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ULSTER 2023 BREAKS NEW GROUND!

This spring, the SLSA's Annual Conference made only its second visit to the island of Ireland, and its first to the city of Derry-Londonderry, where Ulster University acted as hosts from 4 to 6 April.

This was by most measures the largest and most diverse SLSA conference to date. More than 900 abstracts were submitted, with over 700 papers and posters scheduled across 40 streams and current topics. More than 800 delegates registered to attend (in person or online) and around 530 people from at least 25 countries turned up in person. Eighty fee bursaries were awarded, 280 postgraduate researchers received support with travel costs and 140 postgraduates were paired with mentors through the first-ever conference 'buddy' scheme.

The 25th anniversary of both the Belfast/Good Friday Agreement and the Acts of Parliament establishing devolved institutions in Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales was the ideal occasion for the socio-legal community to assemble in Derry-Londonderry. Our Wednesday plenary session saw an interdisciplinary panel of world-leading experts (Professors Brice Dickson, Michael Keating, Nicola McEwen and Daniel Wincott) lead a lively discussion on the successes and shortcomings of devolution to date. Tuesday's plenary was an equally engaging conversation about socio-legal and interdisciplinary research, looking back to REF 2021 and forward to the coming years, with a similarly illustrious panel of two learned society chairs (Professors John Harrington and Ann Marie Gray) and two REF sub-panel chairs (Professors Joanne Conaghan and Nick Ellison). Both plenaries can be viewed on the **SLSA YouTube Channel**. The research funders who joined us on Wednesday afternoon – AHRC, British Academy, Nuffield Foundation and Legal Education Foundation – drew a sizeable and interested audience to hear about the latest developments on this front.

If the primary purpose of the conference is to showcase the latest and best in socio-legal research, it is also an important and all-too-rare chance to catch up with colleagues from other institutions. The 2023 social calendar gave delegates the chance to walk in the footsteps of the Derry Girls in a packed-out St Columb's Hall. The more formal surrounds of the gala dinner were also the cue to celebrate our prizewinners. Picking up the award for contributions to the socio-legal community, Richard Collier emphasised the importance of that community ethos, sentiments undoubtedly shared by many delegates.

If it takes a village to raise a child, it also takes one to run an SLSA conference. Huge credit must go to the numerous

colleagues at Ulster University – particularly Claire McCollum and Beverly Coulter – our team of conference assistants and the hard-working stream/current topic conveners who helped deliver the event. Thanks also to Visit Derry for their extensive financial and practical support, our local suppliers and venues who did a great job in showcasing the city, Jed Meers for his expertise and limitless patience, and the various SLSA Board members who offered encouragement and guidance.

The baton now passes to Portsmouth who, we are sure, will host a great conference in 2024.

*Mark Simpson & Ciara Fitzpatrick
on behalf of the SLSA 2023 organising team*

CALLING SOCIO-LEGAL MENTORS AND MENTEES!

The SLSA is launching a Mentoring Pilot Scheme and would love for you to be involved.

The aim is to provide opportunities for members to create connections with other researchers, foster a sense of community and create channels for knowledge transfer between more established socio-legal scholars and those in earlier stages of their careers or those wishing to return following career breaks.

The scheme will offer 10 places to mentees and mentors for the 2023–2024 academic year. It will kick-off with a plenary session in October 2023, and mentoring pairs will meet at least twice more remotely before meeting in person at SLSA 2024 in Portsmouth. Mentees will be eligible to apply for a bursary to attend the conference if they do not have access to an alternative source of funding.

Applications will be reviewed with the goal of matching suitable mentors and mentees, providing places to people for whom the scheme can offer tangible benefits for career progression, and accommodating applicants with a range of interests and at a range of career stages.

Prospective mentors and mentees are asked to send a completed application form along with a two-page CV to Professor Bev Clough at b.clough@mmu.ac.uk by **31 July 2023** to be considered for the scheme. See [w webpage](#) for full details.

Please circulate widely within your networks!

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SLSA BOARD NEWS

The SLSA AGM took place on Wednesday 5 April 2023 at the University of Ulster Magee campus in Derry-Londonderry and online.

SLSA members elected five new Trustees to the SLSA Board to replace Trustees who stepped down at the meeting. The new Trustees are Alex Green, University of York, Marie Hutton, University of Sheffield, Kay Lalor, Manchester Metropolitan University, Kirsten McConnachie, University of East Anglia, and Raza Saeed, Warwick University.

The members also elected Smita Kheria as the Vice Chair and Emma Milne as Honorary Secretary.

We were also sorry to say goodbye to Caroline Hunter and Jed Meers who stood down at the AGM. Caroline and Jed were the masterminds behind last year's comeback conference in York which was a huge post-Covid success!

Finally, Maddy Millar, one of our PG Reps, came to the end of her term at the May Board meeting. Maddy has been a real asset to the SLSA and worked incredibly hard in the role. We wish her all the best on her thesis-writing journey this summer.

See page 4 for details of how to apply to be the new PG Rep.

SLSA PRECARIOUS EMPLOYMENT SURVEY REPORT 2023 PUBLISHED

The SLSA is concerned about the increase in precarious working in higher education. We are committed to supporting colleagues and documenting their experiences.

The SLSA has just published its *Precarious Employment Survey Report* which highlights the concerns of members about precarious employment practices in the higher education sector. It was prompted by the findings of our comprehensive 2022 membership survey on equality, diversity and inclusion. We opened the survey to all members, whether currently in precarious employment or not, and are grateful to all those who took the time to respond and share their views. Our objectives were to build a picture of the challenges precariously employed colleagues face, to raise awareness of these issues, and to identify interventions and support that could provide a bulwark against these worrying trends in higher education.

Four main themes were identified in the survey data.

- The first was *financial precarity*. Respondents described the financial pressures they experienced due to low rates of pay and the scarcity of research funding associated with precarious employment.
- Another theme was *career impact*: respondents noted the stress of constantly looking for their next role and the career disruption and erosion of research time they attributed to an insecure employment status.
- Respondents also raised the issue of *burnout* including the mental health impact of precarity, excessive workloads and exhaustion from juggling multiple roles to make ends meet.
- Finally, respondents shared that they felt *undervalued* by and *excluded* from their institutions when working on precarious contracts. This links with a desire for

belonging. Feelings of exclusion also came up in connection with immigration-related precarity.

To address these themes and implement some of the suggestions that respondents shared about what the SLSA can do in response to casualisation in higher education, the SLSA Board of Trustees is taking a number of steps. First, we are making additional financial support available by increasing the size of the SLSA's existing research and seminar funding pots and earmarking some of these funds for eligible precariously employed applicants.

Second, we are seeking to raise awareness of the challenges related to precarity and to advocate for precariously employed members. The *Precarious Employment Survey Report* has been shared widely with SLSA members and beyond through email and Twitter. It was also sent directly to the heads of many UK law schools, and shared with the Academy of Social Sciences, UKRI, the University and College Union, and an All-Party Parliamentary Group investigating the impact of the cost-of-living crisis on students.

Third, we want to increase opportunities for precariously employed members to feel part of a supportive community. To that end we are looking to launch a new mentoring scheme (see page 1) and increase opportunities for precariously employed members to attend SLSA conferences and seminars.

If you have ideas about what the SLSA can do, or want to share your experiences as a precariously employed or unaffiliated socio-legal researcher, you can contact the SLSA Board of Trustees' Precarity Representative, Arwen Joyce e arwen.joyce@leicester.ac.uk.

Go to the [w SLSA website](#) to download the full report.

Membership renewals

As many people renew their membership on 1 July each year, this is a good time to check that your details are up to date.

Full membership is £50 per annum and student membership is £25 (with the first year free for new student members). Members can pay by bank transfer, standing order or Paypal. **If you pay by standing order, please check your records to be sure that you are paying the correct amount since the fees were increased in 2021.**

See [w website](#) for details.

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PGR ACTIVITIES AT SLSA ULSTER 2023

It was brilliant to see so many PGRs, both virtually and in person, at SLSA 2023. And there were so many wonderful presentations given by PGRs throughout the conference that it made us really proud to be part of this community!

The PGR activities offered an opportunity for PGRs to get to know each other before the main conference kick-off. This year, we included a variety of sessions to help PGRs on their doctoral journeys.

Firstly, we had a fantastic panel on international collaboration with contributions from Elke Olthuis (University of Amsterdam), Shahab Saqib (SOAS), Arpeeta Mizan (Bristol), Raghavi Viswanath (EUI) and Ian Smith (La Trobe University, Melbourne). PGRs may feel unsure of how to begin collaborating with other scholars, particularly on an international level. There was a lively discussion which covered some practical tips on how to collaborate as well as some of the opportunities and challenges, and how you might go about addressing these. It was a very helpful and inspiring session that also touched on some of the amazing projects that PGRs in our community are involved in.

The second session, entitled 'The PhD Toolkit' was delivered by our very own Maddy Millar along with Phil Thomas from the *Journal of Law and Society*. Maddy talked us through some of the key research tools that she had found helpful during her own PhD journey, while Phil spoke about his experience as editor of the *JLS* and held a Q&A session answering publishing-related queries. The session covered lots of practical advice for both the research journey and publishing.

The final session of the morning was facilitated by Ciara Fitzpatrick and Micheál Hearty, both from Ulster University. They co-delivered a session on the benefits of social media for PGRs. The session demonstrated how social media can not only help you promote your research, but also how it can act as an important tool for conducting your research. Both Micheál and Ciara spoke about their personal experience using social media, and it was wonderful to end our sessions by highlighting some of the really important work being done at Ulster University.

On the second day of the conference, the **PGR poster competition** took place. The submissions for this year

were brilliant and covered a range of research topics. Congratulations to this year's winner, Katie Morris. Her fantastic poster was titled 'Caring about food: rethinking the UK's approach to the right to food through Tronto's political theory of care'. Many congratulations also to our highly commended entries, Damarie Kalonzo ('Kenya's colonial welfare legacy and its impact on care for children with disabilities') and Alanna Kells ('The legal and ethical implications of the use of ectogenesis for space colonization'). Special thanks also to our poster judges Beverly Clough, Mitch Travis, Matt Howard and Phil Thomas, and to the *JLS* for sponsoring the prize!

A big thank you to all our fantastic speakers who so generously contributed their time to support the socio-legal community. We would also like to thank all the PGRs who attended and who made wonderful contributions throughout the sessions. If you have any ideas on what you would like to see as part of the PGR activities at Portsmouth 2024, please feel free to contact us at [e slsapgre@gmail.com](mailto:slsapgre@gmail.com). We look forward to seeing you at further SLSA events in the future!

Lara MacLachlan & Maddy Millar, SLSA PGR Representatives

SLSA PG REP: CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

The SLSA Board wishes to appoint a new PG Rep to assist Lara MacLachlan. This is a vital role for the SLSA and the future of our discipline.

It includes: representing the views of PG members to the Board of Trustees; encouraging PGs working in socio-legal studies to join the Association; maintaining a PG email list and sharing relevant information with PGRs, also via social media; and organising particular activities for postgraduate members at the SLSA Annual Conference.

PG Reps participate fully in the work of the SLSA. We are keen to increase the diversity of our Board and welcome applications for this post from members of all backgrounds.

The call for expressions of interest is currently open on the [w website](#). Closing date: **16 July 2023**.

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June

30 SLSA PGR 2024 host institution announcement

July

16 Closing date: **SLSA PG Rep call for applications**

18–19 SLSA Seminar: **Fantasy Legal Exhibitions**

26 SLSA Seminar: **Prisoner Rights – Time for a Rethink?**

31 Closing date: **Mentoring Pilot Scheme**

August

Look out for the SLSA 2024 call for current topics!

September

1 Submit application for **stream convenor funding** in time for next Board meeting!

4 Closing date: **SLSA Prize for Contributions to the Socio-Legal Community**

13–15 SLSA Seminar: **The Vulnerable Accused in the Criminal Justice System Conference**

14 SLSA Board meeting

October

2 Closing date: **SLSA Book and Article Prizes**

23 Copy deadline: **Socio-Legal Newsletter 101**

31 Closing date: **SLSA Grant Schemes**

November

Look out for the SLSA 2024 call for papers!

1 Closing date: **SLSA Impact Prize**

27 Publication: **Socio-Legal Newsletter 101**
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December

18 Closing date: **SLSA Seminar Competition**

SLSA PRIZES

The SLSA prizewinners were announced on 5 April 2023 at this year's Annual Dinner in Derry-Londonderry, hosted by the University of Ulster. Many congratulations to all!

At the same event, Professor Richard Collier also received his **Prize for Contributions to the Socio-Legal Community** which was announced in the *Socio-Legal Newsletter* in November 2022.

Hart-SLSA Book Prize

- Silvana Tapia Tapia (2022) *Feminism, Violence Against Women and Law Reform: Decolonial Lessons from Ecuador* Routledge

Hart-SLSA Prize for Early Career Academics

- Jaime T Lindsey (2022) *Reimagining the Court of Protection: Access to Justice in Mental Capacity Law* Cambridge University Press

SLSA Theory and History Prize

- Sharon Thompson (2022) *Quiet Revolutionaries: The Married Women's Association and Family Law* Hart

SLSA Article Prize

- 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

Poster Competition

Winner

- Katie Morris, 'Caring about food: rethinking the UK's approach to the right to food through Tronto's political theory of care'

Commended

- Damarie Kalonzo, 'Kenya's colonial welfare legacy and its impact on care for children with disabilities'
- Alanna Kells, 'The legal and ethical implications of the use of ectogenesis for space colonization'

SLSA Impact Prize

- **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

Call for nominations for SLSA book and article prizes 2024

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 2023**. Publications published in the 12 months up to **30 September 2023** 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. Shortlists will be published in the spring issue of the newsletter and winners will be announced at next year's conference dinner in Portsmouth. Full details can be found on the SLSA **w prizes page** and follow the prizes links. If you have a query about any of the prizes, please contact **e admin@slsa.ac.uk**.

Call for nominations for SLSA Impact Prize

This annual prize worth £250 is awarded to recognise and celebrate excellence in non-academic impact arising from socio-legal research. All current SLSA members, including PGR members, are eligible to nominate themselves or others using the SLSA Impact Prize Nomination Form. Nominees must be based at a UK higher education institution, but need not be SLSA members.

The deadline for nominations is **1 November 2023**, and the shortlist and winners will be announced at the SLSA 2023 annual dinner at the University of Portsmouth.

See **w website** for details.

Annual Prize for Contributions to the Socio-Legal Community: call for nominations

To date, this prize, which was inaugurated in 2011, has been awarded to 12 exceptional socio-legal scholars. The winner of this prestigious annual award receives £500 and lifetime membership of the Association.

SLSA members are warmly invited to submit nominations for this year's prize. Nominators should simply state in 100 words why the person they are nominating would be a worthy recipient of the prize.

Visit the **w prizewinners' page** to find out why the previous winners' names were put forward. Nominations should be sent to **e admin@slsa.ac.uk** by Monday **4 September 2023**. The prize is funded by a private sponsor.

SLSA membership benefits

- Three hard-copy newsletters per year and/or an e-version
 - discounted SLSA Annual Conference fee
 - a weekly term-time ebulletin
 - eligibility for grants (research, fieldwork and impact)
 - eligibility for Seminar Competition
 - eligibility for prizes
 - eligibility for Impact Scheme
 - members' priority in newsletter publications pages
 - 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.

CONFERENCE STREAM AND CURRENT TOPIC CONVENORSHIP: A NEW POLICY

The SLSA Board recently published a brand new policy for SLSA Stream Convenors. Jed Meers summarises its key features.

As the record-breaking number of paper submissions to Ulster this year demonstrated, interest in the conference has never been so high. Conferences have traditionally been organised into parallel subject sections, known in SLSA lingo as ‘streams’ (which run every year) and ‘current topics’ (which run for one year). These are looked after by a stream convenors in coordination with the event organisers.

However, as the SLSA has grown, so has the number of parallel subject sessions – from around 18–25 in 2010–2016 to a whopping 41 in 2022. This growth, while testament to a thriving socio-legal research community, has also led to increased work for conference organisers and stream convenors, variation in practices between streams, and some confusion about what the convenorship role entails.

To help address these problems, the SLSA has launched a new policy that lays out the challenges faced by the current approach and establishes a new process for managing streams and current topics. In particular, it:

- sets out more clearly the role of stream and current topic convenors;
- introduces a new ‘Stream Secretary’ role on the SLSA Board of Trustees;
- clarifies processes for managing churn/reappointment in stream convenors;
- explains how SLSA members can establish new streams and current topics; and
- places EDI and widening participation issues at the heart of the operation of streams and current topics.

Working with conference organisers and the SLSA Board, the Stream Secretary will maintain a record of current streams and current topics, liaise with convenors, invite applications for new topics, and manage replacement Stream Convenors’ applications, thereby reducing duplication of work and administrative burden on conference organisers.

Streams and current topics are the heart-beat of the Annual Conference, and this new policy seeks to place them on a more stable footing. The Board and new SLSA Stream Secretary – Professor Beverley Clough – will continue to be in touch with convenors as the policy is implemented, so stay tuned for more updates as it is being rolled out.

You can read the policy and accompanying report in full on our [w policies page](#).

SLSA policies

The SLSA is guided in its work by policies approved by the SLSA Board. The **Stream Convenor Policy** is our latest addition. It follows last summer’s approval of our new **Equality, Diversity and Inclusivity** policy. See [w policies page](#) for the full list.

SLSA YouTube Channel: latest

It’s been a busy few months on the SLSA YouTube Channel!

- Lucy Finchett-Maddock, winner of an SLSA seminar award in 2021, discusses the seven Art/Law Network workshops she organised with colleagues.
- Mark Fathi Massoud, winner of the Hart-SLSA Book Prize 2022, offers a ‘90-second highlight’ of his book, *Shari’a, Inshallah: Finding God in Somali Legal Politics* (2021 CUP) and is in conversation with John Harrington.
- Nafay Choudhury, winner of the Socio-Legal Article Prize 2022, talks about his article ‘Order in the bazaar: the transformation of non-state law in Afghanistan’s premier money exchange Market’ and discusses it with Richard Craven.
- Linda Mensah talks about her fieldwork trip to a small-scale mining community in Ghana which was supported by an SLSA Fieldwork Grant in 2020.
- Helen Stalford and Kathryn Hollingsworth, winners of the 2022 Article Prize for ‘“This case is about you and your future”: towards judgments for children’, discuss their work with Simon Flacks.
- Now available: the SLSA Ulster 2023 plenaries on ‘Socio-Legal and Interdisciplinary Research and Beyond’ and ‘Reflections on 25 Years of Devolution’.
- SLSA *Precarious Employment Survey Report*: its authors discuss their findings.
- Elisabeth Griffiths, winner of an SLSA Seminar Competition 2020 award, discusses the seminar she organised with Dr Frances Hamilton on the continued inequality of women at work 50 years after the Equal Pay Act was introduced.
- Insa Koch, winner of the Hart-SLSA Prize for Early Career Academics 2020, discusses the focus of her book, *Personalizing the State: An Anthropology of Law, Politics, and Welfare in Austerity Britain* (2018 OUP).

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What’s new on the blog?

*In 2023 we have so far published the following contributions to the **SLSA Blog**.*

- ‘Lost for words: performing verbatim court transcripts’ by Benjamin Thorne and Sean Mulcahy
- ‘Justice in drag? What RuPaul’s drag race and Dragula can teach us about law’ by Rosie Fox and James Greenwood-Reeves
- ‘What is the role of law schools in the project of decolonisation? Some reflections on power and possibility’ by Folúkẹ Adébí sí
- ‘Recovering voices of socio-legal reform (and bringing them to a new audience)’ by Sharon Thompson
- ‘Doing, talking, and thinking: reframing legal, economic, and social phenomena’ by Clare Williams
- ‘An overview of mapping intersection between competition law and data privacy law: can we ever reach a consensus?’ by Arletta Gorecka

If you have an idea for a blog post, please contact our blogeditors, Emma Jones and Marie Hutton [e blogeditors@slsa.ac.uk](mailto:blogeditors@slsa.ac.uk).

SLSA EVENTS

In addition to its Annual Conference, the SLSA also supports seminars and one-off one-day conferences.

Annual Conferences

Our 2024 Annual Conference is being hosted by the University of Portsmouth from 26 to 28 March. Look out for the call for Current Topics over the summer and the call for papers in the autumn.

The SLSA Board is delighted to announce that in 2025 the University of Liverpool will host our Annual Conference and in 2026 we will be gathering at the University of Sussex in, Brighton. Both these institutions have hosted the SLSA before (Liverpool 2005 and Sussex 2011), and we look forward to visiting again.

Seminars

The following five events are recipients of awards under this year's Seminar Competition fund.

- **Socio-Legal Approaches to Protecting Athletes from Financial and Physical Harm: Challenges, Reflections and Solutions**, 9 June 2023, £1000, Manchester Law School, organised by James Brown and Sarah Carrick, Manchester Metropolitan University
- Prevent, Surveil and Protect: The Fight against Terrorism, £900, 27 March 2023 online and 19 May 2023 in person, organised by Hannah Wishart and Kat Langley, University of Sunderland (see report below)
- **The Vulnerable Accused in the Criminal Justice System Conference**, £1000, 13–14 September 2023, University of Birmingham, organised by Roxanna Dehaghani, Cardiff University, Samantha Fairclough, University of Birmingham, and Harriet Pierpoint, University of South Wales
- **Prisoner Rights: Time for a Rethink?**, £1000, 26 July 2023, School of Law and Social Justice, University of Liverpool, organised by Greg Davies, University of Liverpool, and Robert Jones, Cardiff University
- **Fantasy Legal Exhibitions**, £950, 18–19 July 2023, British Museum, Postal Museum, Middle Temple and IALS, London, organised by Victoria Barnes, Brunel University, and Amanda Perry-Kessaris, University of Kent

Seminar Competition open for applications

This year's Seminar Competition is now open for applications. See the [website](#) for details. Closing date: 18 December 2023.

Prevent, Surveil and Protect: the fight against terrorism: seminar report

Kat Langley and Hannah Wishart, University of Sunderland, £900

The aim was to encourage discussion around international and interdisciplinary perspectives on the legal issues that fall under the prevention, protection and surveillance of terrorism. The first day of the event was held online and open to practitioners, academics, civil servants and students worldwide. Over 200 delegates registered for this event from as far away as the Czech Republic and Texas. The symposium aimed to look in detail at the interdisciplinary perspectives of the Prevent strategy and surrounding policy. We began with an exciting keynote from Dr Jessie Blackburn (Durham), who spoke about 'prevent' and 'protect', two strands of the UK's counter-

terrorism CONTEST strategy. She explored the critical challenges contemporary law and policy reforms have faced, including the CONTEST strategy 'refresh' currently underway.

Following this, we ran three consecutive panels. The first was on the practical application of Prevent. Our speakers, including Matt Davidson (Police North East Counter-Terror Unit), offered insight into day-to-day decision-making. Crown Prosecutor David Cawthorne enlightened delegates on some charging considerations taken on terrorism cases, expanded upon ably by Dr Rory Kelly (UCL), who spoke on some of the sentencing issues.

The second panel, chaired by Professor Clive Walker, aimed more at some policy and responsibility matters around counter-terror legislation. Our three speakers dealt with questions on preventing, surveilling and protecting people from counterterrorism and how to combat it.

The final panel considered international perspectives. Dr Jared Dmello (Sam Houston State University, Texas) was delighted to join us with some thoughts about how the media drive some public understanding around terrorism issues, using the 'Capitol insurrection' as an example. We were also joined by Dr Asya Metodieva, (Institute of International Relations, Prague) and Dr Lili Binit Wan Rosli, who gave fascinating insights into the broader issues in global counter-terror policy.

The online event concluded with a roundtable, and we were thrilled to be joined again by Clive Walker, who asked our discussants some interesting questions about increased securitisation and the National Crime Bill.

The second part of our symposium was a local school outreach poster event. For this portion, we invited local college students (years 12/13) to the university to learn about Prevent and its impact on them. The 40 delegates completed several posters on topics relating to Prevent, and we awarded prizes in different categories. We intend to turn some of these posters and commentary from some of our other speakers into an ebook for use in schools to highlight some of the issues around counter-terror.

As organisers, we are thrilled with the uptake and discussion generated, and we thank the SLSA for its contribution and support for this event.

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Dangerous patterns: joint enterprise and the culture of criminal law – Henrique Carvalho

Traditional healing and law in contemporary Senegal: legitimacies, normativities and practices – Emilie Cloatre, Tidiiane Ndoye, Dioumel Badji & Adams Diedhiou

Is anti-FGM legislation cultural imperialism? Interrogating Kenya's Prohibition of Female Genital Mutilation Act – Hannelore Van Bavel

Silence and voice in oral hearings: spatial, temporal, and relational conditions for communication in asylum and compulsory care hearings – Livia Johannesson

Feminism and counter-trafficking: exploring the transformative potential of contemporary feminism in Portugal – Mara Clemente

Two roads converge: the interchange between the mental health and legal discourses in sexual assault trials – Inbar Cohen, Tali Gal & Guy Enosh

Judges' understanding of protests and the cultural underpinnings of legal repression: examining Hong Kong court verdicts – Francis L F Lee

SLSA GRANTS SCHEME

This year the SLSA Board is funding a record number of grants. Below we publish the research grant summaries from this cohort and will follow it up with the fieldwork summaries in the autumn.

Open for applications

This year's scheme is now open for applications. Please visit the website for details and use either the Grant Application Package or Fieldwork Grant Application Package as appropriate. See [w website](#) for details. Queries about this scheme should be sent to e admin@slsa.ac.uk in the first instance. Closing date: **31 October 2023**.

Research Grant summaries

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

Alex Nicholson, School of Law, University of Leeds, £1453

The relationship between legal education and the profession has been studied extensively. Some more recent research has also specifically considered the impact of the Solicitors Qualifying Examination (SQE) on this relationship, but no study has yet explored how the legal educator community more broadly perceives this impact.

The aim of this study is to explore legal educators' perceptions of the evolving relationship between legal education and the solicitors' branch of the legal profession in England & Wales in the light of the introduction of the SQE. Through their work, do legal educators believe that they reinforce existing cultures, norms, or practices within the legal profession, or that they have the opportunity to influence reform? The study will specifically investigate the extent to which legal educators believe that the recent regulatory changes might alter the power dynamics in this relationship for better or for worse.

Semi-structured interviews will be used to gather rich data, and then common themes will be drawn out using template analysis. The study is important because, in the midst of any significant change, there is surely value in striving to preserve the best features of what has gone before, whilst also seeking to take full advantage of any new opportunities created. As a key stakeholder in this symbiotic relationship, legal educators are well placed to offer valuable insight in this regard.

When contract law goes to therapy

Renata Grossi and David Carter, Faculty of Law, University of Technology Sydney, £1500

Contract has been described as the *lingua franca* of contemporary society; as a dominant 'organising principle of human association' that 'defines the meaning of social life'. As a tool designed to govern commercial activity, its application to other areas of human association and social life invites scrutiny. Is contract law and theory adequate for advancing the uses to which it is put outside commercial relations?

A common use of contracts is to govern the provision of health care. One particularly striking example of this is found in the Code of Ethics and Practice of the Australian Counselling Association (ACA), which governs the practice of the majority of counsellors and psychotherapists in Australia. It states that 'counselling is a formal and contracted relationship and nothing else' (s 49(a)I).

The use of the contract and reliance upon it as the central organising principle of the meaning and nature of this therapeutic relationship raises immediate questions. Why employ the contract? Where is the contract? What are its terms? What are the functions of the contract in this context? And how does the contract model interact with other understandings of the relationship, primarily the therapeutic one.

This project will test these questions and determine the challenges that this contractual context provides, not only to the way we deliver counselling services but, as importantly, to the way we theorise contract law.

Teaching public law through empire's archive

Tom Frost, University of Leicester, £1128.60

This project aims to produce an open access student textbook which will contribute to the decolonisation of the teaching of UK public law. British courts have constructed a memory of the UK constitution which contains a 'blind spot' relating to the British empire, the history of the empire, and the way in which the empire created different classes of British subjecthood and citizenship, with rights and remedies denied to many subjects and citizens yet granted to others.

This project will explore the ways in which the empire has shaped the development of public law in the twenty-first century and how mainstream approaches to teaching and presenting public law manage to recreate and reinforce imperial rationalities, especially through the rationality ground of judicial review.

Through archival research – carried out at The National Archives – of court records, testimony and historical and decolonial literature, I will retell important cases through the words and testimonies of those involved, by drawing on official governmental documentation, documented witness statements and interviews, as well as court records. These cases will be mapped on to central themes taught in public law modules in UK universities, such as parliamentary sovereignty, the rule of law and the royal prerogative.

This will give a perspective to voices and views that are lacking in legal judgments and much secondary literature. Courts create legal memories and legal histories of events, and the presentation of facts and case histories in judgments is usually a partial account of what happened.

Alongside this text, I am aiming to produce further freely available resources for teaching, including a blog and a public-facing podcast. The outputs are designed to be widely disseminated and used by academics in the UK in their teaching and to introduce students to thinking critically about public law and the British empire.

'Let them in': the road to humanising the EU's asylum policy

Sylvie Da Lomba, University of Strathclyde, £1333

The outbreak of war in Ukraine saw the swift opening of the EU's borders to refugees from Ukraine as the EU activated its 2001 temporary protection framework for the first time. The admission of these refugees onto the EU's territory contrasts starkly with the non-entry regime and externalisation agenda that the EU has been developing in respect of 'more distant others'. With this in mind, the project investigates whether the deployment of temporary protection for people fleeing Ukraine can prompt a shift towards greater hospitality in the EU's asylum policy in line with its 2020 commitment to 'a human and humane approach' to asylum and migration. The research explores the reconceptualisation of entry to the EU's territory – and more generally admission to the 'host state' – as the foundation of a humane asylum policy and a path to

policy reform. The research deploys ethical vulnerability analysis – an original theoretical framework. The latter brings vulnerability analysis as theorised by Fineman and Grear into conversation with Levinas' and Derrida's radical vulnerability theory and ethics of hospitality. The concept of hospitality has a long and paradoxical association with human mobility that this project unpacks. Ethical vulnerability analysis together with the idea of hospitality offer a distinctive perspective that grounds the investigation in the realities of the human everyday experience of vulnerability and international migration. Travel to Oxford will enable the grantholder to access resources held at Oxford University's Bodleian Libraries.

Prisoners of war and international humanitarian law in revolutionary Russia, 1917–1929

Peter Whitewood, York St John University, £1500

This project examines to what extent the Bolshevik Party aligned with established international humanitarian law after taking power in Russia. After their revolution in 1917, Vladimir Lenin and the Bolsheviks renounced international treaties signed under the Tsar, including landmark humanitarian conventions, as 'bourgeois' and inapplicable to a revolutionary state. Yet, during the civil war that followed, it was soon apparent that radicalising enemy prisoners of war (POWs) into revolutionaries required safeguarding their welfare; the rising imperative of cooperation with the western powers had the same effect; in a brutal civil war, at various points the Bolsheviks demonstrated what looked like a genuine sense of humanitarianism behind closed doors. All of this encouraged the Party to informally align with key tenets of humanitarian law even if this was not admitted publicly, something later obscured by Iosif Stalin's high-profile refusal to sign the 1929 Geneva Convention.

My SLSA research grant allows archival materials to be gathered by research assistants for this project from the State Archive of the Russian Federation: from the holdings of the Soviet People's Commissariat of Justice; the Russian Red Cross Society; and the People's Commissariat of POWs and Refugees. This has opened a second analytical theme, broadening the project's parameters into deeper analysis of public and private legal discussion in Soviet Russia/the Soviet Union about international humanitarian law up to 1929. This second theme helps better reveal how a complex relationship existed between Soviet authoritarianism and international humanitarianism after 1917. For the Bolsheviks, their efforts to safeguard POW welfare during the civil war and in years after were certainly a product of state propaganda, but this also intersected with genuine humanitarian impulses and the imperatives of cooperation within the new international states system. At its core, the project seeks to define what Soviet humanitarianism looked like in the 1920s.

Access to justices: a comparative study of research access to the judiciary

Rachel Cahill-O'Callaghan, Cardiff University, £1500

I want to thank the SLSA for awarding me a small grant to start to understand access and gatekeeping in the context of judicial research. This study will adopt a comparative mixed-method approach to explore the principles and values that shape access to the judiciary as subjects in socio-legal research. I hope to pay particular attention to the social context and social interactions that mediate access and judicial cooperation. These factors, so often omitted from the published papers, can create a hierarchy of access and in turn privilege senior scholars and those who can circumvent or exert power over the gatekeepers. Through this project, I hope to start to develop a

framework which makes visible the many factors both institutional and individual that shape the social context in which access is granted and co-operation negotiated. The ambition is to create a resource which details access to judicial participants nationally and internationally as a research tool available to members of the SLSA and the wider academic community.

As part of this research, I would like to draw on the networks of the SLSA and interview/survey those who have engaged with the judiciary as research subjects. Please do get in touch with me at [e cahill-ocallaghanr@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:cahill-ocallaghanr@cardiff.ac.uk) if you would be able to participate.

Between the law and the market: foreign judges in the Dubai International Centre Courts

Georgia Antonopoulou, Birmingham Law School, £1285.60

A default rule in civil justice systems is that the judges sitting on the domestic courts of a country must be citizens of that country. Yet, the recent establishment of international commercial courts around the world has disrupted that rule. International commercial courts are national courts focusing on cross-border commercial disputes and have multiple innovative features. For example, some international commercial courts have appointed foreign nationality judges on their benches. Being mostly drawn from England & Wales, these foreign judges bring with them increased judicial expertise and enhanced reputation, as well as the credibility of their established judicial systems. However, in the case of some international commercial courts, such as the Dubai International Financial Centre (DIFC) Courts, the appointment of foreign judges is splitting opinions. While London-based law firms participated in designing the DIFC Courts and facilitated their establishment, legal practitioners in Dubai have expressed concerns about the DIFC Courts' predominantly common law outlook.

This research focuses on the foreign judges that have served or are currently serving at the DIFC Courts. It explores how foreign judges understand their roles in the DIFC Courts and how they are perceived by legal practitioners in England & Wales and Dubai. In this way, the research explores how competing national interests interact with foreign judges and reshape their roles. The research uses interviews with foreign judges and with members of the bar in England & Wales and Dubai. Some of the interviews will be conducted in England & Wales, followed by a visit to Dubai for in-person interviews with judges and legal practitioners there. By connecting foreign judges to the societies within which they judge, this research adds to the academic literature on reputational theories of judicial behaviour and the roles of foreign judges in domestic courts.

Depicting law, streaming justice: analysing 'transparency' in the webcasted courtroom

Kanika Sharma, SOAS University of London, and Ozan Kamiloglu, London South Bank University, £1500

This international comparative project aims to analyse judicial engagement with ideas of transparency and neutrality by examining practices of camera use in the courtroom, the implementation of new audio-visual (AV) technologies and the recordings they produce, and the dissemination of such footage. The project will focus exclusively on in-person and hybrid hearings that are streamed live to a remote public audience, and at the pilot stage will compare webcasting practices in courtrooms in New Delhi, London and Edinburgh.

Traditionally, all the selected courts have allowed limited intrusions of cameras inside the courtroom, with

the Scottish courts employing the most expansive policy. The policies have tended to range from allowing filming of the sentencing alone to a complete ban on cameras in the courtroom. The live webcast of trials marks a new era in all selected jurisdictions. This pilot will focus on those who create and shape judicial policy and practices on the use of technology within the courtroom (we hope to engage with users, viewers and the general public at a later date).

In the pilot we will observe the courtrooms in person, view the courts' webcasts and gather views of key stakeholders including judges, lawyers and others closely associated with the courts in order to answer key research questions. What are the policy and aesthetic reasons that inform the choices made by relevant actors when deciding on the material format of courtroom webcasts? How does livestreamed footage of trials contribute to the construction and perception of the courts' claims to impartiality, transparency and open justice? And how does it relate to notions of the rule of law, accessibility and public accountability? What impact (if any) do the cameras have on the behaviour and performance of judicial actors in the courtroom? And how does law conceptualise and deal with this new visual archive?

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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'No buddy, I will not speak to the press, I am working!': criminal justice and the interprofessional dynamics of communication production in the Chilean public prosecutorial office – Javier Wilenmann

Labour law after neoliberalism – Ruth Dukes & Wolfgang Streeck

Lawyers as infrastructures: mediations, blockages and new possibilities in grassroots movements – Heba Khalil

Epistemic emotions in prosecutorial decision-making – Nina Törnqvist & Åsa Wettergren

Book reviews

Quiet Revolutionaries: The Married Women's Association and Family Law by Sharon Thompson – Mavis Maclean

Future-Proofing the Judiciary by Brian Opeskin – Patrick O'Brien

Reimagining the Judiciary: Women's Representation on High Courts Worldwide by Maria C Escobar-Lemmon, Valerie J Hoekstra, Alice J Kang & Miki Caul Kittilson – Sharyn Roach Anleu

Constitutional Imaginaries: A Theory of European Societal Constitutionalism by Jiří Přibáň – Lukáš Lev Červinka

Doing Feminist Legal Work

Doing Feminist Legal Work (DFLW) is a new network of feminist legal scholars funded by the Irish Research Council under the New Foundations Shared Island scheme. DFLW connects legal scholars across Ireland, Northern Ireland and Great Britain addressing emerging issues of gender and law.

We welcome all those interested in issues related to law and feminism to join. There is no necessity to have done any feminist teaching or research before and all career stages including postgraduate students are welcome. We also welcome those from across disciplines who have an interest in law and feminism, alongside those in practice.

Our aim is to create a long-term sustainable community which offers support, experience-sharing and mentoring, alongside advancing research projects, policy developments and feminist teaching innovation.

The purpose of DFLW is to develop and share experience and practice as well as developing the substantive research and educational tools necessary to respond swiftly and effectively to societal challenges. The network seeks to equip members to engage directly with policymakers and media.

DFLW will host four events at University College Dublin and Queen's University Belfast across 2023. The first event was held in UCD on 24 February and the second at QUB on 19 May. Our next event will take place in September to discuss the development of best practice in feminist pedagogies and teaching. Email [e dfeministlw@gmail.com](mailto:dfeministlw@gmail.com) to join our mailing list.

Maebh Harding, University College Dublin

AcSS 'We Society' podcast: back for Series 3

Brought to you by the Academy of Social Sciences (AcSS), this podcast tackles the big questions through a social science lens and brings you some of the best ideas to shape the way we live.

Join acclaimed journalist and Academy president Will Hutton, as he invites guests from the world of social science to explore the stories behind the news and hear their solutions to society's most pressing problems. In the first three episodes Will talks to Professor Heaven Crawley about migration; Polly Neate, CEO of Shelter, about housing rights; and Professor Louise Mansfield about wellbeing.

See [w website](#) for details and to follow the show for regular updates.

People

JOHN FLOOD, Professor of Law and Society at the Centre for Social and Cultural Research, Griffith University, Queensland, Australia, has been appointed General Editor of *Legal Ethics*, the international and interdisciplinary journal devoted to the field of legal ethics.

Professor **DIDI HERMAN**, now retired from Kent Law School, is offering confidential help to individuals and universities looking to improve scholarship for publication, mentoring and the REF. See [w website](#) for details.

Centre for Socio-Legal Studies, Visitors' Programme: 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 the centre's vibrant community of scholars for one or several terms. Applications must be submitted to [e admin@csls.ox.ac.uk](mailto:admin@csls.ox.ac.uk) in accordance with the procedure and by the deadlines specified on the [website](#). The upcoming application deadline is **14 July 2023**.

'People & Forests' with Helen Dancer

'People & Forests' is a podcast for anyone who wants to learn more about our relationships with forests, why forests matter to us and how new ways of thinking about nature and rights could help us protect forests for present and future generations. The podcast is written and presented by Dr Helen Dancer of the University of Sussex and shares insights from her research on human-forest relations which was funded by an AHRC Leadership Fellowship. 'People & Forests' was launched on Earth Day, 22 April 2023, and the first three episodes are: 'Irreplaceable', which explores the evolving nature of human relationships with forests, the qualities of ancient woodlands and how they are legally protected in the UK; 'Does nature have rights?', which examines the philosophy and beliefs behind rights of nature, global legal developments and possibilities for recognising rights of nature in the UK; and 'A forest for future generations'. The podcast is produced by the Academic Podcasts agency.

Helen Dancer, University of Sussex

Call for proposals: publishing in the Proceedings of the British Academy

The British Academy (BA) invites proposals for themed volumes to be published in the Proceedings of the British Academy series from early-career scholars to established authors.

Note that this is the final time until further notice that the BA will accept proposals for Proceedings volumes whose content does *not* relate directly to a British Academy Conference.

See [w website](#) for details. Closing date: **23 July 2023**.

Exchange of sexual relations for accommodation ('sex for rent')

'Sex for rent' is an arrangement where someone offers or provides accommodation for free or at a discount in exchange for sexual relations with the person using the accommodation. This public Home Office consultation invites views on the issue of sex for rent, the effectiveness of existing legislation and whether there is a case for a bespoke criminal offence.

The consultation seeks the views of those who have been involved in a sex-for-rent arrangement, whether they entered into it in an informed and consensual way or were deceived, coerced or compelled. It also seeks the views of: statutory agencies; law enforcement organisations; internet companies that allow the posting of advertisements for accommodation; charities and other organisations concerned with violence against women and girls.

See [w website](#) for details. Closing date: **30 June 2023**.

Call for evidence: open justice, the way forward

The Ministry of Justice (MoJ) has issued a call for evidence to garner views on how the MoJ can support and strengthen the openness of UK court and tribunal services.

Open justice is fundamental to the justice system and vital to the rule of law – justice must not only be done but must be seen to be done. Its history and importance date back to before the Magna Carta. It is a principle which allows the public to scrutinise and understand the workings of the law, building trust and confidence in the justice system – via the provision of public galleries, allowing individuals to observe court proceedings in person and see justice being delivered. Acceptance of this provision and little change to the way justice is delivered have meant that open justice was subject to little re-examination during the twentieth century, with the last public evaluation on open justice taking place in 2012.

The MoJ invites responses to its call for evidence from interested parties, including the judiciary, legal professionals, the media, businesses, academics, law and technology experts, and court and tribunal users. See [w website](#) for details. Closing date: **7 September 2023**.

Supporting Families: call for presenters

The Family Law Reform Now Network is running a conference entitled 'Supporting Families' at the University of Birmingham on 1 September 2023. This is part of a project which seeks to reform the law on care proceedings. Speakers will explore the challenges parents and children face in care proceedings. The conference will focus on procedural and practical challenges families may face when going through public law care (and adoption) proceedings and ways in which families could be better supported via changes to the legal process. We seek presentations from academics and practitioners in the fields of law, psychology, sociology and social work. We can make a small financial contribution towards travel and accommodation costs of presenters. Anyone with an interest in presenting their research can send a short abstract of 100–250 words to Dr Samantha Davey [e smdave@essex.ac.uk](mailto:smdave@essex.ac.uk) by **3 July 2023**.

Samantha Davey, University of Essex

'Women Who Will' class of 2023: nominations open

Nominations are invited for this year's 'Women Who Will' awards for the next generation of female leaders in law who are breaking down barriers and challenging stereotypes, organised in partnership by Obelisk and the Next 100 Years project. See [w website](#) for details. Closing date: **31 July 2023**.

Nuffield Foundation Research, Development and Analysis Fund: open for applications

The Nuffield Foundation invites applications for this scheme which will be funding grants of up to £750,000. See [w website](#) for details. Closing date for outline applications: **11 September 2023**. Before applying you can watch this [webinar](#) to learn about Nuffield Foundation research-funding opportunities and how to apply for a grant.

UKRI Open Access Policy updated

UKRI has published its latest Open Access Policy implementation update. It includes new information and guidance about UKRI requirements for long-form outputs, ie monographs, book chapters and edited collections published from **1 January 2024**. The following information is intended to support UKRI-funded authors and research organisations to implement the new policy:

- **guidance for researchers about UKRI long-form open access requirements**;
- updated **UKRI Open Access Policy**, including new guidance on using long-form policy exemptions;
- information about UKRI's dedicated long-form open access fund and other open access implementation updates;
- updated **guidance on accessing long-form open access funding before 2024**; and
- updates to **frequently asked questions** about the policy, including the use of UKRI open access funding for transformative journals.

While open access is now required for long-form outputs, there are exceptions, and researchers are advised to refer to the guidance about when and how these apply. See [w website](#) for full details.

AHRC opportunities

Follow-on funding for impact and engagement

Follow-on funding supports unforeseen knowledge exchange, public engagement, active dissemination and commercialisation activities that arise during the lifespan of, or following, an AHRC-funded project. See [w website](#) for details. Closing date: **14 September 2023**.

Standard research grant

AHRC standard research grants support collaborative research projects that require leadership from more than one scholar. See [w website](#) for details. Closing date: **14 September 2023**.

Curiosity and Catalyst: new funding schemes

The new Curiosity and Catalyst funding opportunities are being launched as part of the first major change to the AHRC's responsive mode schemes in more than a decade.

The **Curiosity** scheme enables flexible awards to fund fundamental research, networking activity and idea generation, which enable the development of further research opportunities and new research agendas. It will fund projects up to £100,000.

The **Catalyst** scheme will fund awards to support researchers without prior experience of leading a significant research project, with the aim of accelerating their trajectory as independent researchers and building leadership experience. This scheme will fund projects between £100,000 and £300,000.

Both schemes will open for applications on **17 July 2023** and close on **19 October 2023**. See this [announcement](#) for further information on the background and aims of the new initiatives.

AHRC and BBC Radio 3 'New Thinking' podcast

Ideas are invited from researchers who would like their research to feature in an episode of the next season of the New Thinking Podcast. See [w website](#) for details. Call closes: **25 July 2023**.

British Academy funding schemes 2023–2024

APEX Awards

APEX Awards (Academies Partnership in Supporting Excellence in Cross-disciplinary Research) offer established independent researchers an opportunity to pursue genuine interdisciplinary and curiosity-driven research to benefit wider society. The call opens on **6 September 2023** and closes on **2 November 2023**.

BA/Leverhulme Senior Research Fellowships

These **Senior Research Fellowships** are intended to enable established scholars to bring to completion a significant piece of research through a period of leave from their usual teaching and administrative duties. The scheme opens on **5 October 2023** and closes on **16 November 2023**.

BA/Leverhulme Small Research Grants

BA/Leverhulme Small Research Grants support primary research in the humanities and social sciences. The awards of up to £10,000 are tenable for up to 24 months and intended to cover expenses arising from a defined research project. Applications open on **6 September 2023** and close on **8 November 2023**.

BA/Wolfson Fellowships

These **Fellowships** are designed to support early-career researchers who show exceptional talent in both research and public engagement, emphasising and demonstrating the importance of academic research and creative thought at a time of rapid political and societal change. The grant maximum is £130,000 across three years. Applications open on **20 September 2023** and close on **22 November 2023**.

Innovation Fellowships – Researcher-led

Innovation Fellowships provide funding and support for established early-career and mid-career researchers in the humanities and social sciences to partner with organisations and business in the creative and cultural, public, private and policy sectors, to address challenges requiring innovative approaches and solutions. Awards are up to £120,000. Applications open on **12 July 2023** and close on **11 October 2023**.

Mid-Career Fellowships

Mid-Career Fellowships aim to support outstanding individual researchers, who are within 15 years of the award of their doctorate, to bring to completion a major piece of research. Applications open on **5 July 2023** and close on **23 August 2023**.

Postdoctoral Fellowships

Postdoctoral Fellowships offer early career researchers the opportunity to strengthen their experience of research and teaching in an academic environment. The scheme aims to develop the award holder's CV and boost their prospects of obtaining a permanent academic post. Applications open on **5 July 2023** and close on **4 October 2023**.

Talent Development Awards

Talent Development Awards enable the acquisition and advancement of skills by UK-based researchers in the humanities and social sciences. Applications are now open. Closing date: **13 September 2023**.

BOOKS

Looking after Miss Alexander: Care, Mental Capacity, and the Court of Protection in Mid-twentieth Century England (2023) Janet Weston, McGill-Queen's University Press £18.99 (30% off with code MQF2) and **free ebook** 193pp

In July 1939, at the Royal Courts of Justice in London, 59-year-old Beatrice Alexander was found incapable of managing her own property and affairs. Although she and those living with her insisted that she was perfectly well, the official solicitor took control of her home and money, evicted her 'friends' and hired a live-in companion to watch over her. Miss Alexander remained legally incapable for the next 30 years. In the mid-twentieth century, she was one of about 30,000 people in England and Wales who were in this position and under the auspices of what is now the Court of Protection. Drawing on newly opened Court of Protection archives and micro-historical methods, *Looking after Miss Alexander* examines the history of the court and highlights the role of chance, subjectivity and uncertainty in shaping how events unfolded then and the stories we tell about those events today. An engaging and accessible history of mental capacity law, this book examines ideas of citizenship and welfare, gender and vulnerability, care and control, and the role of the state. Order hardcopy from **e direct.orders@marston.co.uk**.

Egalitarian Digital Privacy: Image-Based Abuse and Beyond (2023) Tsachi Keren-Paz, Policy Press £85hb/£29.99eb 272 pp

With a focus on private law theory, the book defines the appropriate scope of civil liability of platforms and viewers for hosting and viewing non-consensual intimate images (NCII) while critiquing both EU and US solutions to the problem. Through its analysis, the book develops a new theory of egalitarian digital privacy. The core policy argument in this book is threefold: first, that harm from invading one's sexual privacy is more severe and pernicious than other harms from users' content. As such, it justifies a filtering obligation for hosts backed by strict liability for any remaining images and strict liability of those who view these images; crucially, the same is not necessarily true for other user content such as defamatory speech and breach of copyright. Second, once it is understood that child pornography is a sub-category of NCII, the current regulatory gap between the ways the two types of right-violations are treated should be significantly narrowed down. Third, hosting and viewing NCII is akin to selling and buying stolen property; it does not make sense that those who sell and buy it would be in a better position than those who sell and buy personal property.

Internet of Things and the Law: Legal Strategies for Consumer-Centric Smart Technologies (2023) Guido Noto La Diega, Routledge £120hb/£35.09eb 390pp

This is the most comprehensive and up-to-date analysis of the legal issues in the internet of things (IoT). For decades, the decreasing importance of tangible wealth and power – and the increasing significance of their disembodied counterparts – has been the subject of much legal research. For some time now, legal scholars have grappled with how laws drafted for tangible property and predigital 'offline' technologies can cope with dematerialisation, digitalisation and the internet. As dematerialisation continues, this book aims to illuminate the opposite movement: rematerialisation, namely, the return of data, knowledge and power within a physical 'smart' world. This development frames the book's central question: can the law steer rematerialisation in a human-centric and

socially just direction? To answer it, the book focuses on the IoT, the sociotechnological phenomenon that is primarily responsible for this shift. After a thorough analysis of how existing laws can be interpreted to empower IoT end users, the author leaves us with the fundamental question of what happens when the law fails us and concludes with a call for collective resistance against 'smart' capitalism.

Grandparents and the Law: Rights and Relationships (2023) Samantha M Davey and Jaime Lindsey (eds), Bloomsbury £76.50hb/£61.20eb

Should grandparents have rights in relation to their grandchildren? If so, what should the content of those rights be, both procedurally and substantively? And what is the appropriate role of the law in providing solutions to problems arising in the context of grandparents' rights? This book considers these questions from both a public and a private law perspective and analyses the human rights implications for parties such as children, parents and grandparents. It also explores the topic of grandparents' rights in the context of the European Convention on Human Rights and the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, as well as in other jurisdictions, such as Iran, France and Nepal.

Law, Visual Culture, and the Show Trial (2024 available for pre-order) Agata Fijalkowski, Routledge £130hb/£35.09eb 198pp

Addressing the relationship between law and the visual, this book examines the importance of photography in Central, East and Southeast European show trials. The dispensation of justice during communist rule in Albania, East Germany and Poland was reliant on legal propaganda, making the visual a fundamental part of the legitimacy of the law. Analysing photographs of trials, this book examines how this message was conveyed to audiences watching and participating in the spectacle of show trials. It traces how this use of the visual was exported from the Soviet Union and imposed upon its satellite states in the immediate aftermath of the Second World War. It shows how the legal actors and political authorities embraced new photographic technologies to advance their legal propaganda and legal photography. Drawing on contemporary theoretical work in the area, the book then challenges straightforward accounts of the relationship between law and the visual, critically engaging entrenched legal historical narratives, in relation to three different protagonists, to offer the possibility of reclaiming and rewriting past accounts. As its analysis demonstrates, the power of images can also be subversive; and, as such, the cases it addresses contribute to the discourse on visual epistemology and open onto contemporary questions about law and its inherent performativity.

South-South Migrations and the Law from Below: Case Studies on China and Nigeria (2023) Oreva Olakpe, Bloomsbury £76.50hb/£61.50eb 224pp

This book explores the narratives and experiences of people in the Global South as they encounter the impact of international law in their lives. It looks specifically at approaches to international migrations and the law, as states in the Global South confront migration-related challenges. Taking a case study approach, drawn from the experiences of undocumented and displaced migrants in China and Nigeria, the book shows how informal justice systems not only exist but are upheld. With an innovative analysis drawing both on intersectionality and Third World Approaches to international law, it moves away from the classic international versus regional and domestic law approach to reveal the experience of the Third World in relation to the law.

Combining the Legal and the Social in Sociology of Law: An Homage to Reza Banakar (2023) Håkan Hydén, Roger Cotterrell, David Nelken and Ulrike Schultz (eds), Hart £90hb and open access 496pp

This book pays homage to Reza Banakar, who passed away in August 2020, exploring the many different areas of socio-legal research that he worked on and influenced. It begins with a summary of his career and explains how he sparked a debate on the identity and aims of legal sociology. The book is then split into five sections: theory; methods and interdisciplinarity; legal culture; law and science; and applied sociology of law. As well as honouring Reza Banakar's memory and unique thinking, the book aims to advance the sociology of law by demonstrating the interconnectedness of the legal and the social from a broad range of perspectives.

Access to Justice in Rural Communities: Global Perspectives (2023) Daniel Newman and Faith Gordon (eds), Hart £76.50hb/£61.20eb 256pp

This book offers insight on access to justice from rural areas in internationally comparable contexts to highlight the diversity of experiences within and across rural areas globally. It looks at the fundamental questions for people's lives raised by the issue of access to justice as well as the rule of law and highlights a range of social, geographic and cultural issues which impact the way rural communities experience the justice system throughout the world with chapters on Australia, Canada, England, Ireland, Kenya, Northern Ireland, South Africa, Syria, Turkey, the USA and Wales. By bringing in the voices and experiences of those who are often ignored or side-lined by justice systems, this book will set out an agenda for ensuring social justice in legal systems with a focus on protecting marginalised groups.

Criminal Justice and the Ideal Defendant in the Making of Remorse and Responsibility (2023) Stewart Field and Cyrus Tata (eds), Hart £76.50hb/£61.20eb 336pp

This book investigates how defendants are assessed by criminal justice decision-makers, such as judges, lawyers, probation officers, parole board members and those involved in restorative justice. What attitudes and emotions are defendants expected to show? How are these expectations communicated? The collection argues that defendants, at various stages of the criminal justice process, are expected to show a (more or less) free acceptance of guilt and individual responsibility along with a display of 'appropriate' emotions, ideally including 'genuine' remorse. It examines why such expressions of individual responsibility and remorse are so important to decision-makers and the state. With contributors from across the world, the book opens new comparative possibilities and research agendas.

The Cambridge Companion to Gender and the Law (2023) Stéphanie Hennette Vauchez and Ruth Rubio-Marín, Cambridge University Press £29.99pb/eb 500pp

To what extent is the legal subject gendered? Using illustrative examples from a range of jurisdictions and thematically organised chapters, this volume offers a comprehensive consideration of this question. With a systematic, accessible approach, it argues that law and gender work to co-produce the legal subject. Cumulatively, the volume's chapters provide a systematic evaluation of the key facets of the legal subject: the corporeal, the functional and the communal. Exploring aspects of the legal subject from the ways in which it is sexed and sexualised to its national and familial dimensions, this volume develops a complete account of the various processes through which legal orders produce gendered

subjects. Across its chapters, each theoretically ambitious in its own right, this volume outlines how the law not only acts on the social world, but genders it.

Coercive Control and the Criminal Law (2022) Cassandra Wiener, Routledge £108hb/£31.49pb/eb 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 & 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.

Tracking People: Wearable Technologies in Social and Public Policy (2023) Anthea Hucklesby and Raymond Holt (eds), Routledge £117hb 264

Tracking technologies are ubiquitous and part of people's everyday lives. Large sections of the population voluntarily use devices and apps to track fitness, medical conditions, or their own or others' whereabouts. Governments, health services, and immigration and criminal justice agencies increasingly rely upon tracking technologies to monitor individuals' whereabouts, behaviour, medical conditions and interventions. Despite the human rights concerns of some organisations and individuals, most wearers and their significant others tend to welcome the technologies. This paradox is only one of the many fascinating challenges raised by the widespread use of tracking technologies explored in this book which critically examines the ethical, legal, social and technical issues arising from the current and future use of tracking technologies. It provides a unique and wide-ranging discussion, via a cross-disciplinary collection of essays, on issues relating to technological devices and apps whose use is imposed upon wearers or suggested by others, whether agencies or individuals, including in the domains of criminal justice, terrorism, and health and social care.

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The Law Teacher: General Editor(s) – call for applications
The Law Teacher: The International Journal of Legal Education is seeking to appoint a new General Editor or team of editors to lead a team of deputy and section editors in running the journal from April 2024. This is an exciting opportunity for creative and collegiate individuals with a dynamic global outlook and passion for legal education. See **announcement** for details. Closing date extended to **5 July 2023**.

Law and Society Review: call for papers for special issue on Law in a Changing Climate

The co-editors for this special issue invite manuscripts on any of the socio-legal dimensions of a changing climate. Submissions must be grounded in socio-legal studies and demonstrate a substantial contribution. Submissions from outside of the United States are strongly encouraged. Possible topics include: socio-legal aspects of both the causes and consequences of climate change; legal, political and social mobilisation concerning climate change; comparative perspectives on climate change. See **w website** for details. Closing date: **15 September 2023**.

- **SIXTH TAX POLICY CONFERENCE**
3–4 July 2023: Centre for Tax Law, Faculty of Law, University of Cambridge
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- **COMBATING GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE**
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- **VSR YEARLY CONFERENCE 2023: THE NEXT GENERATION**
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- **FAMILY JUSTICE AND MENTAL INCAPACITY**
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- **LAW AND HUMANITIES ROUNDTABLE 2023**
14 July 2023: online and University of Verona
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- **FANTASY LEGAL EXHIBITIONS**
18–19 July 2023: British Museum, Postal Museum, Middle Temple and IALS, London
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- **PRISONER RIGHTS – TIME FOR A RETHINK?, UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL**
26 July 2023: School of Law and Social Justice, University of Liverpool
See [w website](#) for details. This event is supported through the [SLSA Seminar Competition](#).
- **APPLIED LEGAL STORYTELLING**
26–28 July 2023: City Law School, University of London
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- **JUST TRANSITION AND ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE**
26–28 July 2023: University of Bradford and online
See [w website](#) for details.
- **NEUROSCIENTIFIC PERSPECTIVES OF VULNERABLE DEFENDANTS IN THE COURTROOM**
28 July 2023: online from University of Sunderland
Book launch with authors Hannah Wishart and Colleen M Berryessa. See [w website](#) for details.
- **RCSL ANNUAL MEETING: LAW, SOCIETY AND DIGITAL PASTS, PRESENTS AND FUTURES**
30 August–1 September 2023: Sociology of Law Department, Lund University
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- **FAMILY LAW REFORM NOW NETWORK CONFERENCE: SUPPORTING FAMILIES – CALL**
1 September 2023: University of Birmingham
See [announcement](#) for details. Call closes: 3 July 2023.
- **CELEBRATING WOMEN IN LEGAL HISTORY: THE LIVES AND LEGACIES OF EARLY WOMEN LEGAL HISTORIANS**
1 September 2023: University of Liverpool School of Law and Social Justice
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- **TAX RESEARCH NETWORK CONFERENCE 2023**
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See [w website](#) for details.
- **INTERNATIONAL CREATIVE RESEARCH METHODS CONFERENCE**
11–12 September 2023: Manchester and online
See [w website](#) for further details.
- **PREGNANCY AND THE LAW**
13 September 2023: online and University of Southampton
See [announcement](#) for details.
- **IVR JAPAN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE 2023**
16–18 September 2023: Chiba University near Tokyo
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28–29 September 2023: Utrecht University
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- **SAFI CONFERENCE ON PUNISHMENT**
5–7 October 2023: Université Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne, Paris
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- **INTERNATIONAL ACCESS TO JUSTICE FORUM 2023**
11–13 October 2023: University of California Irvine
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- **ARGUMENTATION 2023: CALL**
20 October 2023: Masaryk University, Brno, Czechia
See [w website](#) for details. Closing date: 31 July 2023.
- **SOCIO-LEGAL JOURNALS GLOBAL SOUTH WRITING WORKSHOPS 2023–2025: WORKSHOP 1**
26–27 October 2023: Kabarak Law School, Kenya, Ghana Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, Accra, and online
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- **AHRC BEING HUMAN FESTIVAL 2023**
9–18 November 2023: UK-wide
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- **SEXUAL AUTONOMY, PROTECTION AND IDENTITY IN CARE SETTINGS**
10 November 2023: Northumbria Law School & some online sessions
See [announcement](#) for details. Registration opens in September.
- **LAW AND SOCIETY ASSOCIATION OF AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND CONFERENCE 2023: CALL**
6–8 December 2023: University of Technology, Sydney
See [w website](#) for details. Call closes: 25 August 2023.
- **IVR WORLD CONGRESS 2024**
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Theme: The Rule of Law, Justice and the Future of Democracy.
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