

# The Foundation for Law, Justice and Society

Bridging the gap between academia and policymakers

[Visit our Website](#)

## Catch Up Now! The Putney Debates 2019



On 13 and 14 March, we staged the third in our series of modern-day constitutional conventions at St Mary's Church, Putney, the home of the original debates of 1647.

Videos of the debates are now available to watch in full on our [Video channel](#).

### ***Catch Up Now!***

*Session 1: [What Is Judicial Independence and Why Is It Important?](#)*

*Session 2: [Is Judicial Independence Under Attack? If So, How — and Why?](#)*

*Session 3: [How Can We Defend Judicial Independence?](#)*

## FLJS Films: The Third Murder, introduced by Sir Tim Hitchens & BFI Asia expert Tony Rayns

On **Tuesday 7 May**, we are pleased to present master director Hirokazu Kore-eda's *The Third Murder*, a precursor to last year's Palm D'or winning film *Shoplifters*.

**Sir Tim Hitchens**, Wolfson President and former UK Ambassador to Tokyo, will introduce a pre-screening talk by **Tony Rayns**, BFI critic and expert in East Asian cinema.

Join us for this intriguing homage to Kurosawa's *Rashomon* for modern times.



**FLJS Films: *The Third Murder***  
Wolfson College, Oxford  
**7pm, 7 May 2019**

[Watch Trailer & Book Seats](#)

## Markets and Hierarchies in the Governance of Higher Education Today

On **16 May**, Professor Colin Scott of University College Dublin will assess how league tables, regulation, and international competition are reshaping higher education today.

Prof Scott will present the findings of a comparative study of the regulation of higher education, and argue that it may not be long before universities further shift the emphasis of regulation from national public to transnational private regulation.

Profs Michael Shattock, UCL, and Roger King, LSE CARR and University of Bath, will discuss.



**Presentation and Roundtable**  
Manor Rd Building, Oxford OX1 3UQ  
**1.15-3pm, 16 May 2019**

[Find out more and Register](#)

## Transnational Litigation, Big Pharma & Billion Dollar Claims

Next month, lawyer Mary Bartkus will share her firsthand experience of the international litigation of multibillion dollar claims against Big Pharma when a medication taken by millions of users worldwide is withdrawn.

She will address the impact of the withdrawal and US litigation on regulators, legislators, and on cross-border litigation across six continents.

The lecture will consider this landmark international litigation alongside the challenges companies face when investing billions of dollars to develop innovative medications, and asks:

*Who won and who lost?*



**Lecture by Mary E. Bartkus**  
Wolfson College, Oxford OX2 6UD  
**5.30pm, 11 June 2019**

[Find out more and Register](#)

## Policy Brief: Developments in Consumer ADR & Ombudsmen

In our latest policy brief, Prof Chris Hodges presents the major developments and issues in consumer dispute resolution systems in Europe from the recent Oxford conference on *Consumer ADR: Delivering Fairness and Justice for Consumers, Business and Markets*.

Prof Hodges finds considerable evolution in the alternative dispute resolution (ADR) schemes in some countries, but that more needs to be done to raise consumer awareness and confidence, and to improve coverage of ADR frameworks.

***Download:***

**[Developments and Issues in Consumer ADR and Consumer Ombudsmen in Europe](#)**

Chris Hodges, Prof of Justice Systems, Oxford



[Download the Policy Brief](#)

STAY CONNECTED

