 1 & 2 (2018) Samuel J Levine, Academic Studies Press \$109 each 384pp & 238pp

These volumes contribute to the growing field of comparative Jewish and American law, presenting 26 essays characterised by a number of distinct features. The essays will appeal to legal scholars and, at the same time, will be accessible and of interest to a more general audience of intellectually curious readers. Use code SLSA online for 20 per cent discount at www.academicstudiespress.com.

Human Rights in the UK and the Influence of Foreign Jurisprudence (2018) Hélène Tyrrell, Hart £65 264pp

This book represents the first major empirical study of the use of foreign jurisprudence at the UK Supreme Court. It focuses on the patterns of use and non-use of rulings from foreign domestic courts in human rights cases before the UK Supreme Court. Results are drawn from quantitative and qualitative research, presenting data from the first eight years of Supreme Court activity. The evidence includes interviews with active and former members of the senior judiciary, as well as a focus group including some of the Supreme Court judicial assistants. Use code CV7 online for 20 per cent discount at www.bloomsburyprofessional.com/uk/hart.

Criminologies of the Military: Militarism, national security and justice (2018) Andrew Goldsmith and Ben Wadham (eds), Hart £65 224pp

This innovative collection offers one of the first analyses of criminologies of the military from an interdisciplinary perspective. While some criminologists have examined the military in relation to the area of war crimes, this collection considers a range of other important but less explored aspects such as private military actors, insurgents, paramilitary groups and the role of military forces in tackling transnational crime. Use code CV7 online for 20 per cent discount at www.bloomsburyprofessional.com/uk/hart.

Counter-terrorism, Constitutionalism and Miscarriages of Justice: A Festschrift for Professor Clive Walker (2018) Genevieve Lennon, Colin King and Carole McCartney (eds), Hart £80 360pp

The purpose of this book is to honour the influential and wide-ranging work of Professor Clive Walker. It explores Professor Walker's influence from three perspectives. Firstly, it provides a historical reflection upon the development of the law and policy in relation to counter-terrorism and miscarriages of justice since the 1970s. Secondly, it provides a critical analysis of the law and policy as it stands today and its future trajectory. Finally, it celebrates and recognises the significant contributions by Professor Walker, with each chapter built around one or more of his key works. Use code CV7 online for 20 per cent discount at www.bloomsburyprofessional.com/uk/hart.

New Trajectories in Law book series: call for proposals

Proposals are invited for this for edited series of short-form books which is intended to define a new direction in legal studies. Challenging the assumption that legal education is just about training students for commercial careers, the series aims to articulate a more progressive idea of law. The series will be published by Routledge under the Glasshouse imprint. To discuss a possible contribution, contact the series editors Adam Gearey [e a.gearey@bbk.ac.uk](mailto:a.gearey@bbk.ac.uk) and Colin Perrin [e colin.perrin@tandf.co.uk](mailto:colin.perrin@tandf.co.uk). See webpage for details www.slsa.ac.uk/images/2018winter/Series_summary.pdf.

Routledge Cultural Heritage in International Law book series: call for proposals

International cultural law is a rapidly developing, diverse field of legal study, but non-lawyers are also awakening to how it affects their areas of specialisation, thus stoking an interest in the subject area that has been rising over the past two decades globally, as these issues affect every jurisdiction. This series welcomes proposals for monographs and edited collections that focus on cultural heritage and international law, in particular from an interdisciplinary perspective. It aims at publishing original, sound and cutting-edge works on emerging topics of worldwide relevance by both junior and senior scholars. For preliminary expressions of interest, or for submitting book proposals, please feel free to contact Professor Valentina Vadi [e v.vadi@lancaster.ac.uk](mailto:v.vadi@lancaster.ac.uk). For information on book proposals, see www.routledge.com/resources/authors/how-to-publish-with-us.

Handbook of Heritage Law and Discourse: A triadic dimension – protection, regulation and identity: call for papers for edited collection

The past four decades have witnessed the remarkable extension of enthusiasm in cultural heritage or property from the perspective of international laws, or international legal frameworks as the multilevel legal instruments for safeguarding, protection and maintenance of cultural heritage, property, or rights. In this project, the identification of 'heritage' employs specific discourses, codes, transcending values and images that conceal assumptions about members of a people comprising a people within a nation. Papers are invited for inclusion in this handbook, edited by Anne Wagner and Le Cheng. Please see webpage for details www.linkedin.com/pulse/handbook-heritage-law-discourse-anne-wagner. Closing date for abstracts: 28 February 2019.

Journals

'Robert W Gordon in conversation with David Sugarman' (2018) Law and History Review Digital Edition (The Docket)

This free-to-access article details a discussion arising from more than six hours of recorded conversations in which Bob Gordon talks with David Sugarman about his life and work. See <https://Lawandhistoryreview.Org/Article/Robert-W-Gordon-In-Conversation-With-David-Sugarman>.

Cambridge University Press to publish Law and Social Inquiry on behalf of the American Bar Foundation

Cambridge University Press and the American Bar Foundation (ABF) have announced that beginning in January 2019 Cambridge will publish the ABF's interdisciplinary journal *Law and Social Inquiry*. For further details and information on submission, visit www.cambridge.org/core/journals/law-and-social-inquiry.

International Journal of Comparative and Applied Criminal Justice: call for papers for special issue

Submissions are invited for a special issue on 'Making rights real: rights protection for crime victims'. Since the 1985 UN Declaration of Basic Principles of Justice for Victims of Crime and Abuse of Power, countries have legislated to recognise the special status of victims within criminal procedures and to set out the basic obligations of police, prosecutors, courts and corrections to respond. While there have been advances in many areas, there has been no comprehensive compilation of scholarship on contemporary practice in the promotion, protection and enforcement of rights for crime victims. The special issue aims to fill this gap in the academic literature by bringing together research on these dispersed activities in one volume. Closing date: 1 March 2019. See website for details http://explore.tandfonline.com/cfp/bes/rcac-si-making-rights-real?utm_source=TF&utm_medium=cms&utm_campaign=JMR05058.

International Trade Law and Regulation: call for papers

The recently relaunched *International Trade Law and Regulation* published by Wildy is currently accepting articles (usually 3500–8000 words in length) and comment pieces (2000–3000 words). The peer-reviewed journal aims to publish cutting-edge research on any topic of international economic law, international financial law, international trade law and international investment law. For further queries or for submitting a contribution, please contact Eleanor Loutzenhiser eleanor.loutzenhiser@hotmail.co.uk or see website www.wildy.com/isbn/1357-3136/international-trade-law-and-regulation-issues-only-journal-sweet-maxwell-ltd

Laws: call for papers for special issue

Submissions are invited for a special issue on 'The protection of minorities under international law'. See website for details www.mdpi.com/journal/laws/special_issues/minorities_international_law. Closing date: 10 January 2019.

● **BRITISH ACADEMY OF FORENSIC SCIENCES FRIENDS' DINNER: CASE OF MARINE A**

29 November 2018: *Worshipful Society of Apothecaries, London*

Please see poster for details

www.slsa.ac.uk/images/Autumn2018/BAFS_Friends_Dinner_29.jpg.

● **EU HEALTH LAW AND POLICY: SHAPING A FUTURE RESEARCH AGENDA**

29–30 November 2018: *University of Edinburgh*

Please see flyer for details www.slsa.ac.uk/images/2018summer/CfP_Edinburgh_Nov18.docx.pdf.

● **EXCLUDED VOICES AND SUPPRESSED NARRATIVES: BLOOD OIL – TYRANTS, VIOLENCE, AND THE RULES THAT RUN THE WORLD**

5 December 2018: *Somerset House East Wing, King's College London*

Speaker: Professor Leif Wenar, King's College London. Third in the 2018–2019 Transnational Law Institute Signature Lecture series. See website for details www.kcl.ac.uk/events/event-story.aspx?id=e2f080b1-139e-44b1-bbad-6c5116ee44bf.

● **CONDUCTING QUALITATIVE COMMUNITY-BASED RESEARCH WITH MINORITY COMMUNITIES**

5 December 2018: *Liberty Building, University of Leeds*

Speaker: Stu Marvel, Lecturer in Law, University of Leeds, and Distinguished Scholar in Residence, Emory University School of Law, Atlanta, Georgia. See website for details

https://essl.leeds.ac.uk/law/events/event/794/conducting-qualitative-community-based-research-cbr-with-minority-communities-stu-marvel.

● **SOCIO-LEGAL JOURNALS GLOBAL SOUTH INITIATIVE: WRITING WORKSHOP**

5–6 December 2018: *British Institute in Eastern Africa, Nairobi, Kenya*

Please see website for details www.lawandglobaljustice.com/sociolegal-journals-global-south-initiative.

● **EUROPEAN GOVERNANCE OF HEALTH CRISIS AND DISASTER MANAGEMENT**

6–7 December 2018: *Amsterdam Law School*

Co-conveners: Mark L Flear (Queen's University Belfast) and Anniek de Ruijter (Amsterdam). Please see flyer for details

www.slsa.ac.uk/images/2018summer/Call_for_Papers_-_EU_Governance_of_Health_Crisis_and_Disaster_Management_6_and_7_December_2018_final.docx.

● **RACE: WHY CAN'T THE LAW EFFECT GENUINE EQUALITY?**

7 December 2018: *St Mary's University, Twickenham, London*

Organised by the Centre for Law and Culture at St Mary's University with the University of Westminster and GSM London. Please see flyer for details www.slsa.ac.uk/images/2018summer/Centre_Racial_Equality_Conference_2018_pdf.pdf.

● **TRANSMITTING JUSTICE: TRANSPARENCY, VISUALITY AND MEDIATIZATION**

10 December 2018: *83 Pall Mall, London*

Sponsored by the SLSA Seminar Competition and Department of Social and Policy Sciences, University of Bath. See website for details

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/transmitting-justice-transparency-visibility-and-mediatization-tickets-45677388298.

● **VERTIGO: FAKE NEWS/REAL THEORY**

12 December 2018: *Sir Roland Wilson Building, Australian National University, Canberra, Australia*

Presented by the Centre for Law, Arts and the Humanities. Please see website for details https://law.anu.edu.au/event/seminar/vertigo-fake-newsreal-theory.

● **LSAANZ ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

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

Theme: 'Inclusion, exclusion and democracy'. The SLSA and Canadian Law and Society Association are co-sponsors of this event. Please see website for details www.lsaanz.org/conferences.

● **SOCIO-LEGAL JOURNALS GLOBAL SOUTH INITIATIVE: WRITING WORKSHOP**

13–14 December 2018: *Universidade Federal de Pernambuco, Recife, Brazil*

Please see website for details www.lawandglobaljustice.com/sociolegal-journals-global-south-initiative.

● **RELATIONSHIP BREAKDOWN: INFORMAL AND LEGAL SOLUTIONS**

14 December 2018: *De Montfort University, Leicester*

Please see website for details https://unregisteredmarriages.org/events/relationship-breakdown-informal-and-legal-solutions.

● **'ORIENT FAR AND NEAR' CONFERENCE**

14–15 December 2018: *University of Wroclaw, Poland*

Please see flyer for details www.slsa.ac.uk/images/2018summer/CfP_Orient_Far_and_Near.pdf.

● **LAW, HUMAN RIGHTS AND RELIGION: FLASHPOINTS**

17 December 2018: *Nottingham Trent University*

Please see website for details and to register

https://onlinestore.ntu.ac.uk/conferences-and-events/nottingham-law-school/events/flashpoints-2018-law-human-rights-and-religion.

● **SLSA POSTGRADUATE CONFERENCE**

3–4 January 2019: *Warwick University*

See webpage for further details

www.slsa.ac.uk/SLSA%20Postgraduate%20Conference.

● **INTRODUCTION TO MPhil/PHD LEGAL RESEARCH METHODS**

7 January 2019: *Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, London*

This course aims to introduce a range of research methodologies that may be relevant to MPhil/PhD research in law and legally related fields. Please see website for details

https://ials.sas.ac.uk/events/event/16873.

● **THE REGULATION OF PARTNERSHIPS AND CLOSELY-HELD CORPORATIONS**

10 January 2019: *Newton Building, City Campus, Nottingham Trent University*

Joint Conference of the Partnership, LLP and LLC Law Forum and the Nottingham Law School Centre for Business and Insolvency Law.

Please see website for registration www.ntu.ac.uk/about-us/events/upcoming-events.

● **INAUGURAL PROPTECH AND BLOCKCHAIN DISCUSSION ON LAND REGISTRATION AND RECORDING OF REAL PROPERTY INTERESTS**

17–18 January 2019: *RMIT Europe, Barcelona*

Please see flyer for details www.slsa.ac.uk/images/Autumn2018/Inaugural_proptech_and_blockchain.docx.

● **RICH LAW, POOR LAW: CALL FOR PAPERS**

25 January 2019: *Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, London*

This is an SLSA-sponsored one-day event. See webpage for details

www.slsa.ac.uk/index.php/news/events-news?id=328.

● **EXCLUDED VOICES AND SUPPRESSED NARRATIVES: SIGNATURE LECTURE**

30 January 2019: *Somerset House East Wing, King's College London*

Speaker: Professor Emily Grabham, University of Kent. Please see website for details www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/tli-signature-lecture-professor-emily-grabham-university-of-kent-tickets-49952614615.

● **ANNUAL WESTMINSTER LAW SCHOOL LECTURE**

5 February 2019: *Five Hall, Regent Street, London*

Speaker: Sir Richard Hall. See website for details

www.westminster.ac.uk/events/sir-richard-arnold-annual-westminster-law-school-lecture.

● **EXCLUDED VOICES AND SUPPRESSED NARRATIVES: SIGNATURE LECTURE**

6 February 2018: *Somerset House East Wing, London*

Speaker: Professor Walter Kaelin. Please see website for details

www.kcl.ac.uk/events/event-story.aspx?id=0f6f3861-1955-40bd-8f05-8a65290a8cfc.

- **HOW TO GET A PHD IN LAW: DAY TWO**
 28 February 2019: *Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, London*
 Theme: 'The PhD journey – supervision, research ethics and preparing yourself for upgrade and vivas'. Please see website for details www.sas.ac.uk/events/event/16868.
- **ANNUAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF LAW, CULTURE, AND THE HUMANITIES GRADUATE STUDENT WORKSHOP: CALL FOR APPLICATIONS**
 21 March 2019: *Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada*
 Please see flyer for details
www.slsa.ac.uk/images/2018winter/ASLCH_GRADUATE_STUDENT_WORKSHOP_2019.docx. Closing date: 30 November 2018.
- **ANNUAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE STUDY OF LAW, CULTURE, AND THE HUMANITIES ANNUAL CONFERENCE**
 22–23 March 2019: *Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada*
 Please see website for details
<http://lawculturehumanities.com/overview>.
- **SECURITY, BORDERS AND INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT: INTERSECTIONS, CONVERGENCE AND CHALLENGES**
 25–26 April 2019: *University of Warwick*
 This event is supported by the SLSA Seminar Competition. Please see flyer for details www.slsa.ac.uk/images/documents/Workshop_Call_for_Papers_Final.pdf.
- **HOW TO GET A PHD IN LAW: DAY THREE**
 10 May 2019: *Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, London*
 Theme: 'Researching, disseminating and publishing in the digital world'. See website for details www.sas.ac.uk/events/event/16869.
- **ASSOCIATION FOR LAW PROPERTY AND SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING: CALL FOR PAPERS**
 16–18 May 2019: *Syracuse University College of Law, Syracuse, New York*
 Please see website for meeting details and call for papers www.alps-law.org/annual-meeting. Closing date for submitting papers and panels: 20 February 2019.
- **20TH INTERNATIONAL ROUNDTABLE FOR THE SEMIOTICS OF LAW: CALL FOR PAPERS**
 23–25 May 2019: *Instituto Jurídico da Faculdade de Direito da Universidade de Coimbra, Portugal*
 Theme: 'The limits of law'. See flyer for details www.slsa.ac.uk/images/2018spring/20th_International_Roundtable_for_the_Semiotics_of_Law.pdf. Closing date: 15 January 2019.
- **LAW AND SOCIETY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING 2019: DIGNITY**
 30 May–2 June 2019: *Hyatt Regency Washington on Capitol Hill, Washington DC, USA*
 Please see website for details www.lawandsociety.org/WashingtonDC2019/Washington2019.html.
- **CANADIAN LAW AND SOCIETY ASSOCIATION/ ASSOCIATION CANADIENNE DROIT ET SOCIÉTÉ ANNUAL MEETING**
 3–5 June 2019: *University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada*
 Please see website for meeting details <http://acds-clsa.org/?q=fr/content/call-papers-annual-meeting-ubc-vancouver-2019>.
- **IMPACT AND LAW REFORM CONFERENCE**
 11 June 2019: *Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, London*
 Please see webpage for details of this SLSA-supported event www.slsa.ac.uk/index.php/news/events-news?id=323.
- **ASLI CONFERENCE: THE RULE OF LAW AND THE ROLE OF LAW IN ASIA: CALL FOR PAPERS**
 11–12 June 2019: *Asian Law Institute, Faculty of Law, Bukit Timah Campus, National University of Singapore*
 See website for details https://law.nus.edu.sg/asli/16th_asli_conf/index.html. Closing date: 3 December 2018.

- **CORRUPTION, DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS: CALL FOR PAPERS**
 20–21 June 2019: *European University Institute, Florence, Italy*
 This is a joint event organised by Portsmouth Law School and the European University Institute. Please see flyer for details www.slsa.ac.uk/images/Autumn2018/EUI_conference_CfP_-_corruption_democracy_and_human_rights_def.pdf. Closing date: 26 February 2019.
- **LABOUR LAW RESEARCH NETWORK LLRN4 VALPARAÍSO: A GLOBAL CONVERSATION ON LABOUR LAW**
 23–25 June 2019: *Pontificia Universidad Católica de Valparaíso, Chile*
 Please see website for details www.pucv.cl/uuaa/derecho-del-trabajo/submission-application/2017-06-06/121501.html.
- **THIRD INTERNATIONAL ADVOCACY CONFERENCE**
 28 June 2019: *Centre for Advocacy, Nottingham Law School*
 Theme: 'Advocacy and vulnerable witnesses – 20 years on from the Youth Justice and Criminal Evidence Act 1999'. Please see flyer for further details www.slsa.ac.uk/images/Autumn2018/Save_the_Date_-_Centre_for_Advocacy.pdf.
- **TAX POLICY CONFERENCE 2019: CALL FOR PAPERS**
 9 July 2019: *University of Cambridge*
 Please see website for details
www.ctl.law.cam.ac.uk/press/news/2018/11/call-papers-tax-policy-conference-2019. Closing date: 15 December 2018.
- **TELEVISION DRAMA, LAW AND NATIONAL IDENTITY: CALL FOR PAPERS**
 6 September 2019: *University of Westminster, London*
 Please see website for details
www.westminster.ac.uk/events/2018/television-drama-law-and-national-identity. Call closes: 1 February 2019.
- **GENOCIDE AND LAW: COMMUNICATING THROUGH VISUAL ARTS AND LANGUAGE: CALL FOR PAPERS**
 26–28 June 2020: *Poznan, Poland*
 21st International Roundtable for the Semiotics of Law and the 15th Conference on Legal Translation and Interpreting and Comparative Legilinguistics. Please see flyer for details www.slsa.ac.uk/images/2018spring/21_IRSL_2020_POLAND.pdf. Closing date for abstracts: 28 February 2020.

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AcSS new socio-legal fellows: on 18 October 2018, the Academy of Social Sciences announced the latest list of new fellows. These included two SLSA nominees:

- **ANNA LAWSON**, Professor of Law, University of Leeds. An internationally renowned scholar working in the areas of disability equality and inclusion at the intersection between law and disability studies.
- **CLARE McGLYNN**, Professor of Law, University of Durham. A leading expert in the legal regulation of pornography and sexual violence.

CARL STYCHIN will be leaving City, University of London, to take up his appointment as Director of the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies and Professor of Law with effect from 1 January 2019. Carl has an international reputation for his research on the legal construction and regulation of sexual and gender identities and is a past vice chair and secretary of the SLSA.

Congratulations to **LYDIA BLEASDALE**, University of Leeds, who was named Oxford University Press Law Teacher of the Year 2018.

And to **SIMAL YALCIN**, LLM Student at QMUL and lawyer at Istanbul Bar Association, who signed up as our 3500th Twitter follower and receives a prize of a book of his choice from Palgrave Macmillan's socio-legal series, edited by Dave Cowan.

SLSA 2019: CALL FOR PAPERS AND POSTERS

If you wish to present a paper at the conference, please submit an abstract of no more than 300 words on one of the streams or current topics. Abstracts must be submitted via the EasyChair online system. In line with the SLSA's ethos, papers may be interdisciplinary in nature, and submissions from outside of law are welcome. Similarly, papers concerning socio-legal issues beyond the UK are also welcome. If you have any queries about whether your paper is suitable for a particular stream, please contact the relevant convenors listed below. The closing date is **6pm on 14 January 2019**.

For posters, abstracts of up to 300 words should be sent to elsa2019@leeds.ac.uk **6pm on 28 February 2019**.

Full details are available on the conference website [w https://slsa2019.com/call-for-papers-posters](https://slsa2019.com/call-for-papers-posters).

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Revisiting refugee protection in the 21st century

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The law(s) of conflict and disaster

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Articles

Transitional justice, education, and sexual violence stigma: the results of a schools-based study in Bosnia-Herzegovina – Janine Natalya Clark

Creating a new type of labour law enforcer: the law technician in Prato – Louise Munkholm

'It's all about justice': bodies, balancing competing interests and suspicious deaths – Imogen Jones

Eviscerating historic treaties: judicial reasoning, settler colonialism, and 'legal' exercises of exclusion – Michael McCrossan

Feminist relational contract theory: a new model for family property agreements – Sharon Thompson

An introduction to ANT and law: possibilities, challenges and ways forward – Emilie Cloatre

Reading Durkheim in darkness – Carol Greenhouse

Book reviews

Esther Sullivan, *Manufactured Insecurity: Mobile home parks and Americans' tenuous right to place* – Dave Cowan

Alexander Kedar, Ahmad Amara and Oren Yiftachel, *Empty Lands: A legal geography of Bedouin rights in the Negev* – Antonia Layard

Susan Block-Lieb and Terry Halliday, *Global Lawmakers: International organizations in the crafting of world markets* – Sally Wheeler

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Recognizing the full costs of care? Compensation for families in South Africa's silicosis class action – Beth Goldblatt and Shirin M Rai

Justice for Ms Dhu: accounting for indigenous deaths in custody in Australia – Pauline Klippmark and Karen Crawley

The absent present law: an ethnographic study of legal violence in Turkey – Deniz Yonucu

Exceptional sexual harms: the Catholic Church and child sexual abuse claims in Australia – Kate Gleeson

The pharmakon of democracy: general will and the people in the context of the Greek referendum – Dimitrios Kivotidis

Distributed ownership in music: between authorship and performance – Ananay Aguilar

SLSA Mentoring Awards

Applications are invited for these awards aimed at supporting travel and accommodation for SLSA members who wish to visit and spend up to a week working with a chosen mentor. Applicants must be paid-up members of the SLSA who are not currently undertaking a PhD.

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

Enquiries about this scheme should be directed to admin@slsa.ac.uk.

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

SLSA Research Training Grants

Applications are invited for these grants aimed at supporting training in social science research methods and the use of data analysis software (e.g. SPSS and NVivo) for SLSA members who do not possess but wish to acquire these skills and do not have access to sources of institutional support to do so. The grants will cover the cost of attendance at a relevant training course offered by an established provider. See, for example, the courses offered by the National Research Methods Training Centre at the University of Southampton www.ncrm.ac.uk.

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

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Socio-legal publications

If you would like details of your latest monograph, edited collection or journal special issue included in the publications section of the next newsletter, don't forget to send details to the editor, Marie Selwood at marieselwood@btinternet.com.