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SLSA ULSTER 2023

The SLSA Annual Conference 2023 will take place at Ulster University, Magee Campus, Derry-Londonderry, from 4 to 6 April.

There will be two plenary sessions. In one, we will reflect on '25 years of devolution in the UK' with Brice Dickson, Michael Keating, Nicola McEwen and a member of the Independent Commission on the Constitutional Future of Wales (tbc). In the other, SLSA Chair John Harrington will host a discussion on 'Socio-legal and interdisciplinary research: 2021 and beyond', featuring the chairs of the REF subpanels for Law (Joanne Conaghan) and Social Work & Social Policy (Nick Ellison) as well as the chair of the Social Policy Association (Ann Marie Gray). We are also planning a 'lunch and learn' roundtable session with some leading funders of socio-legal research.

Delegates will be able to engage with the latest in legal, socio-legal and interdisciplinary research across 33 conference streams and seven current topics. The current topics reflect our plenaries' focus on constitutional change and current challenges for the law and other disciplines:

- 25 years of constitutional change – past and future
- Comedy controversies – humour and free speech
- Conspiracy theories and the rise of pseudolaw
- Disruptive technologies: reproduction, genetics and the family
- Epistemic injustices in law
- Human rights and war
- Human rights, memory and transformative justice

Following the success of last year's hybrid conference at York, we plan to make every session accessible to both in-person and virtual delegates. Details of hybrid provision will be provided to registered delegates in due course. The two plenaries will be streamed via the SLSA YouTube channel and can be enjoyed by colleagues across the world.

Our social programme includes an evening reception at St Columb's Hall (as seen in *Derry Girls*) and gala dinner at the Everglades Hotel. As the conference approaches we will also provide details of how delegates can book a walking tour of our historic city.

We warmly welcome delegates observing Ramadan during the conference. There will be a prayer room (with running water available nearby) and food-free social space at the venue. The conference dinner will be served after Iftar.

Keep an eye on the [w conference website](#) for updates and feel free to direct any enquiries to the Conference Team at [e slsa2023@ulster.ac.uk](mailto:slsa2023@ulster.ac.uk). As we go to press, SLSA 2023 in-person is sold out, but online places are still available. Closing date: 20 March 2023. *The 2023 Conference Team*

See page 3 for details of this year's PGR activities.

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SLSA YouTube channel: latest

Since New Year, our YouTube editor, Emma Milne, has been rolling out a series of new videos on the SLSA channel. So far the following have gone live:

- Professor Caroline Hunter (University of York), winner of the SLSA Prize for Contributions to the Socio-Legal Community 2021, in conversation with Dr Bev Clough.
- In a '90-second highlight', Dr Jaime Lindsey (University of Essex), winner of an SLSA Research Grant in 2019, shares her research findings.
- Hedi Viterbo, winner of the 2022 SLSA Early Career Prize is in conversation with Dr Philip Bremner and also offers a '90-second highlight' of his book.
- Selbi Durdiyeva shares the findings from her SLSA Fieldwork Grant research in 2020.
- Jana Norman, winner of the Socio-Legal Theory and History Prize 2022, is in conversation with Dr Clare Williams and also offers a '90-second highlight' of her book.

And coming soon over March and April will be videos featuring Mark Fathi Massoud, Hart-SLSA Book Prize winner 2022, and Nafay Choudury, winner of the Socio-Legal Article Prize 2022. Subscribe to be kept up-to-date with our latest releases: [w SLSA YouTube](#).

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SLSA BOARD NEWS

SLSA AGM 5 April 2023

The SLSA AGM is on Wednesday 5 April 2023, 1300 to 14.00, at the University of Ulster Magee campus in Derry-Londonderry and online.

All members are warmly invited to attend. To suggest an agenda item, email SLSA Secretary Neil Graffin by **22 March 2023** e neil.graffin@open.ac.uk. Online joining details will be circulated via the SLSA email list to members.

SLSA Trustees stepping down

At the AGM, the SLSA Board will be losing three of its ex officio Trustees. Chris Ashford will be stepping down at the AGM, following three years on the Board, two of them as Vice Chair. Chris also served on the Executive Committee (as it then was) from 2010 to 2015, with two years as SLSA Secretary. Also stepping down is Vanessa Munro, who has been on the Exec/Board since 2017. During that time Vanessa held the post of Treasurer for three years and played a significant role in the process of securing charity status for the Association, as well as chairing our new Impact Prize and Grant Committee. And Neil Graffin will also be stepping down from the Board after six years, five of them as SLSA Secretary.

In addition, we must also say goodbye to Flora Renz who left the Board in January after nearly five years. During her time on the Board Flora took on the roles of Recruitment Secretary and Seminar Committee Chair. Finally, Clare Williams will be leaving us after three years,

during which time, as Chair of the EDI Committee, she led the Board's drive to develop its EDI policy and practice.

The SLSA is indebted to all the aforementioned Trustees for their hard work and commitment during some difficult times. We wish them all the best in their future enterprises.

Trustees standing for re-election

Four Trustees are coming to the end of their first three-year terms at the AGM and will be standing for re-election. They are Colin Moore (Membership Secretary), Simon Flacks, Emma Jones and Emma Milne.

Call for nominations

At the AGM there will be two vacancies among our officer holders (ie Vice-Chair and Secretary) and five vacancies on the SLSA Board, which we will fill by election among SLSA members. Serving on the Board is a great way to contribute to socio-legal studies and to gain experience of running a learned society. We are very keen to draw on the widest range of talent and experience from across our community. If you are interested in the roles of Vice-Chair or Secretary, or in being nominated as an SLSA Trustee, please see the information about the '[Role and duties of SLSA Board of Trustees](#)' or contact SLSA Chair, John Harrington, for an informal chat: e harringtonj3@cardiff.ac.uk. Plus, **Arwen Joyce** (Precarity Rep) and **Simon Flacks** (Chair of the Seminar Committee) have each recorded a short video describing what Board activities they have become involved with and why they enjoy the role of Board member. Closing date: **9 March 2023 at 17.00**. For details see w [nomination process](#).

SLSA 2023 PGR ACTIVITIES

SLSA PGR Reps Lara MacLachlan and Maddy Millar are looking forward to welcoming PGRs to their dedicated activities in Derry-Londonderry.

On **4 April 2023**, there will be a range of sessions targeted specifically at PGRs to support the development of knowledge and skills that can be implemented across the PhD process, as well as throughout academia. The sessions will also be a fantastic opportunity to network with other PGRs, whether you're at your first SLSA Annual Conference, or you've been several times!

Firstly, we are delighted to welcome Ciara Fitzpatrick and Michael Hearty, both from Ulster University, who will be delivering a session exploring the benefits of social media – a fantastic tool for promoting and disseminating your research to the wider social-legal community. In our increasingly digital world, it is also a helpful route for making connections with scholars with similar research interests and for keeping up to date with their work.

The second session will focus on international collaboration. Building and maintaining research communities is important for PGRs, but we recognise the difficulties in doing so, particularly at an international level. We therefore want to provide opportunities to help develop these connections, particularly between those at a similar stage of research. This session will do just that, and we look forward to welcoming Elke Olthuis from the Dutch and Flemish LSA, among other PGRs from international societies. We hope that this session will inspire you to think about the opportunities for collaboration in your own research area, as well as the benefits of extending your network beyond the UK.

The final session will be delivered by our very own Maddy Millar from the University of Exeter and will

be a PhD Toolkit workshop. Undertaking a PhD can be overwhelming, with a wealth of literature to read, manage and cite, as well as ideas to express and edit. There are many valuable tools that can make the research process easier to manage, but it can be difficult deciding which of these tools might be helpful and understanding how to implement them in your work. In an interactive session, Maddy will highlight and demonstrate how to use some key tools that she has personally found beneficial. Make sure to bring your laptop, as well as any questions about areas of your work that you wish to streamline. We will be discussing Zotero, ResearchRabbit, Scite, Scrivener and many other tools!

Further details about the conference and registration can be found on the w [website](#). There is a discounted rate for PGR students. And remember, SLSA membership for PGRs is free in the first year! See our w [join page](#).

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SLSA SHORTLISTS 2022

The SLSA Board is delighted to announce the shortlists for our book and article prizes. And, for the first time, our new Impact Prize – launched in 2022. The prizewinners will be announced at the SLSA gala dinner in Derry-Londonderry.

SLSA Article Prize

- Henrique Carvalho (2022) 'Dangerous patterns: joint enterprise and the culture of criminal law' 0(Ahead of Print) *Social and Legal Studies*
- Antonia Layard and Room 13 at Hareclive E-Act Academy (2022) 'Vehicles for justice: buses and advancement' 49(2) *Journal of Law and Society* 243–443
- Natalie Ohana (2021) 'The politics of the production of knowledge on trauma: the Grenfell Tower Inquiry' 48(4) *Journal of Law and Society* 497–523

Hart—SLSA Book Prize

- Jaime T Lindsey (2022) *Reimagining the Court of Protection: Access to Justice in Mental Capacity Law* Cambridge University Press
- Lucy Series (2022) *Deprivation of Liberty in the Shadows of the Institution* Bristol University Press
- Silvana Tapia Tapia (2022) *Feminism, Violence Against Women and Law Reform: Decolonial Lessons from Ecuador* Routledge
- Sharon Thompson (2022) *Quiet Revolutionaries: The Married Women's Association and Family Law* Hart

Hart—SLSA Prize for Early Career Researchers

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Socio-Legal Theory and History Prize

- Lucy Series (2022) *Deprivation of Liberty in the Shadows of the Institution* Bristol University Press
- Sharon Thompson (2022) *Quiet Revolutionaries: The Married Women's Association and Family Law* Hart

SLSA Impact Prize

Banning LGBTIQ+ 'Conversion Therapy': Engaging Policymakers and LGBTIQ+ Organisations to Change UK Law

- Host institution: School of Law, University of Leeds
- Research team: Dr Ilias Trispiotis, Associate Professor in Human Rights Law, University of Leeds (lead researcher); other participants – Dr Craig Purshouse, Senior Lecturer, University of Liverpool; and Mr Elliot Ross, PhD Candidate, Hertie School, Berlin

Establishing the Liverpool Access to Advice Network: No Wrong Door, Free Legal Advice for All

- Host institution: University of Liverpool with lead delivery partner Citizens Advice Liverpool
- Research team: Dr James Organ and Dr Jennifer Sigafoos, School of Law and Social Justice, University of Liverpool, and Dr Sophie Wickham, Institute of Population Health, University of Liverpool

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Supporting Online Justice: Enhancing Accessibility, Participation, and Procedural Fairness

- Host institution: Centre for Socio-Legal Studies, University of Oxford
- Research team: Linda Mulcahy, University of Oxford, Anna Tsalapatanis, University of Oxford, Emma Rowden, Oxford Brookes University, Nikki Macmicheal, University of Oxford, Lara MacLachlan, University of Oxford, and Rowen Siemens, University of Oxford
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SLSA PRECARIOUS EMPLOYMENT SURVEY

As part of the SLSA's ongoing commitment to equality, diversity, and inclusivity (EDI), the Board's Precarity Representative, Arwen Joyce, conducted a survey of SLSA members on the topic of precarious employment in the higher education sector.

The survey ran for 10 weeks and closed on 31 December 2022. Many thanks to everyone who completed the survey and shared their views.

The aim of the survey is to help the SLSA gain a better understanding of the challenges precariously employed members face in order to identify practical ways of supporting them, as well as highlighting structural and systemic issues with universities, research funders and other stakeholders in higher education.

The results of the survey are expected to be published and disseminated in the late spring of 2023 and will be shared with the University and College Union, the Academy of Social Sciences, UKRI and other stakeholders that might be interested in the survey findings with a view to maximising impact.

CALL FOR OA BLOGS

The SLSA Open Access (OA) Working Group would like to hear from members with expertise in the area of OA and intellectual property who would be willing to write a blog on recent developments in this important area. The SLSA is keen to clarify the implications of major developments in OA policies for individual researchers and for the community as a whole.

We are interested in blog contributions on topics such as:

- the impact of UKRI OA policy on researchers/ academic institutions/ libraries/academic publishers;
- ongoing plans within UK academic institutions to operationalise recent updates to UKRI OA policy;
- recent developments in OA publishing policies or practices in the UK and beyond;
- Plan S principles;
- Coalition S Rights retention strategy; and
- developments in the area of open research data.

Suggestions on other topics in the area are also welcome. If you are interested in writing an OA blog – or a blog on any other topic – see the **w submissions page** for further details or contact the blogeditor: **e blogeditors@slsa.ac.uk**.

SLSA PGR CONFERENCE 2023

Our PGR Reps Maddy Millar and Lara MacLachlan got the year off to a great start at our free PGR Conference at the beginning of January.

It was fantastic to see so many PGRs come together for the first in-person SLSA PGR Conference since 2020! Held on 5 and 6 January 2023 at the Centre for Socio-Legal Studies at the University of Oxford, the event included six sessions set over two days. These sessions covered a wide range of topics to support PGRs in developing skills that would be useful across their PhD and beyond. PGRs also had plenty of opportunities to network and form connections with other delegates, resulting in the development of a strong research community.

The first session was entitled 'The lifecycle of a PhD' and was facilitated by Linda Mulcahy and PGR Rep Maddy Millar. Linda and Maddy began by discussing each year of the PhD process, with the milestones that students would likely experience, as well as the setbacks which may affect them. Students were keen to discuss their experiences, or trepidations, about the upgrade process, and a productive dialogue between PGRs, facilitated by Linda and Maddy, helped PGRs to feel reassured about this process, as well as the PhD more generally. The second session was 'Supervising your supervisor', with Naomi Creutzfeldt. This session encouraged PGRs to share their experiences of supervision and help each other develop solutions to potential conflicts. It also helped students to feel reassured about their experiences and become equipped with strategies to enable them to work effectively with their supervisors. The third and final session of the first day was 'Ethical journeys through the PhD' led by Rosie Harding and Dave Cowan. The focus of this session was understanding how ethics can shape and guide research, in particular the importance of relationships with participants, as well as specific issues, such as anonymity and confidentiality.

On the second day many delegates began with a short walk to the Bodleian libraries, and then, motivated by the beautiful buildings that Oxford offered, started their second day of sessions with 'Getting published', delivered by Dave and Sue Bright. This session offered fantastic practical advice about how to begin the process

of publishing your work. In particular, which journals to aim for, how to submit your work, and the process of peer review. The second session of the day was 'Preparing a poster presentation' by Naomi and Emily Walsh. This was a really interactive session where students discussed the different facets of research posters, in particular what makes a poster successful in communicating research and attracting the eye. It was a great opportunity for delegates to brainstorm and engage with new ideas and strategies of poster design. The final session of the day was 'Getting your first academic job', presented by Linda and Fred Motson. This session was very useful in terms of discussing the different routes to positions in academia, with Linda discussing postdoctoral research positions, including grant applications, and Fred discussing lectureships. Both considered the balance of experiences, such as teaching, research and service, in securing a position in academia, as well as tips on differentiating yourself from other candidates.

Overall, delegates were enthusiastic and receptive throughout and came away feeling motivated to continue working on their research:

The Conference brought a dynamic environment for me to discuss the PhD journey in its widest sense, which broadens my outlook on my own experience. It also gave opportunities to share ideas and research with fellow PGRs from different universities, which could lead to collaborative projects. Kartini Makmur, University of Warwick

The SLSA PGR Conference was such a great experience as a new PhD student. The seminars were really interesting, with the presenters willing to answer the numerous questions put to them. It was also lovely to meet fellow PhD students and exchange stories and experiences: it felt like a real community. Clare White, University of Kent

A huge thank you to all our fantastic speakers and ECRs for volunteering their time to make the event such a success, and particularly to Linda Mulcahy at the University of Oxford for organising such a fantastic in-person event! We're also so grateful to all the PGRs for their contributions throughout the conference.

We're looking forward to seeing you again at the SLSA Annual Conference at Ulster University!



SLSA GRANTS SCHEME

The SLSA Board has announced the latest round of successful projects in our Research and Fieldwork Grants Schemes. Plus, 2021 awardee Gee Semmalar describes his Covid-disrupted fieldwork and how he adapted his data-gathering plans. Visit the [website](#) to see full details of the scheme and past and current projects.

Research Grants 2023

- Georgia Antonopoulou, Birmingham University, £1285.60, 'Between the law and the market: foreign judges in the Dubai International Financial Centre courts'
- Rachel Cahill-O'Callaghan, Cardiff University, £1500, 'Access to justices: a comparative study of research access to the judiciary'
- Sylvie Da Lomba, University of Strathclyde, £1333, '"Let them in": the road to humanising the EU's asylum policy'
- Tom Frost, University of Leicester, £1128.60, 'Teaching public law through empire's archive'
- Renata Grossi and David Carter, University of Technology, Sydney, Australia, £1500, 'When contract law goes to therapy'
- Alex Nicholson, University of Leeds, £1452.65, 'Reinforcers or reformers: an exploration of how legal educators perceive their role and its relationship with the legal profession following the introduction of the SQE'
- Kanika Sharma, SOAS University of London, and Ozan Kamiloglou, London South Bank University, £1500, 'Depicting law, streaming justice: aesthetics of neutrality in the webcasted courtroom'
- Peter Whitewood, York St John University, £1500, 'Prisoners of war and international humanitarian law in revolutionary Russia, 1917–1929'

Fieldwork Grants 2023

- Fernanda Maria Diaz, University of Edinburgh, £1000, 'Strengthening democratic governance of crime and security in Chile: assessment and possibilities from a deliberative and participatory perspective'
- Arpeeta Mizan, University of Bristol, £1114, 'Exploring a postcolonial understanding of legal consciousness: dialectics on legal defiance and religious reverence in Bangladeshi metropole'
- Sara Munoz, University of Queensland, Australia, £1000, 'Indigenous people and "green extractivism": an ecological justice and legal pluralist analysis of lithium mining at the Salar de Atacama in Chile and solar photovoltaic projects at the Sierra Nevada de Santa Marta in Colombia'
- Pablo Pena Alegria, Green Templeton College, Oxford, £1000, 'Property law and deforestation in the agricultural frontier of the Peruvian Amazon'
- Saadat Pirzada, University of Kent, £1000, 'Regulating the market for force: an econo-socio-legal exploration of the legitimacy and legality of the use of private military and security companies'
- Raghavi Viswanath, European University Institute, £1000, 'Rearticulating cultural rights in international human rights law using Global South epistemologies: the case of the Irulars'

Colonial folklores in legal archives: caste and gender deviant categorisations in nineteenth-century colonial India

Gee Semmalar, Kent Law School, £1000

My doctoral dissertation, 'Colonial Lores in Legal Codes; Cast(e)ing Gender Deviance in Colonial India (1860–1901)' focuses on the construction and regulation of gender-nonconforming groups in mid- to late nineteenth-century British colonial India. My archival research pointed to an interesting aspect – gender non-conforming groups were categorised as caste groups in the latter half of nineteenth-century British India. I traced this through three forms of colonial knowledge – ethnographic photography, census reports and the Criminal Tribes Act. This is a significant and innovative departure from the ways in which *hijras*/gender-nonconforming groups in India have been predominantly studied as subjects of social/legal anthropology, with most studies relying on the monocausal lens of gender/sexual difference. In contrast, this study considers caste as constitutive of gender, making a broader intervention in gender and sexuality studies, legal and archival scholarship, and critical colonial studies.

The SLSA PhD Fieldwork Grant was initially proposed to cover archival research at the National Archives in India. However, the pandemic led to the closure of archives, and I am grateful for the flexibility provided by the SLSA to change the timelines and dates enabling me to conduct research at the British Library. There, too, access was restricted by a system of pre-booked appointments which were almost impossible to obtain for the Asian and African studies reading-room. However, I managed to gain access through cancellations on bookings and successfully conducted my research there for many months.

The first issue I was confronted with was the extent of the resources – the British Library holds 14km of materials on South Asia! Relatedly, the organisation of the photographs I took of these documents in the archives – designing my own cataloguing system for my reference and the analysis – was tedious itself albeit exhilarating in equal measure. Another issue was the various forms in which the documents were preserved – I looked through hundreds of handwritten correspondence letters, manuscripts, thick census reports, microfilms, photographs and even a daguerreotype! I grappled with how to formulate a critical methodological approach to these different forms, especially within a colonial archive. Despite these challenges, I was so engrossed in the archives that I soon did not even notice my own laboured breathing in a mask for seven hours straight! The reference section archivists were very helpful in navigating the catalogues and finding elusive shelf marks and I am very grateful for their support in this process.

I presented two of the PhD chapters that emerged from this research at the SLSA York Annual Conference 2022, the Global Meeting on Law and Society in Lisbon 2022 and the virtual seminar series, 'Through a Legal Lens: Law, History and Visual Culture', jointly organised by Max Planck Institute for Legal History and Legal Theory, Leeds Beckett University and York University in 2022. I will be pursuing a postdoc in September 2023 at the history department of the European University Institute as a Max Weber fellow to turn this dissertation into a monograph.

At a time when there are huge budget cuts for research, the SLSA Fieldwork Grant is a great benefit to the most precarious within the sector – namely PhD students. Thank you again for the generous support!

SLSA SEMINAR COMPETITION

There were five successful applications this year to our Seminar Competition. Look out for further details on the SLSA website and via the ebulletin as we roll out these events over the coming months.

- Socio-Legal Approaches to Protecting Athletes from Financial and Physical Harm: Challenges, Reflections and Solutions, £1000, James Brown and Sarah Carrick, Manchester Metropolitan University
- **Prevent, Surveil and Protect: The Fight against Terrorism**, £900, Hannah Wishart and Kat Langley, University of Sunderland: **27 March 2023 online**
- The Vulnerable Accused in the Criminal Justice System Conference, £1000, Roxanna Dehaghani, Cardiff University, Samantha Fairclough, University of Birmingham, and Harriet Pierpoint, University of South Wales
- Prisoner Rights: Time for a Rethink?, £1000, Greg Davies, University of Liverpool, and Robert Jones, Cardiff University
- Fantasy Legal Exhibitions, £950, Victoria Barnes, Brunel University, and Amanda Perry-Kessaris, University of Kent

New Directions in Law and Time Scholarship Workshop

This SLSA-sponsored hybrid seminar took place at Queen Mary University of London on 14 October 2022. Organisers Professor Kathryn McNeilly (Queen's University Belfast) and Dr Tanzil Chowdhury (QMUL) report on a highly productive day.

The connection between law and time is one that has interested socio-legal scholars in recent decades. Over the past five years, however, scholarship on the topic has grown exponentially, making this a rapidly expanding area of research. This increase in scholarship is accompanied by changing contexts for law at national, regional and

international levels which engage issues of time. These include times of transition, urgency or crisis stimulated by global events such as Brexit, the Covid-19 pandemic and climate breakdown; the changing times of law and legal regulation in the frenetic pace of the digital age and globalisation; and debates on legal progress and futures in areas such as environmental regulation and governance.

Against this backdrop, the Centre for Law and Society in a Global Context (QMUL), with the help of the SLSA seminar fund, hosted a one-day hybrid workshop to explore new directions in Law-Time Scholarship. The event brought together scholars and PhD students from around the world working on law's connection to time to consider the changing landscape of this area and the potential that thinking about law and time holds today.

The event was structured around four thematic roundtables. The organisers opened proceedings exploring 'The temporal turn in legal studies', followed by a session curated by Dr Marie Petersmann (Tilburg University) on 'Interdisciplinary law and time work'. The third session was facilitated by Professor Renisa Mawani (University of British Columbia) and Professor Tine Destrooper (Ghent University) on 'Law and time methods' with the final session, 'Law and time across legal studies', facilitated by Professor Zina Miller (Seton Hall University), Dr Ruth Fletcher (QMUL) and Dr Mitchell Travis (University of Leeds). Participants were drawn from around the UK and Europe, both in person and online, all familiar with the key themes and literature in this area, which resulted in a rich and nourishing discussion.

The purpose of the workshop was to advance new discussions on law and time scholarship in the contemporary context and to bring together disparate scholars for the first time to work towards further, or more conscious, honing of the field. Following the workshop, a mailing list has been compiled to share resources, collaborate on publications and funding bids, and connect on future events in the field. The workshop provided a solid foundation for future collaborative connections and work in this emerging area of thinking for socio-legal scholars.

AcSS call for nominations for fellows

As a member of the Academy of Social Sciences (AcSS), the SLSA can nominate eminent socio-legal scholars for appointment as academicians. Full details of the process are available on the **w AcSS website**. The paramount requirement is that the nominee be 'a leading figure in their field and have already left a clear mark on it'. Send nominations (max 500 words) to John Harrington **e harringtonj3@cardiff.ac.uk** by 1 May 2023.

Gift Aid

The SLSA welcomes donations to support its work in promoting and fostering research on law and society, supporting scholars in law and other disciplines, working especially with those at the postgraduate and early career stages of their careers. We can make the most of your donation through Gift Aid. See our **w Gift Aid** page for details.

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- Three hard-copy newsletters per year and/or an e-version
- discounted SLSA conference fees
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- discounted student membership (first year free)
- free annual Postgraduate Conference
- student bursaries for SLSA Annual Conference
- discounts on selected books, plus online discounts from major publishers
- special membership category for retired members

... and much more. Visit **w website** for details.

SLSA IMPACT FUNDING: OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS

Applications are invited for our annual Impact Grant scheme – now in its second year. Stream convenors can also apply for support for impact activities at any time under our Stream Convenor Impact Funding scheme.

The Impact Grants scheme funds impact activities, including public engagement activities. All SLSA members (including PGR students) are eligible to apply for an Impact Grant of up to £1500. As with all SLSA funding streams, the funds must be administered by the applicant's research institution. The next deadline is **31 May 2023**.

Recognising the important role that SLSA stream, theme and 'current topic' convenors have in acting as a focal point for bringing members together in key areas, the SLSA Board has made a limited amount of funding available to help create capacity-building and networking opportunities to develop pathways towards impact. A maximum of £1000 per activity is available. This is primarily intended to support involvement from non-academic partners. This is an open call and applications will be considered in advance of the next SLSA Board meeting which is on **11 May 2023**.

See [w website](#) for details.

Impact Grant report

Marie Fox, University of Liverpool, and Julie Marie Strange, University of Durham, £1420, 'Compassion in the Workplace: Addressing Pet loss': free online seminar, 16 November 2022

The applicants used the funding to organise an online workshop, in collaboration with the Blue Cross, entitled 'Compassion in the Workplace: Addressing Pet Loss'. At

the event, which attracted 64 registrations, we launched an animated short film commissioned by the Pet Loss Network. The animation was introduced by activist Emma McNulty, who recounted her experience of being dismissed by a fast-food company in 2019 when she was unable to arrange cover for her shift following the sudden and devastating death of her dog. Emma's [change.org](#) petition has attracted almost 30,000 signatories.

Our other speakers addressed pet loss in the workplace from different disciplinary perspectives. Diane James, Head of the Pet Bereavement and Loss Support Service (PBLSS) at Blue Cross, outlined how widespread this form of disenfranchised grief is and explained the range of services offered by the PBLSS to support those affected. She highlighted the lack of awareness amongst employers and challenges signposting bereaved individuals to support. Human resources consultant Lisa Seagroatt argued that allowing compassionate leave for pet loss makes sense from an employers' perspective, demonstrating the deleterious effects of cultures of presenteeism when employees are unfit to work because of grief. Finally, Professor Lydia Hayes, University of Liverpool, offered a pertinent reminder of why compassion, given its inherently voluntaristic nature, may not be enough. Providing an overview of workplace rights and entitlements, she suggested that this may be an opportune time, when understandings of work and home are being reconfigured in the post-Covid era, to reconsider a range of workplace rights and entitlements and recognise support for human-pet relations as a workplace rights issue.

An edited recording of the event will soon be available on the [Pet Loss Network](#) website (shortly to be revamped) and a link will also be added via the [SLSA Twitter](#) account. Thanks to SLSA funding we were able to have an artist scribe the event and produce the graphic below and are currently working on briefing documents designed to raise awareness amongst employers and trade unions.

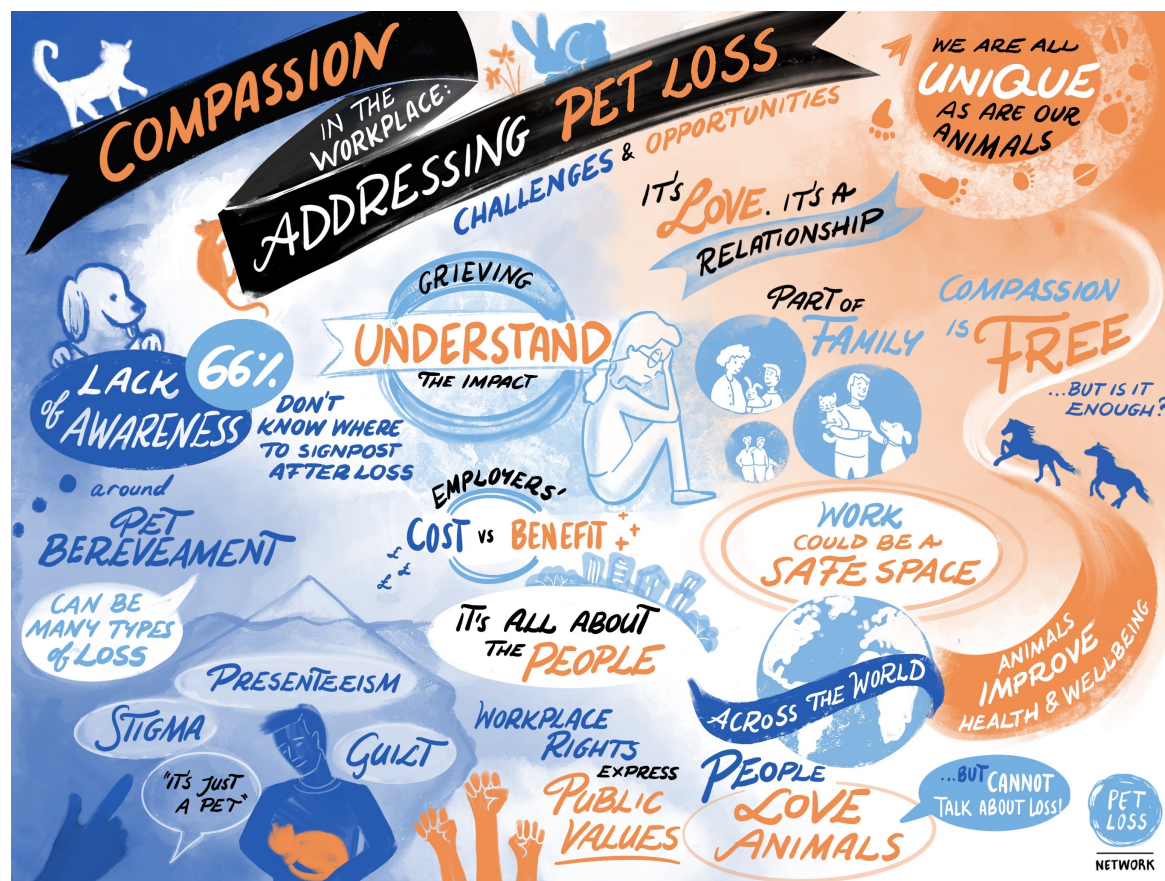


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Leverhulme Trust

Doctoral Scholarships

The scheme enables UK universities to fund up to 18 Leverhulme Doctoral Scholarships in an interdisciplinary priority research area for that institution. Following a review, the Trust Board has decided to increase its commitment to the Leverhulme Doctoral Scholarships scheme, leading to the following changes:

- additional scholarship places are available to support students from underrepresented groups to undertake a master's plus doctoral programme;
- applications to the scheme will be accepted from consortia of a maximum of two universities;
- a limited number of doctoral scholarships may be allocated to international students;
- dedicated funding for research and training expenses and cohort-building activities will be provided.

See [w website](#) for full details. Closing date: **2 June 2023**.

AHRC Research, Development and Engagement Fellowships

This scheme for mid-career and established researchers at eligible research organisations allows researchers to carry out high-quality research in any area covered by the AHRC. It also provides the opportunity to develop capabilities as research specialists and to undertake innovative and collaborative development activities. Funding is available for projects with full economic costs of between £50,000 and £300,000 lasting from six to 18 months and research can be at various stages of development. See [w website](#) for details. Next round opens **8 June 2023**.

Note: there will be a roundtable at SLSA 2023 (see page 1) with representatives from funders, including AHRC/ESRC, Nuffield Foundation and Legal Education Trust, who will talk about their strategies, future directions for funding and so forth. Further details available in due course. See [w conference website](#).

ESRC centres: applications open

The ESRC invites applications from researchers at eligible UK research organisations for funding to establish a world-leading centre of excellence to carry out interdisciplinary, cutting-edge and impactful research in the social sciences and beyond. Grants are in the range of £5 million to £9.7 million with funding available for up to five years. See [w website](#) for details. Closing date: **17 May 2023**.

Nuffield Foundation: Research, Development and Analysis Fund

The Research, Development and Analysis Fund is for projects to inform the design and operation of social policy and practice across the Foundation's three core domains of education, welfare and justice. Closing date for the two-stage process for outline applications: **13 March 2023**. See [w Nuffield Foundation website](#) for details.

SLSA policies

The SLSA is guided in its work by policies approved by the SLSA Board. The latest addition is our Stream Convenor Policy. See [w policies page](#) for the full list.

Major Research Fellowships

These opportunities are for well-established, distinguished researchers in the humanities and social sciences to complete a piece of original research. They are particularly aimed at those who are or have been prevented by routine duties from completing a programme of original research. The funding includes replacement salary costs for the duration of the fellowship (two or three years) and there is an option to request annual expenses of £6000. See [w website](#) for details. Closing date: **12 May 2023**.

Philip Leverhulme Prizes

Nominations are now open for these prestigious prizes worth £100,000 each. The eligible subject areas rotate on a three-year cycle and this year law is included in the list. The scheme is for researchers at an early stage of their careers whose work has had international impact and whose future research career is exceptionally promising. Funding can be used for any research purpose. See [w website](#) for details. Closing date: **17 May 2023**.

British Academy funding opportunities

International Fellowships Programme

The International Fellowships Programme provides support for outstanding early career researchers to make a first step towards developing an independent research career through gaining experience across international borders. Each award is expected to involve a specific and protected research focus with the award-holder undertaking high quality, original research. This scheme is jointly run by the British Academy and the Royal Society. The deadline for applications is **28 March 2023**. See [w website](#) for details.

BA/Leverhulme Small Research Grants

The BA/Leverhulme Small Research Grants are available to support primary research in the humanities and social sciences. These awards, up to £10,000 in value and tenable for up to 24 months, are provided to cover the cost of the expenses arising from a defined research project. The next round closes on **7 June 2023**. See [w website](#) for details.

Newton International Fellowships

The Newton International Fellowships enable researchers to work for two years at a UK institution with the aim of fostering long-term international collaborations. The scheme aims to attract the most promising early career postdoctoral researchers from overseas including those in the fields of social sciences and the humanities. See [w website](#) for details. Closing date: **16 March 2023**.

Visitors' Programme, Centre for Socio-Legal Studies, Oxford: call for applications

Each year, the Centre for Socio-Legal Studies at the University of Oxford invites doctoral students and faculty members to pursue their research as visitors and engage with a vibrant community of scholars for one or more terms. All visitors are entitled to make full use of the university's research facilities and libraries, in addition to attending seminars, lectures and other academic gatherings. Applications are currently open. Please submit your application to [e admin@csls.ox.ac.uk](mailto:admin@csls.ox.ac.uk) in accordance with the procedure and before the deadlines specified. The next two deadlines are: **24 March** and **14 July 2023**. See [w website](#) for full details.

Rosemary Hunter appointed honorary King's Counsel

Rosemary Hunter, Head of Kent Law School and Professor of Law and Socio-Legal Studies, has been appointed honorary King's Counsel (KC Hon). She is one of only nine legal figures in the country in 2022 to receive this prestigious award.

Rosemary served on the SLSA Executive Committee (as it then was) from 2008 to 2017, and was SLSA Chair from 2011. KC *Honoris Causa* is an honorary award unique to the legal profession. It recognises those in the profession who have made a major contribution to, and impact on, the law of England and Wales outside the courtroom. Rosemary received the award for her scholarly achievements in the study of the family justice system, together with her work in the important field of domestic abuse which has directly affected legislative developments. The awards ceremony will take place at Westminster Hall on 27 March 2023.

International Master's in Sociology of Law, Oñati: open for applications

The International Institute for the Sociology of Law at Oñati, Spain, invites applications for its International Master's in Sociology of Law. This programme gives a broad overview of the field of socio-legal studies and covers the main subject areas in the sociology of law. It is research-oriented, providing students with the conceptual foundations and methodological skills to engage in socio-legal research projects on their own. A particular feature of this programme is that it is not confined to specific national or regional contexts but takes the comparative, international and global dimensions of socio-legal problems seriously. See [w website](#) for details. Closing date: **31 March 2023**.

Martin Buckley

Clare Buckley offers some thoughts on her late husband Martin's career as an author and teacher of law.

Martin Wilfred Buckley passed away suddenly on 15 April 2022. Martin published a number of business-related works, principally *The Structure of Business* first published in 1985 by Pitman with the third edition published in 1994. At the time of his death, he was working on the fourth edition.

Martin is also credited with the principal development of academic outreach into Poland and the Czech Republic on behalf of Huddersfield University where he worked for 35 years until his retirement in 2007. For many years, he was an examiner and fellow of the Association of Business Executives and an academic assessor for the Chartered Institute of Credit Management.

Having qualified with a degree in accountancy at Leeds University and worked as an accountant in industry for a short time, Martin went on to requalify as a teacher and joined Huddersfield Polytechnic (later Huddersfield University). While there he was awarded an MA in Socio-Legal Studies externally at Sheffield University. This broadened his teaching into other subjects such as law and other socio-commercial-related areas.

Martin was a loving and devoted family man – a father of four and grandfather to eleven. He will be greatly missed amongst his family and his academic colleagues. Further details are available on Martin's [w tribute page](#).



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Books

Stirring Up Hatred: Myth, Identity and Order in the Regulation of Hate Speech (2022) Jen Neller, Palgrave Macmillan Hate Studies Series £109.99hb/£87.50eb 312pp

This book critically examines the development of the 'stirring-up hatred' offences which are currently found within the UK's Public Order Act 1986. Through a critical discourse analysis of key excerpts of parliamentary Hansard, the book constructs a detailed genealogy of the offences from the perspectives that shaped them. A novel application of theory on 'myth' is used to navigate the complex arguments and to trace ideas about identity and order across parliamentary debates, from fears of fascism in the 1930s to condemnations of homophobia in the early twenty-first century. The story of the 'stirring-up hatred' offences told in this book therefore extends far beyond the traditional dilemma between regulating hate speech and safeguarding free speech. It is inextricably entwined with myths about law, race and national identity, and speaks to wider themes of coloniality, neoliberalism, white entitlement, British-Christian exceptionalism and the innocence of law. Written in an accessible and engaging style, this book challenges a wide range of assumptions about hate speech law and raises a series of considerations for developing forms of accountability that are less complicit in the harms that they are supposed to redress.

Quiet Revolutionaries: The Married Women's Association and Family Law (2022) Sharon Thompson, Hart £85hb/£76.50eb 280pp

This book tells the untold story of the Married Women's Association (MWA). Unlike more conventional histories of family law, which focus on legal actors, it highlights the little-known yet indispensable work of a dedicated group of life-long activists. Formed in 1938, the MWA took reform of family property law as its chief focus. The name is deceptively innocuous, suggesting tea parties and charity fundraisers, but in fact the MWA was often involved in dramatic confrontations with politicians, civil servants, and Law Commissioners. The Association boasted powerful public figures, including MP Edith Summerskill, authors Vera Brittain and Dora Russell, and barrister Helena Normanton. They campaigned on matters that are still being debated in family law today. *Quiet Revolutionaries* sheds new light upon legal reform then and now by challenging longstanding assumptions, showing that piecemeal legislation can be an effective stepping stone to comprehensive reform and highlighting how unsuccessful bills, though often now forgotten, can still be important triggers for change. Drawing upon interviews with members' friends and family and thousands of archival documents, the book is compulsory reading for lawyers, legal historians, and anyone who wishes to explore histories of law reform from the ground up.

What is the Family Justice System For? (2022) Mavis Maclean, Rachel Treloar and Bregje Dijksterhuis (eds), Hart £85hb/£76.50eb 288pp

Does a justice system have a welfare function? If so, where does the boundary lie between justice and welfare, and where can the necessary resources and expertise be found? In a time of austerity, medical emergency and limited public funding, this book explores the role of the family justice system and asks whether it has a function beyond decision-making in dispute resolution. Might a family justice system even help to prevent or minimise conflict as well as resolving disputes when they arise?

Deprivation of Liberty in the Shadows of the Institution (2022) Lucy Series, Bristol University Press, £24.99pb/open access eb 316pp

During the twentieth century the locus of care shifted from large institutions into the community. However, this shift was not always accompanied by liberation from restrictive practices. In 2014 a UK Supreme Court ruling on the meaning of 'deprivation of liberty' resulted in large numbers of older and disabled people in care homes, supported living and family homes being recategorised as 'detained'. Placing this ruling in its social, historical and global context, this book presents a socio-legal analysis of social care detention in the post-carcer era. Drawing from disability rights law and the meanings of 'home' and 'institution', it proposes solutions to the *Cheshire West* ruling's paradoxical implications.

The Treatment of Immigrants in the European Court of Human Rights: Moving beyond Criminalisation (2022) Amanda Spalding, Hart £80hb 232pp

This book looks at how the European Court of Human Rights has addressed the question of immigration. As immigration in Europe has increased, so has its criminalisation. This is a multifaceted phenomenon, with criminal justice and harsh use of immigration measures becoming more and more entwined. This book asks: how has the European Court of Human Rights responded? Drawing on case law from across the spectrum of rights, the author shows how effective the court has been in countering detention and deportation – if at all – and makes an original contribution to the growing focus on 'cimmigration'.

Lawyers and the Rule of Law (2022) Andrew Boon, Hart £90hb/£81eb 576pp

This book examines lawyers' contributions to creating and maintaining the rule of law, one of the pillars of a liberal democracy. It moves from the European Enlightenment to the modern day, exploring the role of judges, government lawyers and private practitioners in creating, defining and being defined by the demands of modern society.

The book is divided into four parts, representing the big themes. The first part considers lawyers' contribution to the growth of constitutionalism; the second, the formulation of roles and identities; and the third the formation of values. The fourth part focuses on the challenges faced by lawyers and the rule of law in the past 50 years and how they challenge both conceptions of lawyers and the rule of law. Each part is illustrated by defining events, from the execution of Charles I, through the Nuremberg Trials, to the insurrection by supporters of Donald Trump in January 2021. Although the focus is on England and Wales, parallel developments in other jurisdictions – Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the USA – are considered. This allows analysis of lawyers' historical and contemporary engagement with the rule of law in jurisdictional systems based on the common law. Each chapter is thematic, but the passage through the book is broadly chronological.

An Economic Sociology of Law Reimagined – Beyond Embeddedness (2022) Clare Williams, Routledge £120hb/£34.99pb/£26.24eb 206pp

This book critically examines the concept of 'embeddedness': the core concept of an economic sociology of law (ESL). It suggests that our ways of doing, talking and thinking about law, economy and society reproduce and re-entrench mainstream approaches, shaping our thoughts and actions such that we perform according to the model. Taking a deep dive into one example – the concept of embeddedness – this book combines insights from law, sociology, economics and psychology to

show that, while we use metaphor to talk about law and economy, our metaphors in turn use us, moulding us into their fictionalised caricatures of *homo juridicus* and *homo economicus*. The result is a groundbreaking study into the prioritisation throughout society of interests and voices that align with doctrinal understandings of law and neoclassical understandings of economics: approaches that led us into the dilemmas currently facing society. Zooming out from a detailed exploration of embeddedness in economic sociology and ESL literature, the book unpacks the fashionable post-2008 claim that the economy should be re-embedded in society and proposes two conceptual shifts in response. The work draws on personas and vignettes throughout, both to imagine and to realise shifting an ESL beyond embeddedness. This timely engagement with the emerging field of economic sociology of law will appeal to socio-legal scholars and others with interests in the intersection of law, economics and sociology. See [w website](#) for details and to read the two open access chapters.

***The Abortion Act: A Biography of a UK Law* (2022)**

Sally Sheldon, Gayle Davis, Jane O'Neill and Clare Parker (Law in Context) Cambridge University Press £95hb 358pp

The Abortion Act 1967 may be the most contested law in UK history, sitting on a fault line between the shifting tectonic plates of a rapidly transforming society. While it has survived repeated calls for its reform, with its text barely altered for over five decades, women's experiences of accessing abortion services under it have evolved considerably. Drawing on extensive archival research and interviews, this book explores how the Abortion Act was given meaning by a diverse cast of actors including women seeking access to services, doctors and service providers, campaigners, judges, lawyers and policymakers. By adopting an innovative biographical approach to the law, the book shows that the Abortion Act is a 'living law'. Using this historically grounded socio-legal approach, this enlightening book demonstrates how the Abortion Act both shaped and was shaped by a constantly changing society.

***Sentencing and Punishment* (2022) Susan Easton and Christine Piper, Oxford University Press £44.95pb 592pp**

This comprehensive review of sentencing law, penal policy and penal justification offers the strong foundation of knowledge needed to firmly grasp the subject. Each chapter features case studies and problem questions so that students can apply their knowledge and place the law and penal theory into a practical context. This edition is fully updated to include recent developments including the Sentencing Act 2020. It features the impact of the global Covid-19 pandemic on the courts, on life in prison, and on offenders in young offender institutions and includes additional material on the legacy of the Equality Act 2010, including the impact of imprisonment on mothers, and further discussion on racial disparity and the criminal justice systems in the UK and USA.

***Litigants in Person and the Family Justice System* (2022) Jessica Mant, Hart £85hb/£61.50eb 192pp**

This book is about those who represent themselves as litigants in person in the family justice system. It calls for a refocusing of the debate about the historical challenges associated with litigants in person as well as the role they should play within the family justice system in England and Wales. Drawing together interviews with litigants in person and decades of research into self-representation from across multiple jurisdictions, this book provides an account of the family justice system through the eyes of

its users. It employs an innovative socio-legal framework comprising feminist theory, a Bourdieusian theory of class, vulnerability theory and actor-network theory to explore the journey that litigants in person take through the legal, cultural and social context of the family court. It provides fresh insight into the diverse challenges that people face within this process and how these relate to wider pressures within the family justice system, arguing that there are important lessons to be learned from litigants in person. By understanding how and why people come to the point of self-representing, and the kinds of experiences they have when they do, the book advocates the importance of forging a more positive and effective relationship between litigants in person and the family justice system. Use code GLR AP3UK for UK orders for 20% discount at checkout.

***Law, Humanities and the Covid Crisis* (2022)**

Carl F Stychin (ed), University of London Press, £90hb/£29.99pb/open access eb 306pp

While there has been an abundance of scientific works on the Covid-19 crisis, there has been relatively little research to date from the humanities. This striking new book seeks to address the immediacy of Covid-19 by focusing on the implications of the virus in a wider interdisciplinary context – through the lens of the law, history, ethics, technology, economics and gender studies. From Europe to South America, Asia and beyond, *Law, Humanities and the Covid Crisis* sets out a framework for understanding the Covid-19 virus beyond its epidemiological constraints, asking us to question the very definition of what it means to be human. Researchers from around the world offer their critical reflections on the past, present and future of this period of sociocultural upheaval and the tremendous suffering that has laid bare fundamental imbalances in our society. Featuring essays on public welfare versus private interest, violence against women, mask compliance, conspiracy theories and national security laws, this book is a significant contribution to understanding our new 'post-Covid' landscape and the future yet to come. Use LHCCX30 for 30% off this title in print.

***Constitutional Democracy in Indonesia* (2022) Melissa Crouch (ed), Oxford University Press £80hb 336pp**

Indonesia's political and governmental structures underwent sweeping reforms in the late 1990s. After decades of authoritarian rule, a key aspect of the transition to constitutional democracy during this period was the amendment of the 1945 Indonesian Constitution – an important legal text governing the world's third-largest democracy. The amended Constitution introduced profound changes to the legal and political system, including an emphasis on judicial independence, a bill of rights, and the establishment of a Constitutional Court. This volume, with chapters written by leading experts, explores the ongoing debates over the meaning, implementation and practice of constitutional democracy in Indonesia, including deliberations about the powers of the legislature, the role of the military, the scope of decentralisation, the protection of rights and permissible limits on rights, the regulation of elections, the watchdog role of accountability agencies, and the leading role of the Constitutional Court. These legal issues are analysed in light of the contemporary social, political and economic environment that has seen a decline in tolerance, freedom and respect for minorities.

***Coercive Control and the Criminal Law* (2023)**

Cassandra Wiener, Routledge £34.99pb 220pp

This book considers how a phenomenon as complex as coercive control can be criminalised. The recognition and ensuing criminalisation of coercive control in the UK and

Ireland has been the focus of considerable international attention. It has generated complex questions about the 'best' way to criminalise domestic abuse. This work reviews recent domestic abuse criminal law reform in the UK and Ireland. In particular, it defines coercive control and explains why using traditional criminal law approaches to prosecute it does not work. Laws passed in England and Wales versus Scotland represent two different approaches to translating coercive control into a criminal offence. This volume explains how and why the jurisdictions have taken different approaches and examines the advantages and disadvantages of each. As jurisdictions around the world review what steps need to be taken to improve national criminal justice responses to domestic abuse, the question of what works, and why, at the intersection of domestic abuse and the criminal law has never been more important.

The European Union, Emerging Global Business and Human Rights (2022) Aleydis Nissen, Cambridge University Press £85hb 288pp

Emerging and developing states are home to powerful corporations capable of deploying economic activities on a global scale through the rapid pace of technological change and globalisation. But, to date, such corporations have been largely overlooked in the field of business and human rights. Treatment of such corporations has typically been in the context of supply chain studies, as subsidiaries of corporations from economically developed Western states. This book takes a radically different approach. It aims to investigate the conditions under which the EU and its member states regulate and remedy human rights violations by corporations from emerging and developing states. Stemming from the hypothesis that the EU intends to play a central role, Aleydis Nissen explores how the EU and its member states attempt to ensure that EU-based businesses are not undercut by emerging competition, drawing on global examples to illustrate this developing phenomenon. Use code NISSEN22 for a 20% discount.

Decolonisation and Legal Knowledge: Reflections on Power and Possibility (2023) Folúke Adébişi, Bristol University Press £85.99hb 200pp

The law is heavily implicated in creating, maintaining, and reproducing racialised hierarchies which bring about and preserve acute global disparities and injustices. This essential book provides an examination of the meanings of decolonisation and explores how this examination can inform the teaching, researching and practising of law. It explores the ways in which the foundations of law are entangled in colonial thought and in its (re)production of ideas of commodification of bodies and space-time. Thus, it is an exploration of the ways in which we can use theories and praxes of decolonisation to produce legal knowledge for flourishing futures.

Constructing the Family: Marriage and Work in Nineteenth-Century English Law (2022) Luke Taylor, Toronto University Press \$90hb/eb 424pp

In nineteenth-century England, legal conceptions of work and family changed in fundamental ways. Notably, significant legal moves came into play that changed the legal understanding of the family. *Constructing the Family* examines the evolution of the legal-discursive framework governing work and family relations. Luke Taylor considers the intersecting intellectual and institutional forces that contributed to the dissolution of the household, the establishment of separate spheres of work and family, and the emergence of modern legal and social ideas concerning work and family. He shows how specific legal-institutional moves contributed to the

creation of the family's categorical status in the social and legal order and a distinct and exceptional body of rules – family law – for its governance. Shedding light on the historical processes that contributed to the emergence of English family law, *Constructing the Family* shows how work and family became separate regulatory domains and, in so doing, reveals the contingent nature of the modern legal family.

Adventures in Childhood: Intellectual Property, Imagination and the Business of Play (2022) Jose Bellido & Kathy Bowery, Cambridge University Press £85hb 250pp

Adventures in Childhood connects modern intellectual property law and practice with a history of consumption. Structured in a loosely chronological order, the book begins with the creation of a children's literature market, a Christmas market, and moves through character merchandising, syndicated newspaper strips, film, television and cross-industry relations, finishing in the 1970s, by which time professional identities and legal practices had stabilised. By focusing on the rise of child-targeted commercial activities, the book is able to reflect on how and why intellectual property rights became a defining feature of twentieth-century culture. Chapters trace the commercial empires that grew around Alice in Wonderland, Peter Rabbit, Meccano, Felix the Cat, Mickey Mouse, Peter Pan, *Eagle* magazine, Davy Crockett, the Mr Men, Dr Who, *The Magic Roundabout* and *The Wombles* to show how modern intellectual property merchandising

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Lawyers in Conflict and Transition (2022) Kieran McEvoy, Louise Mallinder & Anna Bryson, Cambridge University Press – David Dyzenhaus

Lawyers and the Rule of Law (2022) Andrew Boon, Bloomsbury – John Flood

Penalty in the Underground: The IRA's Pursuit of Informers (2022) Ron Dudai, Oxford University Press – Shane Darcy

Contractual Relations: A Contribution to the Critique of the Classical Law of Contract (2022) David Campbell, Oxford University Press – Catherine Mitchell

was plagued with legal and moral questions that exposed the tension between exploitation and innocence.

Squatting and the State: Resilient Property in an Age of Crisis (2022) Lorna Fox O'Mahony and Marc L Roark, Cambridge University Press £26.99pb 480pp

Squatting and the State offers a new theoretical and methodological approach for analysing state responses to squatting, homelessness, empty land and housing. Embedded in local, national and transnational contexts, and reaching beyond conventional property theories, this important work sets out a fresh analytical paradigm for understanding the deep, interlocking problems facing not just the traditional 'victims' of narratives about homelessness and squatting but also a variety of other participants in these conflicts. Against the backdrop of economic, social and political crises, this book offers insights into the changing natures of property, investment, housing, communities and the multi-level state and describes the implications of these changes for how we think and talk about property in law.

Fault in Criminal Law: A Research Companion (2022) Alan Reed and Michael Bohlander (eds) with Bethany Simpson and Verity Adams, Routledge £170/£29.24eb 358pp

This volume presents a comparative examination of the issue of fault in criminal law. Extant law reveals significant problems in adoption of consistent approaches to doctrinal and theoretical underpinnings of fault liability and culpability thresholds in criminal law. This has been exemplified by a plethora of recent jurisprudential authorities revealing varying degrees of confusion and vacillation. This collection focuses on fault liability for inculcation with contributions from leading specialists from different jurisdictions presenting alternative perspectives. The book addresses three specific elements within the arena of fault, embracing an overarching synergy between them. This structure facilitates an examination of UK provisions, with specialist contributions on domestic law, and contrasting these provisions with those in alternative domestic jurisdictions.

Book series

New book series: Gender, Justice and Legal Feminism – call for proposals

This series, published by Springer, seeks to harness the diverse and innovative work within and across the boundaries of jurisprudence and gender studies, with a specific attention to approaches inspired both by traditional and more recent feminist movements. The series editors are Angela Condello and Anne Wagner. See [w website](#) for details.

Journals

Oñati Socio-Legal Series: special issue

Edited by Prakash Shah this special issue is on the theme of 'Rethinking the Caste System'. See [w webpage](#) to download this open access publication.

International Journal for the Semiotics of Law: call for papers for special issue

Submissions are invited for a special open access issue entitled 'The Legal Semiotics of the Digital Face' edited by Gabriele Marino and Massimo Leone. See [w website](#) for details. Call closes: 15 August 2023.

- **BOOK LAUNCH: STATE RESPONSIBILITY FOR MODERN SLAVERY IN HUMAN RIGHTS LAW**
8 March 2023: St Antony's College, Oxford
Author: Marija Jovanovic. See [w website](#) for details
- **RESPONDING TO DOMESTIC ABUSE: LEARNING FROM DOMESTIC HOMICIDES AND SUSPECTED VICTIM SUICIDES IN ENGLAND AND WALES**
9 March 2023: Centre for Socio-Legal Studies, Oxford
Speaker: Katharine Hoeger. See [w website](#) for details.
- **ELEVATING WOMEN'S VOICES IN THE LEGAL SYSTEM**
13 March 2023: online from Support Through Court
See [w website](#) for details.
- **SPECTRES OF SEX POSITIVITY/NEGATIVITY AND THE 'SEX GAME GONE WRONG'**
14 March 2023: Durham Law School and online
Speaker: Dr Alexandra Fanghanel. See [w website](#) for details.
- **PHILIP GAVIN AND PETER UNDERWOOD ON CORPORATE PURPOSE, CHOICE AND PLURALISM**
14 March 2023: online from Brunel University
Part of the Global Corporate Law Seminar Series. See [w website](#) for details.
- **THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE CHILD AND ACCESS TO JUSTICE FOR CHILDREN IN SOUTH AFRICA'S CHILDREN'S COURTS**
15 March 2023: Bonavero Institute of Human Rights and Zoom
Speaker: Dr Willene Holness. Hosted by the Oxford Children's Rights Network Series. See [w website](#) for details.
- **EMPLOYMENT LAW BREAKFAST**
16 March 2023: Cannon Street, London
Organised by Support Through Court. See [w website](#) for details.
- **LAW, HUMANITIES AND THE COVID CRISIS AND THE 'REIMAGINING LAW AND JUSTICE' OPEN ACCESS SERIES**
16 March 2023: Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, London
Launch of the first book – edited by Carl F Stychin – in this new series. See [w website](#) for details.
- **BOOK LAUNCH: COERCIVE CONTROL AND THE CRIMINAL LAW**
16 March 2023: City Law School, London
Author: Cassandra Wiener. See [announcement](#) for details.
- **POSITIVE ACTION LIBRARY GRADUATE TRAINEESHIPS**
24 March 2023: Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, London
See [w website](#) for details.
- **BOOK LAUNCH: DECOLONISATION AND LEGAL KNOWLEDGE**
24 March 2023: Lady Hale Moot Court Room, University of Bristol
Author: Folúké Adébísi. See [website](#) for details.
- **PREVENT, SURVEIL AND PROTECT: THE FIGHT AGAINST TERRORISM**
27 March 2023: online via Teams from University of Sunderland
See [w website](#) for details. This event is supported through funding from the [SLSA Seminar Competition](#).
- **TOWARDS AUTONOMOUS BORDERS?**
29 March 2023: Queen Mary University of London
Theme: 'Assessing the human rights and rule of law challenges of the deployment of artificial intelligence systems for migration management'. See [w website](#) for details.
- **HOUSING STUDIES ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2023**
29–31 March 2023: Sheffield
Theme: 'From the floorboards up: foundations and futures of housing justice'. See [w website](#) for details.

- **INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE SOCIOLOGY OF LAW, OÑATI, SPAIN: WORKSHOP PROGRAMME 2023**
April–May 2023: IISL, Oñati, Spain
See [w website](#) for details of this year's extensive programme.
Or contact [e workshop@iisj.es](mailto:workshop@iisj.es).
- **THE DIRECTOR'S SEMINAR SERIES: CURRENT ATTITUDES TOWARDS INTERNATIONAL LAW IN RUSSIA**
3 April 2023: online from Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, London
Speaker: Professor Tim Potier. See [w website](#) for details.
- **ANNUAL MCGILL GRADUATE LAW CONFERENCE**
4–5 May 2023: Montreal, Canada, and online
See [w website](#) for details.
- **INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE CENTER FOR TRANSDISCIPLINARY GENDER STUDIES (ZTG)**
4–6 May 2023: Humboldt Universität zu Berlin
See [w website](#) for details.
- **STUDENT LEGAL THEORY CONFERENCE**
5 May 2023: Zagreb, Croatia
See [announcement](#) for further details.
- **PLURAL VISIONS OF LAW – THE LEGACY OF JOSEPH RAZ**
11 May 2023: University of York
See [w website](#) for details.
- **ASSOCIATION FOR LAW, PROPERTY, AND SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING**
11–13 May 2023: University of Southampton
See [announcement](#) for further details.
- **EVIDENTIARY REGIMES OF UN TREATY BODIES: PERSPECTIVES FROM RESEARCH AND PRACTICE**
15–16 May 2023: Ghent, Belgium
See [w website](#) for details.
- **REIMAGINING PUBLIC LAW WORKSHOP**
23 May 2023: Centre for Employability, Professional Legal Education and Research, Birmingham Law School
See [w website](#) for details.
- **23RD INTERNATIONAL ROUNDTABLES FOR THE SEMIOTICS OF LAW**
24–27 May 2023: online from Rome
See [official event page](#) for details.
- **POSTGRADUATE WORKSHOP ON COMPARATIVE ANIMAL LAW: CALL FOR PAPERS**
25–26 May 2023: online hosted jointly by Kent Law School and international partners
See [w website](#) for details. Call closes: 15 March 2023.
- **LSA ANNUAL MEETING 2023**
1–4 June 2023: Caribe Hilton, San Juan, Puerto Rico
See [w website](#) for details.
- **THE TREATMENT OF IMMIGRANTS IN THE EUROPEAN COURT OF HUMAN RIGHTS**
12 June 2023: Moot Court, University of Sheffield School of Law and online
See [w website](#) for details.
- **ISA WORLD CONGRESS OF SOCIOLOGY: SESSION ON TRANSNATIONAL QUEER POLITICS AND HUMAN RIGHTS**
25 June–1 July 2023: Melbourne, Australia
See [w website](#) for details.
- **SOCIETY OF LEGAL SCHOLARS ANNUAL CONFERENCE**
27–30 June 2023: Oxford Brookes University
See [w website](#) for details.
- **WG HART WORKSHOP 2023**
29–30 June 2023: Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, London
See [w website](#) for details.
- **SIXTH TAX POLICY CONFERENCE**
3–4 July 2023: Centre for Tax Law, Faculty of Law, University of Cambridge
See [w website](#) for details.
- **COMBATING GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE**
3–6 July 2023: Lille University, France
See [w website](#) for details.
- **AUTHORITARIANISM AND GENOCIDE: NARRATIVES OF EXCLUSION**
10–14 July 2023: Barcelona, Spain
16th Biennial Meeting of the International Association of Genocide Scholars. See [w website](#) for details.
- **LAW AND HUMANITIES ROUNDTABLE 2023**
14 July 2023: online and University of Verona
See [announcement](#) for further details.
- **NINTH BIENNIAL CONFERENCE ON APPLIED LEGAL STORYTELLING**
26–28 July 2023: City Law School, University of London
See [w website](#) for details.
- **INSTITUTE FOR PEACE AND DIALOGUE: 13TH SUMMER ACADEMY – CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS**
7–21 August 2023: Basel, Switzerland
See [w website](#) for details. Early bird applications: 5 May 2023; late applications: 30 June 2023.
- **RESEARCH COMMITTEE ON THE SOCIOLOGY OF LAW ANNUAL MEETING: LAW, SOCIETY AND DIGITAL PASTS, PRESENTS AND FUTURES**
30 August–1 September 2023: Sociology of Law Department, Lund University
See [w website](#) for details.
- **CELEBRATING WOMEN IN LEGAL HISTORY: THE LIVES AND LEGACIES OF EARLY WOMEN LEGAL HISTORIANS: CALL FOR ABSTRACTS**
1 September 2023: University of Liverpool School of Law and Social Justice
See [announcement](#) for further details. Closing date: 21 April 2023.
- **INTERNATIONAL CREATIVE RESEARCH METHODS CONFERENCE**
11–12 September 2023: Manchester and online
See [w website](#) for further details.
- **PREGNANCY AND THE LAW: CALL FOR PAPERS**
13 September 2023: Law School, University of Southampton and online
See [announcement](#) for details. Closing date for submission of abstracts: 1 June 2023.
- **IVR JAPAN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 2023: CALL FOR PAPERS**
16–18 September 2023: Chiba University near Tokyo
See [w website](#) for details. Call closes: 30 April 2023.
- **INSTITUTIONS FOR CONFLICT RESOLUTION: CALL FOR ABSTRACTS AND PANELS**
28–29 September 2023: Utrecht University
See [w website](#) for details. Call closes: 24 March 2023.
- **INTERNATIONAL ACCESS TO JUSTICE FORUM 2023: CALL FOR PAPERS**
11–13 October 2023: University of California Irvine
Hosted by UCI Law's Initiative for Inclusive Civil Justice and the Victoria Law Foundation. See [announcement](#) for details. Closing date: 31 May 2023.
- **IVR WORLD CONGRESS 2024**
7–12 July 2024: Seoul, Republic of Korea
Theme: The Rule of Law, Justice and the Future of Democracy.
See [announcement](#). Further details will be published in due course.

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