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THE SUN SHINES FOR SLSA 2017 ON THE TYNE

Newcastle University hosted the 2017 SLSA conference from 5 to 7 April 2017. With more than 400 papers presented across 41 streams and themes and with 14 posters displayed, the over 450 colleagues who attended the conference enjoyed three days of varied discussion covering the whole range of socio-legal studies.

The theme of this year's conference was 'Visions of law'. On the one hand, this meant exploring the visual representations of law and the relationship between law and the visual. On the other, it also encompassed the myriad ways of 'seeing' law which are made possible by socio-legal studies. Our plenary panel, whose members spoke to the central conference theme, featured Thomas Giddens, Linda Mulcahy, Amanda Perry-Kessaris and Leonora Saunders. For the duration of the conference, Newcastle also hosted Leonora's Athena Project, a photography exhibition which celebrates inspirational women of the law.

Beyond the presentations, delegates also had the opportunity to visit some of Newcastle's visitor attractions, in particular, the Laing, an art gallery in the centre of Newcastle featuring numerous permanent exhibitions and, at the time of the conference, a special exhibition showcasing the illustrations of Quentin Blake. On the first day of the conference, we held a drinks reception in the main gallery space of the Great North Museum and, on the second day, the conference dinner and prize-giving took place in the beautiful art deco Great Hall of the Discovery Museum.

The SLSA was once again able to fund conference attendance for postgraduate researchers, thanks to the generosity of the *Journal of Law and Society* and *Social and Legal Studies*; and we were also able to grant several hardship bursaries to people who would not otherwise have been able to attend. A total of 19 awards were made under these two schemes.

The organising committee would like to thank all those who helped with the running of the conference, particularly those academic and support colleagues without whose help it would simply not have been possible to organise such a large, complex event. We would also like to thank our student helpers, who assisted delegates to navigate their way around the campus, and the stream and theme conveners (not to mention the presenters themselves), without whom there simply would not have been a conference. Lastly, we would like to thank the various academic publishers for their sponsorship of the conference.

We were fortunate to have three days of beautiful weather for this year's conference and would like to thank all our delegates for making the journey up (or down) to Newcastle. We are looking forward to seeing you all in Bristol for SLSA 2018.

Kevin Crosby and the Newcastle Organising Committee

Future SLSA Annual Conferences

SLSA members will be gathering at the University of Bristol from 27–29 March 2018 and at Leeds University from 3–5 April 2019. Save the dates.

ROSIE HARDING ELECTED SLSA CHAIR AT 2017 AGM

I am honoured to have been elected chair of the SLSA at this year's AGM. Having served on the Executive Committee since 2013, and as vice chair since 2015, I hope that I will be well placed to lead the association in the coming years.

Looking back at the illustrious list of names that have preceded me as chair, I know that I have a great deal to live up to in the role. I have a fantastic group of people supporting me through the current Executive Committee and I'm very grateful for everything that they all do to keep the SLSA running and to promote socio-legal studies for the benefit of our membership.

The SLSA has been a very important influence in my academic career so far. I presented my very first conference paper as a PhD student at SLSA 2005. I remember being extremely nervous, but pleasantly surprised by the supportive and encouraging questions I received from the audience. I was deeply honoured by the SLSA's support for my work when my first book, *Regulating Sexuality*, won both the Early Career Prize and the Book Prize in 2011. Serving on the Exec, and being elected vice chair and now chair, gives me the opportunity to give something back to the socio-legal community.

My own research is very firmly rooted in socio-legal studies and I'm particularly interested in the place of law in everyday life. My forthcoming monograph, *Duties to Care: Dementia, relationality and law* (Cambridge University Press 2017), explores family carers' experiences of the regulatory systems surrounding dementia care. My current empirical work focuses on the role of law in the everyday lives of people with intellectual disabilities (including learning disabilities, acquired brain injury and dementia). As this newsletter goes to press, I should be coming to the end of my fieldwork on that project, which has included interviews with people with disabilities and professional care and support workers. I think that discovering how law shapes the everyday lives of vulnerable people and groups is a vital part of understanding how regulation is working. For me, law happens at the level of the everyday just as much as it does in the lofty chambers of Parliament and the courts. The SLSA has provided me with an inspiring intellectual community in which to base my work, test out ideas and bring them to fruition.

The SLSA aims 'to provide our members with the means to advance education and learning and especially research and the dissemination of knowledge in socio-legal studies'. We do this through our small grants, fieldwork grants, research training and mentoring grants, annual seminar funding competitions, our Annual Conference and numerous other activities. If you have ideas about other ways that the SLSA can advance our aims, then please get in touch with your nearest SLSA Executive Committee member who will be able to bring your ideas and suggestions to our regular meetings. In the meantime, I look forward to leading the SLSA and serving the needs of the membership.

Rosie Harding, May 2017

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SLSA PRIZES

The winners of the following SLSA prizes were announced at the SLSA's annual dinner on **6 April 2017** at the Discovery Museum during our Newcastle conference.

Hart Socio-Legal Book Prize

Lizzie Barmes (Queen Mary University of London) (2016) *Bullying and Behavioural Conflict at Work: The duality of individual rights*, Oxford University Press

Socio-Legal Theory and History Prize

Emily Grabham (Kent University) (2016) *Brewing Legal Times: Things, form, and the enactment of law*, Toronto University Press

Hart Prize for Early Career Academics

Westwood, Sue (Keele University) (2016) *Ageing, Gender and Sexuality: Equality in later life*, Routledge

Socio-Legal Article Prize

Carr, Helen (Kent University) (2015) 'Legal technology in an age of austerity: documentation, "functional" incontinence and the problem of dignity' in Dave Cowan and Dan Wincott (eds), *Exploring the Legal in Socio-Legal Studies*, Palgrave

Poster competition

Jed Meers (University of York) 'Shifting the place of social security: welfare reform and social rights in the UK'

ANNUAL PRIZE FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SOCIO-LEGAL COMMUNITY: CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

This prize was launched in 2011 and in its first six years has been awarded to Mavis Maclean, Phil Thomas, Roger Cotterrell, Sally Wheeler, Martin Partington and Linda Mulcahy. The winner receives £500 and lifetime membership of the association. SLSA members are invited to submit nominations for this year's prize. There are no specific criteria. Nominators should simply state in 100 words why the person they are nominating would be a worthy recipient of the prize. The prize is funded by a private sponsor.

Visit the website to find out why the six previous winners were chosen www.slsa.ac.uk/index.php/prizes-grants-and-seminars/prizewinners.

Nominations should be sent by email to admin@slsa.ac.uk. Closing date: **Monday 4 September 2017**.

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SLSA EXEC NEWS

At the SLSA AGM in Newcastle in April, a number of new members joined the Executive Committee. These are John Harrington (Cardiff University), Ed Kirton-Darling (Kent University), Colin Moore (Kent University), Vanessa Munro (Warwick University) and Ilke Turkmendag (Newcastle University).

Lydia Hayes has stepped down after a number of years serving as *JLS* representative. The Exec would also like to thank her for her work as recruitment secretary during that time.

At the May Executive Committee meeting, Jen Hendry (Leeds University) was elected vice chair of the association and will be working closely with the SLSA's new chair Rosie Harding.

The next meeting of the Exec will be on **20 September 2017**. If you would like an item included on the agenda for that meeting, please contact SLSA secretary Neil Graffin [e neil.graffin@open.ac.uk](mailto:neil.graffin@open.ac.uk).

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Membership fees are due on **1 July 2017**. The annual full membership fee is £40 (student rate £20). Members are requested to renew their subscriptions by standing order (please make sure that it is for the correct amount) or via bank transfer to the SLSA account.

- **bank:** Co-operative Bank
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Alternatively, you can send a cheque made out to the 'Socio-Legal Studies Association' to SLSA Treasurer, Mark O'Brien, School of Law, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Oxford Brookes University, Headington Hill Hall, Oxford OX3 0BP.

SLSA Blog

The SLSA blog went live in summer 2016 and has proved a great success, attracting regular posts and a steady stream of visitors. The blogeditors welcome contributions. If you have an idea for a short article (maximum 1000 words) on 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).

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SLSA BOOK AND ARTICLE PRIZES 2017

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 **2 October 2017**. Publications published in the 12 months up to **30 September 2017** 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. Short lists will be published in the spring issue of the newsletter and winners will be announced at next year's conference dinner in Bristol. Full details can be found on the SLSA website www.slsa.ac.uk and follow the prizes links. If you have a query about any of the prizes, please contact [e admin@slsa.ac.uk](mailto:admin@slsa.ac.uk).

2017 SEMINAR COMPETITION WINNERS

We are delighted to announce the winners of the 2017 Seminar Competition. Many congratulations to:

- Sophie Boyron, University of Birmingham, 'Law, Translation and Migration: An enlightening relationship', **21 September 2017**.
- Yvonne McDermott Rees and Hayley Roberts, Bangor University, 'Devolved Nations and International Law', **16 June 2017**.
- Nick Piska and Hayley Gibson, University of Kent, 'Power, Property and the Law of Trusts Revisited: Roger Cotterrell's contribution to critical trusts scholarship', **25–26 October 2017**.
- Philippa Tomczak, University of Sheffield, 'The Voluntary Sector in Criminal Justice: A seminar to set the research agenda', **5–6 June 2017**.

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 (eg 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.

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

SLSA GRANT SCHEMES

Applications are now open for the next round of Research Grants and PhD Fieldwork Grants.

The Research Grants Scheme has been running since 1999 and to date has funded 105 socio-legal research projects. The scheme aims to support work for which other funding sources would not be appropriate and to encourage socio-legal research initiatives in a practical way.

Research grants

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 2017**. Individual awards are up to a maximum of £3000. Decisions will be made no later than **31 January 2018**. The Research Grants Subcommittee takes the following elements into consideration:

- clarity of the aim(s) and objective(s) of the research – originality, innovativeness and importance of the research; methodology (including coherence with aim(s) and objective(s), practicability and, if applicable ethical considerations); budget; and potential impact;
- funding will not normally be provided for conference attendance or to subsidise postgraduate course fees;
- funding will not be provided via this scheme for one-day conferences or for seminar series;
- feedback will be given to unsuccessful applicants;
- no member will receive more than one grant per year;
- Executive Committee members are not eligible for the scheme.

PhD Fieldwork Grants

In January 2013, in response to the number of applications from postgraduates, the SLSA Executive created a PhD fieldwork scholarship, with separate selection criteria, under the general umbrella of the grants scheme. The scheme's aim in both cases is to support work for which other funding sources are not available and to encourage socio-legal research initiatives in a practical way.

Applications are invited for the fieldwork scheme for the year 2017. Applications to the scheme are considered only from those who are fully paid-up members (or registered as free student members) of the SLSA, wherever they live. Funding will only be made available to students who have completed their first year of study by the time the grant is to be taken up and who are not in receipt of ESRC or AHRC funding. Applications must be made using the PhD Fieldwork Application Package available on the SLSA website where you will also find examples of previous awards made under the general grant scheme. Closing date: **31 October 2017**.

If you have any queries about this scheme, please contact [e admin@slsa.ac.uk](mailto:admin@slsa.ac.uk).

Further information

For more information and to help you decide whether your project is appropriate for an SLSA grant, visit the SLSA website where there is a full list of previous grantholders.

On the opposite page, Jessica Guth, chair of the Grants Subcommittee, offers advice on the application process and project titles and an instructive article on grant applications and, on page 6, are summaries from the two projects being funded in the latest round of grant awards, plus Stephanie Chaban's report on the results of her project funded with a PhD Fieldwork Grant.

Go to www.slsa.ac.uk/index.php/small-grants.

SLSA GRANT APPLICATIONS: SOME DO'S AND DON'TS

Jessica Guth, chair of the SLSA Grants Subcommittee, provides advice on putting together an effective application.

Putting together a good grant application takes time, effort and head space, so make sure you give yourself plenty of opportunity to think through your project, discuss it with colleagues and peers and that you follow the guidelines and information given in the documentation.

This short piece has been written with the SLSA grant schemes in mind – offering up to £3000 for Research Grants and PhD Fieldwork Grants – however, much of what I outline below is also true for other grant schemes. Please read carefully the guidance which comes as part of the Application Package on our website as I don't intend to go over the same ground here. You might also want to look at Dermot Feenan's 'Do's and don'ts' published in the spring 2012 edition of the newsletter for additional advice (available here www.slsa.ac.uk/index.php/prizes-grants-and-seminars/small-grants).

First, make sure that your project actually fits within the remit and the scope of the grants scheme. As the SLSA, we fund a wide variety of socio-legal projects – before you apply it may be worth having a look at the grant reports in back issues of the newsletter to get a sense of the sort of work we support.

While it doesn't happen often, we do occasionally receive applications for purely doctrinal work and, even where these projects look interesting, they fall outside the scope of the scheme. Equally, make sure that the project is a research project and doesn't fall within the remit of the seminar prize or research training fund and that it is feasible within the amount of money on offer. In other words, do your background work and make sure you match up the project with an appropriate funding source.

Once you have decided that your project is a good fit with the scheme, let's think about some basics.

- Fill in the form – all of it. If a section doesn't apply to you, say so. Remember that most sections will apply to most people, so maybe it requires something you just haven't thought about yet. If in doubt, talk to colleagues and/or seek advice from the Grants Subcommittee.
- Check, double check and triple check your contact details – we can't get in touch with you if your details are incorrect (yes, this does happen).
- Stick to the word limit or page limit given for the application. We set these to ensure a fair process in which everyone has the same opportunity to provide information.
- Follow the instructions: all of them and to the letter. Instructions are there for a reason and make the administration of the grants process much easier all round which means we can get to decisions more quickly.

In terms of the substance of your application, remember that the Grants Subcommittee considering the application doesn't know you or your work. We are not even likely to be specialists in your field, so you need to be really clear in your writing and in outlining what your project is about, what it is hoping to achieve, how it will achieve that and what resources you need to make it happen. Spend time on these sections, ask colleagues to sense-check your work and focus on clarity.

Title

Make sure that your title is engaging, but also tells us what your work is about.

Aims and objectives

It is surprising how often this section is weak. You just need to set out in a few sentences what it is you hope to achieve with this project. For a Fieldwork Grant, tell us what it adds to your overall PhD project and why you think that's important. Good applications are generally short here and very specific in setting out an overall aim, plus three to four objectives. In addition, be realistic. You can only do so much with a £3000 grant! Weaker applications tend to use this as a general background section, or promise the world.

Originality/innovation/importance

This section is also often rather weak. This is your opportunity to show how your project would add to research in the area and as such you must refer to existing literature and state clearly how your project adds to it. In other words, justify your project. Why is it worth doing? What will we know when you're done that we don't know now? Why is it important that this work is done? You don't need to write *War and Peace* here – just show us that you understand how your research fits into the wider context and why it's important.

Methodology/methods

The best applications summarise their general approach to the research in one or two sentences and then set out in some detail how they will carry out their research. It's not enough to say, for example, that you plan to conduct some interviews. We need to know why you are using interviews, what sort of interviews, whom you will interview, how you will find and select your interviewees, how you will collect the data and how you will use it. Justify your approach and explain what you are planning to do and why in as much detail as you can. Weak applications tend to have very short methods sections which just say that a socio-legal approach will be taken and some semi-structured interviews will be carried out.

This is also the section in which you should cover any ethical issues arising from your research and how you will deal with them. You can find further guidance in the SLSA ethics statement on the website www.slsa.ac.uk/index.php/ethics-statement.

Budget

Good applications are fully costed. Don't guess. Also think about what it is reasonable for us to fund. Justify why you need money for particular items. Link back to your methods here if that helps clarify a particular point. If you have made the case for face-to-face interviews rather than telephone ones, then asking for funding for travel is reasonable. Make sure that it is clear why you are including items and give as much detail as possible. We understand that some things are best guesses, but we need to see that you have fully thought through your project and checked costs wherever possible.

Impact

We don't want to fund research that nobody is ever going to hear about. Please explain what impact your research will have and how you can ensure that it reaches as wide an audience as possible. Tell us where you might present or publish your work. We want to know both about traditional academic dissemination and other less traditional methods, such as blogs. Be specific. Poor applications often just say that the results will be published in an academic journal. Good applications list specific conferences and/or journals to be targeted. If your project is a pilot project, tell us how you will secure future funding to develop it.

Most importantly – believe in your project and convince us that we should too! Good Luck.

Reconsidering family law's understandings of money in modern-day relationships

Charlotte Bendall, Essex University, £2320

Money has served as an important 'cultural symbol' of 'power, control' and, conversely, 'dependency' in families. I have been awarded a grant to examine the extent to which money is shared, pooled and, indeed, individualised in intimate relationships. The idea behind the project originated from my doctoral research, which indicated that there has been a desire amongst same-sex couples to keep at least some of their finances separate from their partner's. This led me to critique the existing system of financial relief, where the redistributive rules that have emerged from the 'big money' case law (based around money-sharing) may not necessarily seem compatible with the experiences of lesbian and gay couples. That said, my research also revealed a lack of data around how present-day couples arrange, and think about, their finances more widely, and especially the extent to which it is treated as joint or, alternatively, separate.

My new project will use semi-structured interviews with people both in formalised and in cohabiting relationships to explore (i) the ways in which couples are physically holding their money, as well as (ii) the partners' perceptions of that money. It seeks to do so in order to enable a comparison with the courts' approach to financial relief and to challenge the assumptions around interdependency and vulnerability that are being made. This is vital at a point when dual-earning couples, rather than single-earning couples, have become the norm. The interviews are intended to establish the issues to be addressed in a later larger-scale questionnaire exploring couple finances. An extensive study such as this will help to build knowledge in the field. It is essential that we attain a level of generalisability and understanding about how financial practices are operating 'on the ground' before we are able to consider whether they 'fit' with twenty-first-century family law. My research aims to reframe the way in which the law looks at relationships through ensuring that it is grounded in people's experiences.

Indigeneity, law and terrain: the Bedouin citizens of Israel

Emma Nyhan, European University Institute, £1580

It was July 2005 when an Israeli grassroots NGO, which included a female Bedouin delegate, went to Geneva and submitted a formal request for indigenous recognition at the UN. This isolated event illustrates how the Bedouin citizens of Israel – principally 90,000 people from 45 unrecognised villages in the Negev/Naqab desert – have attempted to redefine themselves as indigenous peoples according to the UN working definition of indigenous peoples. In light of this phenomenon, this study explores the ways in which the international concept and category of indigenous peoples is made active and effective in the Israeli/Bedouin setting.

To make sense of the global knowledge production of indigeneity in the context of the Bedouin in southern Israel, my research pursues a law and society agenda and employs legal and anthropological methods. Two unrecognised Bedouin villages, whose residents have taken up indigeneity and have become increasingly adept at utilising it, particularly in their land struggle with the state of Israel, make up the main ethnographic site. These case studies serve to illuminate how the internationally created concept and category of indigenous peoples moves from the international realm to the domestic realm, where it is re-made in a local vernacular. They also serve to introduce the key players, or in Sally Engle Merry's words 'the rights translators', who are involved in the appropriation and translation of the UN working definition through their NGO, UN and academic activities. Those who counter its appropriation and translation are also key informants.

As such, my research contributes to the literature on Bedouin-Israel relations. But it also contributes to a wider scholarship in which the local and global discourse and understanding of internationally defined status and rights produce tensions, hybridities, frictions and new subjectivities and new legal and political dynamics at the local, national and international level.

Women's organisations, international norms and the emergence of domestic violence legislation in the Middle East and North Africa: an examination of activism in Egypt and Lebanon

Stephanie Chaban, Ulster University, £1917

While there has been a general feminist unease with law's (in)ability to intervene in violent situations in the private sphere, some scholars argue that law not only makes public what occurs in the private, but may also shift gender norms. For the most part, states in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region, while eagerly adopting international legal frameworks, have been slow in their efforts to adopt gender-sensitive or women-specific domestic violence legislation.

Employing qualitative research methods, my research examines how women's organisations accept, reject or reinterpret international norms and frameworks in the criminalisation of domestic violence in the MENA region. The research also examines the role that transnational or regional women's networks play in the activism of women's organisations in Egypt and Lebanon, and the MENA region more broadly. Data was gathered through six months of fieldwork in Egypt and Lebanon (three months at each site), in

addition to a review of feminist literature, policy documents and legislation. The SLSA Fieldwork Grant supported fieldwork in Beirut, Lebanon, where I interviewed various representatives of women's rights organisations, academics, UN representatives, international donors and government representatives. While in Beirut, I was based at the Institute for Women's Studies in the Arab World at the Lebanese American University where I assisted in editing the feminist journal, *Al-Raida*.

My thesis argues that women's organisations that are responsible for domestic violence laws in Egypt and Lebanon engage with international norms and frameworks when creating such legislation. This is done in different ways. While each law makes specific reference to international frameworks, each country engages with international norms concerning violence against women and domestic violence in direct and indirect ways. In Lebanon, this means outwardly defying social, religious and political norms and steadfastly engaging with international frameworks and discourse. In Egypt, this involves engaging with international norms coupled with a partial vernacularisation of local practices. Both case studies reveal that the history of domestic violence legal activism in the region is not a new phenomenon; in fact, such activism is decades old and runs parallel with international efforts. It is highly contextual, yet is also influenced by international and regional factors.

Criminal justice research network

The criminal justice voluntary sector and the relationships between crime, punishment and charity are more topical than ever before. Charities have a long history of involvement in criminal justice, but countries around the world have restructured social welfare services in recent decades, moving away from unified public services and towards quasi-markets. Voluntary organisations and private companies have been heavily implicated in this restructuring, being prominent in policy reforms in, for example, Australia, England and the USA. These reforms have created important new models of service delivery (e.g. payment by results) and governance which are ill understood. Moreover, surprisingly little is known about the criminal justice voluntary sector which remains a descriptive rather than theoretically rigorous concept. There is a clear need to develop research infrastructure to enable the sustained multidisciplinary, cross-sectoral engagement required to address this gap in scholarship.

In response to this, Dr Philippa Tomczak (Leverhulme Trust Early Career Research Fellow, University of Sheffield Centre for Criminological Research) has launched a new international, multidisciplinary voluntary sector in criminal justice research network for academics, practitioners and policymakers. This follows her publication of the first monograph on *The Penal Voluntary Sector* (Routledge 2017) (see page 12 for further details).

The network is championed by Professor Sir Anthony Bottoms (universities of Cambridge and Sheffield) and Professor Joanna Shapland (University of Sheffield) and has been made possible by generous funding from the British Academy (Rising Star Engagement Award), the Socio-Legal Studies Association (Seminar Competition) and contributions from the University of Sheffield Centre for Law in Society and Centre for Criminological Research.

The network was launched through an engagement event on **5 June 2017** in Sheffield and another will take place in January 2018 at the British Academy, London. Network members are also presenting four thematic panels on the penal voluntary sector at the American Society of Criminology annual conference in November 2017, in Philadelphia, USA. The outputs from this unique collective will advance international theoretical and empirical research agendas. The network is UK-oriented yet globally relevant and will have international applicability and engagement as a guiding principle. The network will be developed and sustained through an invited steering group of promising early career researchers. Involving early career researchers will both provide energy and capacity for sustainable ongoing work and enhance the skills and capabilities of a new generation of academics.

Network aims are to explore the 'what, how and for whom' of criminal justice voluntary sector research in relation to academics, practitioners and policymakers. Specifically, its aims are: i) to establish the 'state of the art' in criminal justice voluntary sector research, identifying needs and gaps in research capacity; ii) to assess the range and adequacy of theoretical and methodological tools used in criminal justice voluntary sector research and the ethics of such research; iii) to explore how the answers to these questions differ between interest groups and consider how we can usefully collaborate for synergistic benefit; iv) to consider voluntary sector governance, regulation and safeguarding in commissioning, contractual and informal service delivery relationships with statutory agencies; and v) to assess the effects of contractual provisions in shaping voluntary organisations' activities.

Those interested in joining the network should email e.p.j.tomczak@sheffield.ac.uk.

Philippa Tomczak

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Following the ground-breaking verdict that the 96 men, women and children who lost their lives at Hillsborough on 15 April 1989 had been unlawfully killed, that corporate and public bodies were responsible – particularly deficiencies in policing – and that the fans were exonerated of any responsibility, a new edition of PROFESSOR PHIL SCRATON's much-acclaimed book *Hillsborough: The Truth* was published (2016, Mainstream Publishing £9.99, 496pp). Dan Gordon's film, *Hillsborough*, for which Phil was factual consultant and contributor, was finally screened in May 2016 with a new ending. Short-listed for an EMMY, it has won the 2017 Broadcasters and Writers Best Factual Documentary and, in May 2017, a BAFTA.

Phil has been awarded the Freedom of the City of Liverpool, the Political Studies Association's Campaigner of the Year and an Hon Doctor of Laws by Liverpool University, his *alma mater*. He publicly refused an OBE in the New Year's Honours List stating that his long-term commitment to researching Hillsborough, and working with the bereaved and survivors, was part of his job as a critical researcher. He also made clear his opposition to national recognition being tied to the monarchy.

Recently, he became Professor Emeritus at Queen's University Belfast to enable him to focus full-time on his research. On a lighter note, he will be a guest on *Desert Island Discs* later this year.

Access to justice for vulnerable and energy-poor consumers in the European energy market

Chris Gill and Naomi Creutzfeldt have secured funding from the ESRC to spend three years investigating access to justice for vulnerable and energy-poor consumers in the European energy market. The project aims to better understand how vulnerable and energy-poor consumers access justice. The project therefore starts by asking if alternative dispute resolution (ADR) is providing more accessible justice. Specifically, it examines whether ADR provides access to justice for vulnerable consumers in the European energy market.

Consumer disputes are frequently subject to ADR: in 2008, 530,000 cases were referred to ADR in Europe. And yet, only 43 per cent of consumers report that ADR is easy to use. In this context, some have questioned whether ADR is meeting consumer needs. At the same time, debate about access to justice has shifted from a focus on demographic groups (e.g. the poor) to a broader focus on vulnerability. This more challenging concept is the focus of this research.

Why the energy sector? Energy consumers are particularly prone to detriment, with 8.9 million problems experienced in the UK in 2015. The consequences of detriment are severe, with 10.8 per cent of the EU's population living in fuel poverty. Energy consumers are particularly at risk of vulnerability and policymakers are seeking to tackle this through the provision of ADR. This sector is, thus, an important site at which access to justice, ADR and vulnerability intersect.

The research will use mixed methods and investigate six European countries with significant national variations in policy and practice. This design has been developed in partnership with the National Energy Ombudsman Network, which has guaranteed access for research. If successful, the ultimate outcome of the research will be an enhancement in access to justice for vulnerable consumers in the energy market and beyond.

All of us will be vulnerable at some stage in our lives and all of us are likely to encounter problems that require redress. Our research will, therefore, have an impact upon the public, as well as specialist audiences such as ADR bodies, policymakers, regulators, consumer advisers and energy providers.

The project website will go live in September 2017: www.esrcjustenergy.wordpress.com.

Chris Gill and Naomi Creutzfeldt

Financial abuse of the elderly: should legal safeguards be enhanced?

A reminder that elder abuse is a worldwide problem is the UN World Elder Abuse Awareness Day which took place on 15 June 2017. A particularly difficult type of such abuse is the financial exploitation of elderly victims.

One of the more recent definitions of financial abuse appears in section 42(3) of the Care Act 2014 which defines it as having money or other property stolen, being defrauded, being put under pressure in relation to money or other property, and having money or other property misused. It is said that for every case reported to the authorities, be they the police or local authorities, many cases are unreported. Professional advisers, social workers, bank and care home staff, all have a role to play in safeguarding clients, customers and care users.

As a lawyer I advise clients to execute lasting powers of attorney (LPAs) or, if mental capacity has been lost, to have a trusted family member apply to the Court of Protection to be the deputy. One of the many concerns over the last 5 to 10 years has been the increasing prevalence of interfamilial abusive relationships. I have experienced bullying sons and daughters using emotional ties to bind an elderly parent into a closed circle of dependency and social isolation. Seeing at first-hand how families can be torn apart by the endeavours of one family member concerned me and I began to explore in greater detail the law's treatment of financial abuse of elderly clients. The objective behind my book (*Financial Abuse of Older Clients: Law, practice and prevention*, Bloomsbury Professional 2017: see page 12 for further details) was to add to the debate, encourage more research and raise awareness of the under-reported abuse. Governments quite rightly concentrate much of their energy on children's and young person's issues, but with a growing elderly population, longer life expectancy and increased instances of dementia where sufferers' illnesses last for many years, the elderly need a voice and protection from this hidden epidemic.

Another concern highlighted by my book is the quest for digitisation of government services including the public's interaction with the Office of the Public Guardian. To take one instance by way of an example: in order to create an LPA you can go online and, having created an account, you can download the forms, complete them, print them off and arrange for signing. When LPAs were first introduced certain safeguards were in place to protect the donor of an LPA. These included: compulsory notification to a third party that the LPA was being registered; all certificate providers had to state their qualification to provide the necessary certificate that (amongst other things) the donor understood the LPA; and notes on the face of the form that the donor and attorneys should not be in the same room when the certificate provider is checking the donor's understanding of the LPA and is signing. These small but significant safeguards have been brushed aside and, needless to say, the first cases involving online LPAs have now appeared in the Court of Protection showing the ease with which the process can be abused (see *Public Guardian v Marvin* [2014] EWCOP 47 and *JL (Revocation of Lasting Power of Attorney)* [2014] EWCOP).

Research has shown that there is under-reporting of financial abuse. One researcher estimated that for every known US case of financial exploitation, 24 went unreported. A faltering economy has only compounded the problem as more adult children move back in with their parents and victimise them. Yet many older adults are unaware that financial exploitation has occurred. Other people are reluctant to report because they are embarrassed or lack understanding of protective and legal measures.

Studies in Northern Ireland recently show how research can demonstrate the depth of the problem. Northern Ireland established a Commissioner for Older People in Northern Ireland by the Commissioner for Older People (Northern Ireland) Act 2011. The commissioner launched research, in September 2016, that revealed that 21 per cent of older people in Northern Ireland were likely to be experiencing some form of financial abuse. The research report 'Financial Abuse of Older People in Northern Ireland: The Unsettling Truth' surveyed 1000 older people across Northern Ireland in relation to financial abuse. They were asked 29 direct questions in relation to their personal finances, money-management and decision-making in the previous 12 months. The survey (carried out by Perceptive Insight) showed clear evidence that some respondents had experienced a range of different types of financial abuse. The survey sample was representative of Northern Ireland's older population and indicates that over 75,000 older people are experiencing some form of financial abuse.

The chapter in my book on rights of entry to the home shows how other parts of the UK have moved forward and embraced new rules. The Westminster Parliament missed an opportunity, supported by many, to add new powers in the Care Act 2014. This would have brought rights of entry into the twenty-first century and filled the void left by the repeal of section 47 of the National Assistance Act 1948. The Scottish Parliament, for example, in section 14 of the Adult Support and Protection (Scotland) Act 2007, provided a power of removal. This permits a council to apply to a sheriff for a removal order which, if granted, allows the council to remove the adult at risk to a specified place. The purpose is to assess the adult's situation and to support and protect them.

The final call in my book is for a new government post of Minister for the Elderly, bringing together and coordinating legislative oversight, reporting requirements and social care provisions. This is as much a healthcare issue as it is one of policing. A permanent oversight committee of the House of Commons for the elderly could signal a sea change in central government's approach to this issue. The debate about the funding of social care in the 2017 general election shows how the issue resonates with the public. The real fear is that the artificial limit of £100,000 cap on care assistance being mooted by the Conservatives will add to instances of financial abuse. With its introduction, perpetrators will find an added motive to divest elderly relatives of their property and savings. A coordinated approach between the different agencies could begin to collect data, take preventive measures and alert the public about the problem.

Ann Stanyer, Partner in Wedlake Bell LLP

NCRM International Visitor Exchange Scheme

The National Centre for Research Methods (NCRM) is inviting applications for the third round of its International Visitor Exchange Scheme (IVES). IVES is aimed at enabling UK social scientists to engage with methods development internationally, in order to stimulate debate and develop ideas (with associated outputs) in relation to methodological innovation in the social sciences. The scheme provides for incoming and outgoing visiting scholar awards. The incoming visiting scholar awards are for noted overseas experts working at the forefront of key methodological areas to visit a UK centre of methodological excellence in the social sciences. The outgoing visiting scholar awards will enable early and mid-career researchers from the UK in the social sciences to visit a centre of methodological excellence outside the UK. This year, the NCRM expects to make approximately five awards of up to £5000 each.

Closing date: **30 June 2017**. Please see website for details: www.ncrm.ac.uk/research/IVES.

Perceptions of wellbeing in law teachers

This University of Portsmouth study explores how law teachers' wellbeing is affected by their work environment.

Rationale and aims of the project

The research question was: what is the perception of law teachers in higher education of their own psychological wellbeing and that of their students?

There were three main objectives: first, to detail how law teachers understand psychological wellbeing; second, to explore how they experience and maintain their own wellbeing; third, and finally, to explore how they may seek to maintain the psychological wellbeing of their students.

Research in Australia and America has shown that law students' wellbeing significantly decreased during their undergraduate degree. Little research to date has explored the expectations of academic staff in dealing with stressed students. Second, implicit in such research is the assumption that academic staff have a role to play in the maintenance of psychological wellbeing in their students. However, substantially less attention has been paid to the wellbeing of those staff. Much of the research has been conducted outside of the UK. Higher Education in the UK has undergone a radical transformation in the past decade, thus, it may be particularly timely to explore how well academic staff are managing their psychological wellbeing.

Research suggests that we flourish in our work (and lives in general) if certain conditions of self-determination and self-motivation are met. A detailed understanding of how academics manage their wellbeing will allow research to develop effective strategies for the management of psychological wellbeing in this group and to facilitate effective strategies for our students.

Methodology, problems or difficulties faced and response to them

Internal funding from Portsmouth Business School allowed us to conduct 24 face-to-face interviews with law teachers across England and Wales during the summer of 2014. As a result of the Legal Education Research Network (LERN) funding, a focus group was held with law teachers in January 2015 and then this data informed the online UK Law Teacher Survey conducted in the early summer of 2015. The survey included four psychometric scales (i.e. Ryff's wellbeing scale; Depression, Anxiety and Stress Scale-DASS-21; the Adult Hope Scale and the Valuing Questionnaire). There were also a number of open-ended questions about staff wellbeing and student wellbeing, as well as questions about use of drink and drugs.

Of the 185 participants who completed the survey, 125 (68%) were female and 59 (32%) were male; 149 (80%) were full-time and 36 (20%) were part-time. The mean age was 46 (standard deviation = 10 years and an age range of 26–69 years). On average, teachers taught 255 hours per academic year (although there was a huge variation, as some taught mainly tutorials and others taught multiple units with large 200+ classes).

The method of surveying initial attitudes and thoughts on wellbeing was productive and yielded a number of interesting results, but some of the psychometric scales were perceived by participants to be unduly negative. However, as wellbeing is partly defined in relation to the lack of wellbeing, it was felt these questions were an essential part of the picture. Full analyses of all of the responses are ongoing. The 2017 survey is shorter and we hope to have greater engagement.* Furthermore we have collaborators in Australia who are running a similar survey and we hope the analysis of this rich data will provide a focus for development of support for academic and student wellbeing.

Conclusions

There were a number of concluding points from the 2015 survey including the following.

Perhaps not surprisingly, stress was more commonly associated with work, whereas wellbeing was more often associated with family and friends. Indeed, there was also concern expressed about balancing work. Many felt that there was barely time to think. With expectations around 24/7 emails, REF goals and management expecting staff to 'go the extra mile', many are left feeling exploited with little control over their day. Future research might attempt to rebalance work more and allow greater wellbeing to be centred on work.

There was very little of mention of peer support (e.g. friendship) that might help at work. That may be due to performance/competition or it maybe that it just wasn't considered by the present sample.

Regarding student wellbeing, the top need made apparent was for clear sources of help with mental health issues and financial issues when dealing with students. Future research might greatly benefit the working lives of teachers by constructing, distributing and evaluating such resources.

If you are interested in joining the UK Wellness for Law network, please contact [e caroline.strevens@port.ac.uk](mailto:caroline.strevens@port.ac.uk)

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* See [w www.slsa.ac.uk/index.php/news#June16_17](http://www.slsa.ac.uk/index.php/news#June16_17). Closing date: 29 June 2017.

Health law outside the EU

The project 'Health Law Outside the EU: Immediate, Intermediate and Long-term Impacts Explores' the impact of leaving the EU on health law in the UK and the devolved jurisdictions. The project will run for 18 months from May 2017–November 2018 and is part of the ESRC 'UK in a Changing Europe' initiative. The project is led by Jean McHale, Centre for Health Law Science and Policy, Birmingham Law School (principal investigator), Tamara Hervey (Sheffield Law School) and Mark Flear (QUB Law School) (co-investigators).

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Shifting sands? Consent, context and vulnerability in contemporary sexual offences policy in England and Wales – Vanessa E Munro

How rape myths are used and challenged in rape and sexual assault trials – Olivia Smith and Tina Skinner

'No malicious incidents': The concern for stability in China's divorce law practice – Xin He

Discipline, educate and punish: law, discourse and praxis in a Portuguese youth detention centre – Peter Anton Zoettl

Criminalizing vulnerability: protecting 'vulnerable' children and punishing 'wicked' mothers – Sarah Singh

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 [w www.slsa.ac.uk/index.php/prizes-grants-and-seminars/mentoring](http://www.slsa.ac.uk/index.php/prizes-grants-and-seminars/mentoring).

Enquiries about this scheme should be directed to [e admin@slsa.ac.uk](mailto:admin@slsa.ac.uk).

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

Second GCRF Collective Fund call will be launched in late summer 2017

RCUK have announced that a second Global Challenges Research Fund (GCRF) Collective Fund call will be launched in late summer 2017. This call will establish a cohort of large-scale Global Challenges Interdisciplinary Research Hubs which will be expected to deliver integrated and innovative international research programmes meeting the aims of Official Development Assistance. These flagship GCRF investments will bring together UK researchers and researchers from Development Assistance Committee list countries to work in collaboration to more effectively understand and address key development challenges both across and between the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

The purpose of this pre-announcement is to allow potential applicants to begin the process of identifying appropriate collaborators and project partners with a view to assembling interdisciplinary teams. A full call document will be released in due course outlining further details and how to apply.

See website for further details: www.rcuk.ac.uk/funding/eligibilityforrcs.

Wellbeing, law and society

Richard Collier, of Newcastle University, has been awarded a 2017 Leverhulme Trust Research Fellowship for the project 'Wellbeing, law and society: politics, policy and practice' (1/9/17-31/8/18). Richard is a member of the Legal Professions Wellbeing Taskforce, a cross-profession taskforce that was set up recently to promote and support good mental health and wellbeing across the legal community.

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Leverhulme fellowships and studentships

Offering up to £50,000 over 3 to 24 months for researchers to conduct a programme of research in any discipline, Leverhulme Trust Research Fellowships are open to experienced researchers, particularly those prevented by routine duties from completing original research. The awards provide research expenses over and above normal living costs and/or a contribution towards replacement costs or loss of earnings. The next round will open in early September 2017 with a closing date in November.

The trust also provides Study Abroad Studentships. The next round for these will also open in September with a January closing date. See website for details: www.leverhulme.ac.uk.

Howard League for Penal Reform: John Sunley Prize

The Howard League is seeking to reward and encourage Masters students who generate outstanding research dissertations that are topical, original and offer genuine new insights into the penal system and further the cause of penal reform. Each year thousands of exceptional dissertations are researched and written, but few are even lodged in university libraries or shared with the wider penal affairs community. Many will be of publishable standard and would contribute to the pool of knowledge about penal issues.

The John Sunley Prize has been established to ensure that the best of these now get the recognition they deserve. There will be three recipients of the prize, each of whom will receive £1000. The winning dissertations will be published on the Howard League's website. The deadline is **24 July 2017**. See website for details: <http://howardleague.org/research/the-john-sunley-prize>.

Report demonstrates the role of EU research funding on UK disciplines

A new report from the Technopolis Group commissioned by the UK's four national academies – the British Academy, the Academy of Medical Sciences, the Royal Academy of Engineering and the Royal Society – demonstrates the role of EU research funding on UK disciplines.

Technopolis analysed the latest figures available from the Higher Education Statistics Authority (from 2014/2015) and found that all academic disciplines received some funding from EU government bodies. The report ranked them by the proportion of their total research funding derived from these sources. Archaeology tops the list, receiving 38 per cent of its funding from EU government bodies, followed by classics (33%) and IT (30%). Law is fifth in the list receiving 26 per cent of its funding from the EU.

The full report is available to download on the British Academy website: www.britac.ac.uk/news/report-lists-uk-disciplines-and-universities-most-dependent-eu-research-funding.

The Academy of Social Sciences has published a response to the report on its website: www.acss.org.uk/news/responsetotechnopolisreport.

Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust

Under its 'Rights and Justice' funding stream, the Joseph Rowntree Charitable Trust (JRCT) is concerned that the rights of vulnerable and marginalised communities in the UK are being eroded, particularly black and minority ethnic communities, migrants and refugees. The funding priorities in this stream are: protection and promotion of equality and human rights and their enforcement in the UK; promoting rights and justice for minorities who face the most severe forms of racism; and promotion of rights and justice for refugees and other migrants by identifying and tackling root causes, structures and systems that may deny them their rights. The closing date for the current round is **21 August 2017**. Please see website for details: www.jrct.org.uk/rights-and-justice.

Its sister scheme, 'Peace and Security' is aimed at examining aspects of the dominant approaches to defence and security in the UK. The JRCT wishes to prioritise support for work on the following issues: challenging militarism; scrutiny of counter-terrorism measures in the context of human rights and peacebuilding; and building support for alternative approaches to defence and security. The closing date for applications is **4 September 2017**. The details are available on the website at: www.jrct.org.uk/peace-and-security.

Grants for these and the other JRCT funding priorities range from a few hundred pounds to £100,000-plus.

UK Data Service impact fellowships: open for applications

This scheme is open to post-doctoral researchers or PhD students based in UK universities who use UK Data Service data in their research, with a focus on impact. Five awards are available, up to a value of £2000 per fellow, and the programme will run over two years from September 2017.

Fellows can use their award to cover the cost of impactful public engagement activities, such as holding focus groups, international conference costs, or the cost of an article processing charge for a publication. Closing date: **15 August 2017**. See website for details: <https://impact.ukdataservice.ac.uk/data-impact-fellows>.

The UK after Brexit: Legal and policy challenges (2017) Michael Dougan (ed), Intersentia £29 300pp

The UK after Brexit is the result of a cooperation between a group of leading academics from top institutions in the UK and beyond. It offers students, practitioners and scholars an authoritative, informative and thought-provoking series of analyses of some of the key challenges facing the UK legal system in and through the process of 'de-Europeanisation' – that is, in and through Brexit. It provides discursive exploration of key issues and themes for reflection and debate within multiple areas of law, broadly divided into three main areas of interest: constitutional concerns such as the relationship between Parliament and the executive, the relevance of devolution and the impact on the courts; substantive topics including employment law, environmental law, financial services, intellectual property and criminal cooperation; and issues regarding the UK's external relations, for example, its relations with the EU, membership of the World Trade Organization, ingredients for creating UK trade policy and bilateral investment policy and international security (the UN, NATO and more). The structure of this work is specifically designed to offer the clearest presentation of these analyses and constitute a critical, comprehensive resource on the effects of de-Europeanisation on the UK legal system.

Michel Foucault (2017) Mariana Valverde, Routledge, £88 190pp
This is an exploration of the theoretical contribution of Michel Foucault to the fields of criminology, law, justice and penology. It surveys both the ways in which the work of Foucault has been applied in criminology, but also how his work can be used to understand and explain contemporary issues and policies. Moreover, this book seeks to dispel some of the common misconceptions about the relevance of Foucault's work to criminology and law.

The author clearly explains the insights that Foucault's rich body of work provides about different practices found in the fields of law, security, justice and punishment; and how these insights have been used or could be used to understand and explain issues and policies that Foucault himself did not write about, including those that had not yet emerged during his lifetime. Drawing on key texts by Foucault such as *Discipline and Punish*, and also lectures he gave at the College de France and Louvain Criminology Institute which offer a more nuanced account of the development of criminal justice, Mariana Valverde offers the essential text on Foucault and his contribution and continued relevance to criminology.

The Rule of Law in the United Nations Security Council Decision-Making Process (2017) Sherif Elgebeily, Routledge £72 208pp

The UN Security Council is entrusted under the UN Charter with primary responsibility for the maintenance and restoration of the international peace; it is the only body with the power to authorise military intervention legally and impose international sanctions where it decides. However, its decision-making process has hitherto been obscure and allegations of political bias have been made against the Security Council in its responses to potential international threats.

This book explains the necessity of a rule of law framework for the Security Council before analysing existing literature and UN documents on the domestic and international rule of law in search of concepts suitable for transposition to the arena of the Security Council. It emerges with eight core components, which form a bespoke rule of law framework for the Security Council. Against this framework, the Security Council's decision-making process since the end of the Cold War is meticulously evaluated, illustrating explicitly where and how the rule of law has been undermined or neglected in its behaviour. Ultimately, the book concludes that the Security Council and other bodies are unwilling or unable adequately to regulate the decision-making

process against a suitable rule of law framework and argues that there exists a need for the external regulation of Security Council practice and judicial review of its decisions.

Northern/Irish Feminist Judgments: Judges' troubles and the gendered politics of identity (2017) Máiréad Enright, Julie McCandless and Aoife O'Donoghue (eds), Bloomsbury Professional £49.99 (£40 with discount code CV7) 704pp

The Northern/Irish Feminist Judgments Project inaugurates a fresh dialogue on gender, legal judgment, judicial power and national identity in Ireland and Northern Ireland. Through a process of judicial re-imagining, the project takes account of the peculiarly Northern/Irish concerns in shaping gender through judicial practice. This collection, following on from feminist judgments projects in Canada, England and Australia, takes the feminist judging methodology in challenging new directions. This book collects 26 rewritten judgments, covering a range of substantive areas. As well as opinions from appellate courts, the book includes first instance decisions and a fictional review of a Tribunal of Inquiry. Each feminist judgment is accompanied by a commentary putting the case in its social context and explaining the original decision. The book also includes introductory chapters examining the project methodology, constructions of national identity, theoretical and conceptual issues pertaining to feminist judging and the legal context of both jurisdictions. The book shines a light on past and future possibilities – and limitations – for judgment on the island of Ireland.

Ombudsmen at the Crossroads: The legal services ombudsman, dispute resolution and democratic accountability (2017) Nick O'Brien and Mary Seneviratne, Palgrave Macmillan £37.99 130pp

This book uses the Legal Services Ombudsman for England and Wales (LSO) as a case study to explore the development of the ombudsman concept over 20 years. The book charts the evolution of the LSO from its inception in 1990 until its replacement in 2010 by the Legal Ombudsman. It describes how the LSO reconciled its dual responsibility for consumer dispute resolution and democratic accountability and how far it succeeded in changing the mentality of the legal profession. The book relates the LSO's experience to current debates facing the ombudsman and regulatory community and highlights the continuing potential of the ombudsman institution.

Alleged perpetrators of abuse as litigants in person in private family law: The cross-examination of vulnerable and intimidated witnesses (2017) Natalie Elizabeth Corbett and Amy Summerfield, Ministry of Justice 62pp

This research study explores how the family judiciary manage cases with the cross-examination of vulnerable or intimidated witnesses by alleged perpetrators of abuse and establishes what, if any, further provisions could be considered to support them in doing so. The report presents the findings from an in-depth qualitative study based on 21 interviews with family judges and a workshop with representatives from external organisations. It was released to coincide with announcements on the Prisons and Courts Bill, which the research informed. Visit the website to download the full report: www.gov.uk/government/publications/alleged-perpetrators-of-abuse-as-litigants-in-person-in-private-family-law.

Domestic fortress: Fear and the new home front (2016) Rowland Atkinson and Sarah Blandy, Manchester University Press £85hb/£14.99pb 240pp

Fortress homes, gated communities and elaborate defensive systems have become everyday features of urban life today, highlighting depth of fear as well as desire for prestige and social display. Examples, drawn primarily from the UK, the US and Australia, enliven and illustrate this wide-reaching exploration of the legal, social, psychological and technological aspects of contemporary homes and homeowners. This book

offers a fresh analysis of our homes, our demands for security and anxieties about invasion, loss and finding seclusion in a worrying and divided world. Its interdisciplinary approach to homeownership and tenure connects the privatisation of wellbeing, fear of crime and financial insecurity with contemporary changes in the meaning of home, providing insightful explanations and analysis of this process over time. This book introduces the innovative concept of tessellated neoliberalism, a lens through which the relationship between the private home, political life and the economy can be understood as having transformed the home into both an asset and, paradoxically, a source of insecurity.

Financial Abuse of Older Clients: Law, practice and prevention (2017) Ann Stanyer, Bloomsbury Professional £60 320pp

Financial Abuse of Older Clients covers: what financial abuse is; who is vulnerable to such abuse; the vulnerable but mentally capable; who the perpetrators of financial abuse are; the form financial abuse takes, highlighting indicators and abuse red flags, typical actions of the financial abuser, typical losses and undue influence; how to prevent financial abuse and the steps that should be taken when it is discovered; the protection of the individual and how to recover assets; and foreign aspects. Filled with detailed guidance and advice and drawing together case law and legislation, it was written by a private client solicitor with nearly 30 years' experience.

The Preventive Turn in Criminal Law (2017) Henrique Carvalho, Oxford University Press £60 224pp

This book presents a theoretical examination of the rise and expansion of preventive criminal offences that have gained momentum in Anglo-American criminal justice since the late-twentieth century. It shows how recent transformations in criminal law and justice are intrinsically related to and embedded in the way liberal society and liberal law have been imagined, developed and conditioned by their social, political and historical contexts. The book starts by identifying a tension, within contemporary criminal law, between the importance given to the expression of individual autonomy and responsibility and the perceived need for prevention as a condition for the security of autonomy and the promotion of welfare. The book then traces this tension back to an intrinsic ambivalence within the modern conception of individual liberty which is both repressed and preserved by liberal conceptions of responsibility and punishment. It finds that it is this tension that ultimately grounds the rise of preventive criminal offences in recent times.

The book engages with the main contemporary literature on criminal law, prevention, risk, security and criminalisation, by deploying a theoretical perspective from both classical and contemporary works of social and political theory, including the works of Hobbes, Locke, Hegel and Bentham. It does so in order to reveal that the pervasiveness of prevention in twenty-first century criminal law not only represents the consequence of new and unprecedented features of contemporary politics and society, but also embeds long-established features of the liberal legal and political tradition.

Revisiting the Law and Governance of Trafficking, Forced Labor and Modern Slavery (2017) Prabha Kotiswaran (ed), Cambridge University Press £120 534pp

In the decades following the globalisation of the world economy, trafficking, forced labour and modern slavery have emerged as significant global problems. Primarily understood as an issue of serious organised crime, states negotiated the Palermo Protocol in 2000 under which they agreed to criminalise trafficking. Seventeen years later, leading academics, activists and policymakers from international organisations come together in this edited volume and adopt an interdisciplinary, multi-stakeholder approach to revisit trafficking through the lens of labour migration and extreme

exploitation and, in the process, rethink the law and governance of trafficking. This volume considers many key factors, including the evolving international law on trafficking, the relationship between trafficking, slavery, indenture and domestic migration law and policy, as well as newly emergent techniques of governance, including indicators, all with a view to furthering prospects for lasting economic justice in a globalised world.

Transparency through Publication of Family Court Judgments: An evaluation of the responses to, and effects of, judicial guidance on publishing family court judgments involving children and young people (2017) Julie Doughty, Alice Twaite and Paul Magrath, Nuffield Foundation

New research from Cardiff University's School of Law and Politics and funded by the Nuffield Foundation suggests that guidance given to judges to routinely publish their judgments is not being consistently followed, leaving the public with a patchy understanding of the family justice system in England and Wales. Issued in 2014, the guidance was intended to address perceptions, especially in the media, of 'secrecy' and 'justice behind closed doors' when important decisions are made about children in family courts. These claims arise from the way that court rules ensure most family cases are held in private, to protect children and other vulnerable parties, and are subject to reporting restrictions preventing such parties being identified.

The guidance requires judges to send fully anonymised versions of their judgments in certain types of case to BAILII, a freely accessible legal research website. The intention was to enable both the press and the public to have a better understanding of the family justice system, by making it more transparent. However, following concerns expressed about poor anonymisation and some risks of jigsaw identification, and also observations that relatively few cases seemed to be appearing on BAILII, an evaluation of the effects of the guidance was undertaken by Cardiff University's School of Law and Politics, funded by the Nuffield Foundation. See the website for the full report: www.nuffieldfoundation.org/news/family-court-transparency-plans-fall-short-judges-struggle-find-time-publish-judgments-safely.

The Penal Voluntary Sector (2017) Philippa Tomczak, Routledge £88 188pp

The penal voluntary sector and the relationships between punishment and charity are more topical than ever before. In recent years in England and Wales, the sector has featured significantly in both policy rhetoric and academic commentary. Penal voluntary organisations are increasingly delivering prison and probation services under contract and this role is set to expand. However, the diverse voluntary organisations which comprise the sector, their varied relationships with statutory agencies and the effects of such work remain very poorly understood. This book provides a wide-ranging and rigorous examination of this policy-relevant but complex and little studied area. It explores what voluntary organisations are doing with prisoners and probationers, how they manage to undertake their work, and the effects of charitable work with prisoners and probationers. The author uses original empirical research and an innovative application of actor-network theory to enable a step change in our understanding of this increasingly significant sector and develops the policy-centric accounts produced in the last decade to illustrate how voluntary organisations can mediate the experiences of imprisonment and probation at the micro and macro levels. Demonstrating how the legacy of philanthropic work and neoliberal policy reforms over the past 30 years have created a complex three-tier penal voluntary sector of diverse organisations, this cutting-edge interdisciplinary text will be of interest to criminologists, sociologists of work and industry and those engaged in the voluntary sector.

Rationale-based Defences in Criminal Law (2017) Mark Dsouza, Hart Publishing £65 (£52 with 'CV7' discount code at checkout) 216pp

Although it is often accepted that rationale-based defences to criminal liability can be justificatory or excusatory, disagreements about how best to conceptualise the categories of justification and excuse have appeared so interminable that some theorists argue that they should be abandoned altogether. This book offers a novel, principled and intuitively appealing conceptual account of the natures of justifications and excuses, showing how they differ and why the distinction between them matters. The monograph breaks new ground by defending a model of rationale-based defences that turns solely on the quality of the defendant's reasoning. This model is shown to generate appealing liability outcomes, advance convincing solutions to questions that have puzzled criminal lawyers for years, and offer suggestions for doctrinal reform that are both normatively sound and practical. By proposing new ways to think about defences, this book makes an original contribution to criminal law theory that will be of benefit to academics, practitioners and persons interested in law reform.

Human Rights Encounter Legal Pluralism: Normative and empirical approaches (2017) Giselle Corradi, Eva Brems and Mark Goodale (eds), Hart £50 (£40 with discount code 'SLSA' at checkout) 312pp

This collection of essays interrogates how human rights law and practice acquire meaning in relation to legal pluralism, that is, the co-existence of more than one regulatory order in a same social field. As a social phenomenon, legal pluralism exists in all societies. As a legal construction, it is characteristic of particular regions, such as post-colonial contexts. Drawing on experiences from Latin America, sub-Saharan Africa and Europe, the contributions in this volume analyse how different configurations of legal pluralism interplay with the legal and the social life of human rights. At the same time, they enquire into how human rights law and practice influence interactions that are subject to regulation by more than one normative regime. Aware of numerous misunderstandings and of the mutual suspicion that tends to exist between human rights scholars and anthropologists, the volume includes contributions from experts in both disciplines and intends to build bridges between normative and empirical theory.

Heritage, Culture and Rights: Challenging legal discourses (2017) Andrea Durbach and Lucas Lixinski (eds), Hart Publishing £75 (£60 with discount code 'SLSA' at checkout) 312pp

Cultural heritage law and its response to human rights principles and practice has gained renewed prominence on the international agenda. The recent conflicts in Syria and Mali, China's use of shipwreck sites and underwater cultural heritage to make territorial claims, and the cultural identities of nations post-conflict highlight this field as an emerging global focus. In addition, it has become a forum for the configuration and contestation of cultural heritage, rights and the broader politics of international law. The manifestation of tensions between heritage and human rights is explored in this volume, in particular in relation to heritage and rights in collaboration and in conflict and heritage as a tool for rights advocacy.

Final Judgments: The death penalty in American law and culture (2017) Austin Sarat (ed), Cambridge University Press £85 186pp

This volume explores the significance and meaning of finality in capital cases. Questions addressed in this book include: how are concerns about finality reflected in the motivations and behaviour of participants in the death penalty system? How does an awareness of finality shape the experience of the death penalty for those condemned to die as well as for capital punishment's public audience? What is the meaning of time in capital cases? What are the relative weights according to finality versus the need for error

correction in legal and political debates? And how does the meaning of finality differ in capital and non-capital cases? Each chapter examines the idea of finality as a legal, political and cultural fact. *Final Judgments* deploys various theories and perspectives to explore the death penalty's finality.

Delivering Family Justice in Late Modern Society in the Wake of Legal Aid Reform (2017) Mavis Maclean (ed), Routledge £90 168pp

Legal aid for family cases in private law (mainly divorce and separation) – where the state is not directly involved as it is in public law cases where there are issues of domestic violence or neglect or abuse of children – came to an abrupt end, together with help for welfare and immigration cases, on 1 April 2013 when the Legal Aid Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012 came into effect. This book presents an account of the wide-ranging problems which the researchers and practitioners expected to ensue. Sadly, their fears have been realised in many areas of legal help and advice. In 2014, the National Audit Office took the view that, although the Ministry of Justice had succeeded in making considerable savings in the cause of austerity, it had failed to investigate or understand the impact of these cuts on the individuals concerned and society as a whole. This book was previously published as a special issue of the *Journal of Social Welfare and Family Law*.

Articles

Gráinne McKeever and Mark Simpson have published 'Worlds of welfare collide: implementing a European unemployment benefit scheme in the UK' (2017) 19(1) *European Journal of Social Security* 21 and Mark's article, 'The social union after the coalition: devolution, divergence and convergence' (2017) 46(2) *Journal of Social Policy* 251 is based on research part-funded by an SLSA PhD Fieldwork Grant.

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The dock on trial: courtroom design and the presumption of innocence – Meredith Rossner, Davit Tait, Blake McKimmie and Rick Sarre

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29 June 2017: *St Mary's University, Twickenham, London*

The symposium is entitled: 'Individual struggles of the "successful" – Williams, Morrison, Normanton and the rest of the 1922 cohort'. See website for details: www.ticketsource.co.uk/event/174781.

● **NORTH EAST PGR LAW FORUM CONFERENCE**

30 June 2017: *Northumbria University, Newcastle*

Theme: 'Intersections between law and research: how legal research is being done and its impact'. See website for details:

www.northumbria.ac.uk/about-us/news-events/events/2017/06/north-east-pgr-law-forum-conference.

● **SOCIETAL CONSTITUTIONS IN TRANSNATIONAL REGIMES**

30 June–1 July 2017: *Law Building, Cardiff University*

Please see website for details: <http://sites.cardiff.ac.uk/events/view/societal-constitutions-in-transnational-regimes>.

● **BREXIT IN CONTEXT: HISTORY, POLITICS AND SOCIETY**

3 July 2017: *University of Northampton*

Keynote speaker: Professor Glen O'Hara, Oxford Brookes University.

Please see link for details: www.slsa.ac.uk/images/2017spring/CfP_Brexit_in_Context_-_3_July_2017.pdf.

● **A CONFERENCE ON REGULATION AND CRIMINOLOGY: LOOKING BACK, THINKING FORWARD**

3 July 2017: *Liberty Building, University of Leeds*

This event is free but registration is required. Please see website for details: www.law.leeds.ac.uk/events/2017/regulation-and-criminology-looking-back-thinking-forward.

● **KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE SYMPOSIUM: ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS AND SUSTAINING PEACE – DEVELOPING NEW INSIGHTS INTO PEACEBUILDING**

5 July 2017: *Lancaster University*

This event will build on a previous workshop in Geneva in February 2017. Please see website for details: <http://wp.lancs.ac.uk/escr-peacebuilding/events>.

● **VULNERABILITY IS GOOD: THE IMPLICATIONS FOR LAW OF POSITIVE ACCOUNTS OF VULNERABILITY**

5 July 2017: *Rector's Drawing Room, Exeter College, Oxford*

Keynote speaker: Professor Martha A Fineman. There are a limited number of spaces available. If you are interested in attending please email Daniel Bedford [e daniel.bedford@port.ac.uk](mailto:daniel.bedford@port.ac.uk).

● **IREDELL CONFERENCE FOR POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS: BEYOND THE HORIZON – ADVANCEMENTS IN LAW IN THE 21ST CENTURY**

7 July 2017: *Lancaster University*

Please see website for details: www.slsa.ac.uk/images/2017spring/Iredell_Conference_2017_Call_for_Abstacts.pdf.

● **INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON LAW AND MENTAL HEALTH**

9–14 July 2017: *Charles University, Prague*

Full details of this congress are available on the website:

<https://ialmh.org/congress/prague-2017>.

● **WG HART LEGAL WORKSHOP ON LAW, SOCIETY AND ADMINISTRATION IN A CHANGING WORLD**

10–11 July 2017: *Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, London*

The event will explore political, institutional, economic and cultural factors that influence the emergence and development of legal regimes for controlling administrative power. See website for details: www.sas.ac.uk/events/event/7966.

● **JURIS DIVERSITAS: FIFTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

10–12 July 2017: *Lyon, France*

Please see website for details: <http://jurisdiversitas.blogspot.co.uk/2016/12/juris-diversitas-5th-annual-conference.html>.

● **SIXTH BIENNIAL CONFERENCE ON APPLIED LEGAL STORYTELLING**

11–13 July 2017: *Washington College of Law, Washington DC, USA*

Please see website for details: www.lwionline.org/conferences/sixth-biennial-conference-on-applied-legal-storytelling.

● **SYMPOSIUM: COMPASSION – CHILD AND FAMILY LAW**

13 July 2017: *Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, London*

A symposium exploring compassion through presentations and discussion, including speakers from academia, practice, the charitable sector and the judiciary. See website for details:

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/symposium-compassion-child-family-law-tickets-31856575876.

● **URBAN LAW DAY 2017**

14 July 2017: *Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, London*

Urban Law Day 2017 brings together academics and practitioners interested in urban legislation. Please see website for details:

<http://ials.sas.ac.uk/research/research-centres/sir-william-dale-centre-legislative-studies/urban-law-project>.

● **WORLD CONGRESS OF THE IVR: WORKSHOP ON LEGAL PLURALISM AND CULTURAL DIVERSITY IN LAW**

16–21 July 2017: *Maltepe University, Istanbul*

The annual meeting of the International Association for the Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy. See website for details:

<https://philevents.org/event/show/29594>.

● **'A RIGHT TO DIE?': SOCIO-LEGAL PERSPECTIVES**

18 July 2017: *Keele University*

An event exploring cutting-edge themes associated with assisted dying and euthanasia. Please see website for details:

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-right-to-die-socio-legal-perspectives-tickets-32321336989.

● **INTERNATIONAL SOCIETY FOR FAMILY LAW: 16TH WORLD CONFERENCE**

27–29 July 2017: *Vrije Universiteit of Amsterdam*

Theme: 'Family law and family realities'. Please see website for details: <http://acfl.nl/en/isfl-2017-world-congress>.

● **VICTIMS OF CRIME CONFERENCE: VICTIMS' VOICES – REFORM, INNOVATION AND ACTION**

6–7 September 2017: *Brisbane, Australia*

Please see website for details of this Griffith University event:

www.griffith.edu.au/criminology-law/griffith-criminology-institute/national-victims-of-crime-conference-2017.

● **LAW AND CULTURE CONFERENCE: ANARCHY**

7–8 September 2017: *St Mary's University, Twickenham*

The event aims to stimulate a topical discussion that crosses disciplinary, geographic, academic and conceptual boundaries. Please see website for details: www.stmarys.ac.uk/events/2017/09/law-and-culture-conference?filtered=1.

● **INSTITUTE OF PLACE MANAGEMENT: FOURTH INTERNATIONAL BIENNIAL CONFERENCE**

7–8 September 2017: *Manchester Metropolitan University*

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● **EUROPEAN SOCIETY FOR INTERNATIONAL LAW ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

7–9 September 2017: *University of Naples Federico II, Italy*

Theme: 'Global public goods, global commons and fundamental values: the responses of international law'. Please see website for details: www.esil-sedi.eu/node/1444.

● **SOCIAL AND LEGAL STUDIES: AN INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL: 25TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

15 September 2017: *City Law School, University of London*

The Editorial Board invites guests to its anniversary party. Please see website for details: www.city.ac.uk/events/2017/september/social-legal-studies-journal.

● **NEW ADVANCES IN RESTORATIVE JUSTICE THEORY AND PRACTICE: CCJS 30TH ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE**

18 September 2017: *Weetwood Hall, Leeds*

This is a University of Leeds event. Please see website for details:

<http://store.leeds.ac.uk/conferences-and-events/essl/conferences/new-advances-in-restorative-justice-theory-and-practice-ccjs-30th-anniversary-conference>.

● **APPROACH TO INEQUALITIES: WHOSE BUSINESS IS IT?**

20 September 2016: *University of Northampton*

Please see website for details:

www.northampton.ac.uk/events/approaches-to-inequalities-whose-business-is-it-a-one-day-conference.

● **LAW, TRANSLATION AND MIGRATION: AN ENLIGHTENING RELATIONSHIP**

21 September 2017: *Birmingham Law School*

This is an SLSA-sponsored event under our Seminar Competition scheme. It will not only further our understanding of the intersection of law and translation, but it will advance knowledge and analysis on migration. Please see webpage for details: www.birmingham.ac.uk/schools/law/events/2017/law-translation-migration.aspx.

● **THE FUTURES OF LEGAL EDUCATION**

26 September 2017: *The Open University, Milton Keynes*

Keynote speaker: Fiona Cownie. See website for details:

www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-futures-of-legal-education-tickets-33297363310.

● **MEMORY LAWS: LEGAL REGULATION OF HISTORICAL INTERPRETATIONS**

13 October 2017: *Research Centre of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts, Ljubljana, Slovenia*

Please see website for details: http://ikss.zrc-sazu.si/en/novice/call-for-papers-memory-laws-legal-regulation-of-historical-interpretations#v.

● **WORLD CONFLICT RESOLUTION DAY 2017: CONVERSATIONS ABOUT PEACE-BUILDING AND MEDIATION**

19 October 2017: *The Apothecary, Stafford*

A conversation between family mediators, those mediating and reconciling within faith communities and those working for peace. See website for details: www.fmstaffs.co.uk/training/booking.

● **THE FUTURE OF THE COMMERCIAL CONTRACT IN SCHOLARSHIP AND LAW REFORM: THE INTERFACE BETWEEN PUBLIC INTERNATIONAL LAW AND SUBSTANTIVE CONTRACT LAW: CALL FOR PAPERS**

20 October 2017: *Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, London*

Convenors: Dr Maren Heidemann, Associate Research Fellow at IALS and Dr Joseph Lee, University of Exeter. Closing date: 30 June 2017. Please see website for details: www.sas.ac.uk/events/event/8311.

● **ABORTION ACT 1967: A PROMISE FULFILLED?**

24–25 October 2017: *Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists, London*

Closing date for booking: 2 August 2017. Please visit website for details: www.bristol.ac.uk/law/abortion-act-conference.

● **DEATH IN PUNISHMENT**

25–26 October 2017: *Bartolomé House, Winter Street, Sheffield*

Organised by the Centre for Criminological Research, University of Sheffield. Please see website for details: www.sheffield.ac.uk/law/research/clusters/ccr/conferences/death_in_punishment.

● **POWER, PROPERTY AND THE LAW OF TRUSTS REVISITED: ROGER COTTERELL'S CONTRIBUTION TO CRITICAL TRUSTS SCHOLARSHIP**

25–26 October 2017: *Kent University, Canterbury*

Those interested can register their interest on the webpage. Further details will be posted in due course. The SLSA is a co-sponsor of this event via our Seminar Competition: www.kent.ac.uk/law/research/centres-and-groups/equity.html?tab=forthcoming-events

● **CRIMINAL JUSTICE AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN AFRICA: NATIONAL AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENTS**

26–27 October 2017: *Queen Mary University of London, Mile End Road, London*

Organised by Queen Mary Criminal Justice Centre in collaboration with the Centre of African Studies at SOAS, University of London. Please see website for details: www.soas.ac.uk/cas/events/26oct2017-criminal-justice-and-accountability-in-africa---national-and-regional-developments.html.

● **UK IVR ANNUAL CONFERENCE: LAW, RATIONALITY AND THE MARKET: CALL FOR ABSTRACTS AND PANELS**

17–18 November 2017: *School of Law, University of Sheffield*

UK meeting of the International Association for the Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy. Call closes: 31 July 2017. Please see link for details: www.sheffield.ac.uk/law/research/conferences/ivranualconference.

● **LSAANZ CONFERENCE 2017: CALL FOR ABSTRACTS**

6–9 December 2017: *Otago University, Dunedin New Zealand*

Law and Society Association of Australia and New Zealand conference, hosted by the Otago Legal Issues Centre and New Zealand Maori Centre for Research Excellence. Closing date: 14 July 2017. See website for details: www.otago.ac.nz/lsaanz/index.html.

● **REDESIGNING JUSTICE: PROMOTING CIVIL RIGHTS, TRUST AND FAIRNESS – CALL FOR PAPERS**

21–22 March 2018: *Keble College, Oxford*

Organised by the Howard League for Penal Reform. Call closes: 4 December 2017. See website for details:

http://howardleague.org/events/redesigning-justice-promoting-civil-rights-trust-and-fairness.

● **MODERN STUDIES IN PROPERTY LAW: CALL FOR PAPERS**

10 April 2018: *UCL Laws, Bentham House, London*

Keynote address by Lady Justice Gloster. Closing date: 25 August 2017. Please see website for details:

www.laws.ucl.ac.uk/event/mspl2018.

● **19TH INTERNATIONAL ROUNDTABLE FOR THE SEMIOTICS OF LAW: CALL FOR PAPERS**

23–25 May 2018: *Örebro University, Sweden*

Closing date: 1 December 2017. Please see link for details:

www.slsa.ac.uk/images/2017spring/19th_International_Roundtable_for_the_Semiotics_of_Law.docx.

● **ELDER LAW AND ITS DISCONTENTS**

18–19 June 2018: *Tel Aviv University, Israel*

Please see link for details: www.slsa.ac.uk/images/2017spring/Call_for_Papers_Elder_Law.pdf

● **NATIONAL CENTRE FOR RESEARCH METHODS: RESEARCH METHODS FESTIVAL 2018**

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