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SLS 2026 Exhibitors



Welcome from Claudina Richards, SLS President

I am very pleased to welcome you to the University of East Anglia for the 117th Annual Conference of the Society of Legal Scholars.

The conference theme for 2026, 'Doing Law Differently', is inspired by UEA's motto and provides the opportunity to consider legal research, teaching and practice from new perspectives, exploring how different approaches can deepen the understanding of law for a range of audiences. The theme runs throughout the programme, shaping the plenary sessions and various papers in the Subject Sections.

In the first plenary, Dr Verona Ní Drisceoil, Professor Lydia Bleasdale and Professor Michael Doherty will address 'What are legal educators for? Doing Things 'differently' in Legal Education'. The panel invites you to reflect on your own experiences as educators and to join them in examining how three key themes from their own legal education scholarship - human-centred design, authenticity and relationality – can help us to navigate the challenges facing Law Schools today. 'Law for Different Audiences: Experiences of Engaging with the Public' is the topic of the second plenary, focussing on how legal academics can communicate their work meaningfully to audiences beyond universities. Drawing on their different experiences, Dr Joelle Grogan, Professor Ambreena Manji and Professor David Mead will discuss how legal knowledge can be presented in a way that informs debate, influences practice and strengthens public understanding of the law.

The Subject Section sessions showcase the breadth, diversity and vitality of legal scholarship. I would like to thank our Subject Section Convenors and our Honorary Subject Section Secretary, Dr Peter Dunne, for all their hard work in bringing together a programme that promises to be engaging and thought-provoking. We also continue our commitment to supporting early career academics and PhD students with dedicated events offering guidance on publishing and SLS funding. In addition, I encourage all SLS members to attend the Annual General Meeting on Thursday.

The programme includes some additional events which are open to all attendees. We welcome the

British Association of Comparative Law who will hold their annual seminar on Wednesday morning. This year's seminar is 'Intellectual Property Law Across Borders: Comparative Perspectives'. On Friday, a Law Reform Lawyer from the Law Commission will hold a lunchtime session, 'Restructuring homicide offences: Law Commission's proposals'.

The Society has always provided a forum through which legal academics can come together to exchange ideas, collaborate and support one another, and that spirit will once again be present at this conference. There will be opportunities to meet colleagues old and new during the breaks, as well as at the welcome and closing drinks receptions which are open to all attendees. Refreshments will be served alongside the publishers' exhibition; please do set aside some time to visit our exhibitors and sponsors, whose support helps to make the conference possible.

I hope that you will enjoy your visit to UEA campus with its many acres of parkland, where you can look out for sculptures by Henry Moore and Antony Gormley, amongst others. You are welcome to visit the Sainsbury Centre, a world-class art museum only a few minutes' walk from the conference venue (entry is on a 'pay if and what you can' basis). The Wednesday informal dinner will be held at the Sainsbury Centre restaurant, and the annual dinner on Thursday will take us into Norwich city centre, to the historic Assembly House.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to the Officers and Members of the Executive Committee for their support throughout the year. Particular thanks go to Rosa Bladon and Sara Bladon for their outstanding administrative support, and whose work is key in ensuring all aspects of the Society's activities run smoothly. Special mention is also due to Mosaic Events, with Sarah Byrne and her team, for their expertise and dedication in bringing this conference together.



Professor Claudina Richards
President, Society of Legal Scholars

General Information

Registration and Enquiries

Our conference organisers are Mosaic Events and the registration desk for SLS 2026 will be situated in the entrance of the **New Science Building, Chancellors Drive, Norwich NR4 7TJ**
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The SLS Event Team will be wearing purple shirts and will be supported by UEA students and staff wearing light blue lanyards. Both will be available throughout the event to offer any help you need.

You can also contact the team via email **slsconference@mosaicevents.co.uk** or call **+44 (0) 1904 702165** and for emergencies only: **+44 (0) 7730 597744**.

Publishers' Exhibition

SLS would like to thank our Conference Sponsor **LexisNexis** and our other exhibitors for their support. We hope you take the time to visit the exhibition, talk to them and explore the stands.

The SLS 2026 Exhibition will be held in the **New Science Building, Chancellors Drive, Norwich NR4 7TJ**. All delegates are invited to visit the exhibition which will be open at the following times:

Wednesday 2 September 11.30 – 19.30
Thursday 3 September 08.30 – 16.00
Friday 4 September 09.00 – 14:00

Refreshment Breaks and Lunch

Refreshments and lunch will be served within the exhibition area in the **New Science Building**.

Speakers

Speakers are requested to register on arrival and then make their way to the relevant meeting room in good time before the start of the session. Please bring your presentation, if you have one, on a memory stick, which can be inserted straight into the USB drive on the PC provided. Audio-visual technicians will be on hand to assist if required.

Session Changes

When signing up for the conference you may have pre-selected the sessions that you would like

to attend. If you want to now change your options, you can do so. Please just go to the new session on the day of the event that you would like to attend. You do not need to notify us of this change.

Early Careers Session

The Early Career Session will be held twice during the conference, on **Wednesday 2 September, 11.45 – 12.45** and **Friday 4 September, 13.00 – 14.00**. At each session, we will have a representative from a leading Law publishers and the editorial team of Legal Studies who will outline top tips they would recommend to Early Careers academics on getting published in journals and securing your first book contract. There will also be a member of the SLS team with information on obtaining society funding to support projects and research activities.

The session is intended to provide practical guidance to those embarking on, or developing, an academic career. Although particularly relevant to early career colleagues, the sessions are open to all interested members.

AGM

The AGM will take place on **Thursday 3 September 13.00 – 14.00** in the Julian Study Centre, Lecture Theatre. All SLS members are welcome to attend. This will be followed by the SLS Council meeting.

Paperbank

The SLS website is **www.legalscholars.ac.uk**. The conference website is **www.slsconference.com**, the Paperbank can be accessed from here by clicking on the programme tab.

To access the full set of abstracts for the conference please use password '**SLS2026**'.

Photography and Filming

Photographs and videos of activities at the Conference will be taken and used in SLS publicity. If you would prefer not to have your photograph taken or being in video footage, please see the team at the registration desk. If you have already stated your answers in your registration, you do not need to contact us to inform us again.

Delegate Badges

For security purposes, please always wear your delegate badges.

Non-Members

Not yet an SLS member? We'd love to meet you! Our membership team will be available at the registration desk throughout the conference to chat about the benefits of joining our community.

Discover how SLS membership can enhance your professional development, connect you with like-minded colleagues, and provide exclusive access to resources, events, funding, and opportunities year-round. Whether you're curious about networking benefits, funding and prizes, or member-only publications, we're here to answer your questions.

Recordings

This year's Conference is a fully in person event, however in addition we are recording the plenary and Early Careers sessions. These will all be available to all delegates to view post event up until Friday 27 November 2026. You should have already received a link to access this, but if you have not, please let the registration team know or email slsconference@mosaicevents.co.uk.

WIFI Access

University of East Anglia (UEA) will provide access to Eduroam whilst you are attending the Conference, there will also be details to log onto Eduroam at the Conference on the Registration desk.

LinkedIn

During the Conference, you can follow www.linkedin.com/company/society-of-legal-scholars/ on LinkedIn. Please help broadcast the Conference by posting your comments and photos with the hashtag **#SLSUEA2026**.

Multifaith Prayer Room / Quiet Space

There is a designated quiet space available for all delegates at the SLS Annual Conference; this is in the **Julian Study Centre** in room **JSC 1.01**. For more information on how to access this please ask one of the events team.

Luggage Store

Luggage can be stored in room **NEWSCI 0.09**, within the New Science Building. All items are left at the owner's risk and neither the University of East Anglia (UEA), the SLS, nor Mosaic Events accept responsibility for personal belongings.

Accommodation

If you have booked accommodation full details of this will have been emailed to you in advance of the event. Please do visit the registration desk if you have any queries or email slsconference@mosaicevents.co.uk or call **+44 (0) 1904 702165**.

Evaluation Form

Please take a few minutes to complete the online evaluation form to help us continue to improve delegates' conference experience, this will be emailed to you following the event. All delegates that complete the evaluation form will be entered into the prize draw to receive a £25 voucher.

Certificates

A CPD certificate for your attendance at the Conference will be provided by email to you post event.

Information about Norwich

For more information please go to visitnorwich.co.uk. Please also see page 31 within this programme for information on local restaurants.

Social Programme



All social events must be pre-booked and paid for, except for the Drinks Receptions taking place on Wednesday 2 September 18.30 to 19.30 and Friday 4 September at 15.30-16.30 which are open to all delegates to attend and this year are sponsored by Thomson Reuters.

If you have booked for the Informal Dinner on Wednesday 2 September and the Annual Dinner on Thursday 3 September, this will be noted on your name badge (in the bottom right-hand corner). For all other events your name will be on a list, there will be no tickets issued.

Wednesday 2 September

Informal Dinner – University of East Anglia
Sainsbury Centre for Visual Arts, Earlham Road,
Norwich NR4 7TJ

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Price: £35 | 19.30 – 22.00

(tickets still available)

This event will give you the chance to socialise further following the Drinks Reception, whilst enjoying an informal fork buffet served with a welcome drink.

Thursday 3 September

SLS Running Club

Meeting point – outside the Broadview Hotel

07:15 | Pre booking required **FULLY BOOKED**

Start your day the right way! Join us for a morning run or walk – all paces welcome! Whether you're a keen runner, prefer a brisk walk or just fancy stretching your legs and getting some fresh air, everyone is welcome. Come along and enjoy some exercise and good company.

Thursday 3 September

SLS Annual Conference Dinner

The Assembly House, Theatre Street, Norwich NR2 1RZ

Set within the Georgian surroundings of The Assembly House, the Annual Dinner provides an opportunity to come together for an evening of celebration and conversation in one of Norwich's most historic and elegant venues.

Guests will be welcomed with a drink's reception in the Grand Hall/Music Room before enjoying a three-course dinner in the Noverre Room. The evening will include the presentation of the Peter Birks Book Prize and the Margaret Brazier Book Prize.



A complimentary coach is provided for delegates staying at the Broadview Hotel.

Outbound journey: The coach departs the Broadview Hotel at 18:30 on Thursday 3 September. The pick-up point is to the left of the hotel on the road (an SLS team member will be there to direct you).

Return journey: A shuttle service back from the Assembly House operates from 22:00 until 23:00.

Further details on travel to/from the Assembly House can be viewed on the SLS website

www.slsconference.com/travel-directions/

Price: £65 | 19.00 – 22.00 **FULLY BOOKED**



Conference Programme

Lunch, exhibition, and all refreshment breaks will take place within the exhibition space in the New Science Building. For all Subject Sections sessions, information on which meeting rooms have been allocated can be viewed within pages 11 – 30.

Wednesday 2 September 2026

09.30 – 11.30	British Association of Comparative Law (BACL) – Intellectual Property Law Across Borders: Comparative Perspectives Meeting Room: New Science Building 0.02
11.30 – 13.00	Registration , lunch and exhibition
11.45 – 12.45	Early Career Session – Julian Study Centre, Lecture Theatre
13.00 – 14.30	Session A1
14.30 – 15.00	Tea break and exhibition
15.00 – 16.40	Session A2 including 10 minutes for a subject section meeting
16.40 – 17.00	Comfort break
17.00 – 18.30	Plenary 1 What are Legal Educators for? Doing Things 'Differently' in Legal Education. Speakers: Lydia Bleasdale (University of Leeds), Michael Doherty (University of Lancaster), Verona Ní Drisceoil (University of Sussex) Meeting Room: Julian Study Centre, Lecture Theatre
18.30 – 19.30	Welcome Drinks – Publishers' Reception – New Science Building, University of East Anglia, sponsored by Thomson Reuters
19.30 – 22.00	Informal Dinner – Sainsbury Centre, University of East Anglia



Thursday 3 September 2026

08.30 – 09.00	Registration , tea, coffee and exhibition
09.00 – 10.30	Session A3
10.30 – 11.00	Coffee break and exhibition
11.00 – 12.30	Session A4
12.30 – 14.00	Lunch and exhibition
13.00 – 14.00	AGM and Council Meeting – Julian Study Centre, Lecture Theatre
14.00 – 15.30	Session B1
15.30 – 16.00	Tea break and exhibition
16.00 – 17.30	Session B2
19.00 – 22.00	SLS Drinks and Annual Dinner and Announcement of Peter Birks Book Prize and Margaret Brazier Book Prize – The Assembly House in Norwich city centre, coaches from 18.30 leaving from outside the Broadview Hotel

Friday 4 September 2026

09.00 – 09.30	Registration , tea, coffee and exhibition
09.30 – 11.10	Session B3 including 10 minutes for a subject section meeting
11.10 – 11.30	Coffee break and exhibition
11.30 – 13.00	Plenary 2 Law for Different Audiences: Experiences of Engaging with the public. Speakers: Joelle Grogan (The Law Show), Ambreena Manji (Cardiff University), David Mead (University of East Anglia) Meeting Room: Julian Study Centre, Lecture Theatre
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch and exhibition
13.00 – 14.00	Restructuring homicide offences: the Law Commission's proposals – Julian Study Centre, 1.02
13.00 – 14.00	Early Career Session – Julian Study Centre, Lecture Theatre
14.00 – 15.30	Session B4
15.30 – 16.30	Closing Drinks Reception – New Science Building, University of East Anglia, sponsored by Thomson Reuters

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COMPANY LAW

Convenors: Victoria Barnes and Zi Yang (Queen's University Belfast)

Room: Elizabeth Fry Building, 01.08

SESSION 1 13.00 – 14.30 Wednesday 2 September

- 1A Proactive Law and Corporate Compliance: Integrating Stakeholder Engagement with Sustainability Reporting in UK Company Law** Bryan Wang (University of Reading)
- 1B Challenging the Reasonable Person's Standard: A Behavioural Critique of the test set out for Director's under s.174 CA 2006** Omotolani Somoye (University of Lancashire)

SESSION 2 15.00 – 16.40 Wednesday 2 September

Including 10 mins for a subject section meeting

Doing Company Law with Empirical Evidence

- 2A The Asking Price of Incorporation: State Leverage and the Evolution of Corporate Purpose**
Fatjon Kaja (University of Amsterdam)
- 2B Defining Corporate Purpose: From Concept to Practice**
Katarzyna Chalaczkiwicz-Ladna, Iain MacNeil and Irene-Marie Esser (University of Glasgow)
- 2C Regulating Modern Slavery in Business - The Case for Integrating Lived Experiences**
Rafael Savva and Divya Jyoti (Lancaster University and Pentland Centre for Sustainability in Business)

SESSION 3 09.00 – 10.30 Thursday 3 September

Company Law in Asia

- 3A ESG Integration in the new Vietnam Corporate Governance Code: For a Sustainability-Oriented Model?**
Ngoc Tram Anh Nguyen (University of Warwick)
- 3B From Hosts to Guests: Rethinking the Conditional Erosion of Shareholder Primacy in China's Insolvency Regime**
Xiahong Chen (China University of Political Science and Law)

SESSION 4 11.00 – 12.30 Thursday 3 September

Stakeholds

- 4A SME Clusters as Commons: A Governance and Legal Framework for Long-term Socio-economic Sustainability**
Christos Andrikopoulos (Cardiff University)
- 4B Hybrid Governance: Social Enterprise Law, ESG Norms, and the Evolution of UK Company Law**
Lin Zhang (City St George's, University of London)

COMPARATIVE LAW

Convenor: Penelope Giosa (University of Reading)

Room: New Science Building, 0.02

SESSION 1 13.00 – 14.30 Wednesday 2 September

Legal Transplants, Exchanges, and the Evolution of Legal Culture

- 1A Comparative Law and the Study of Colonial Law** T.T. Arvind (University of York)
- 1B A Theory of Transnational Legal Exchanges**
Aaron Yoong and Trevor Wan (Singapore Management University and Hong Kong University)
- 1C Between Entitlement and Investment: Third-Party Litigation Funding and the Limits of Legal Transplant in Nordic Civil Law** Tiia Karoliina Manninen (JAMK University of Applied Sciences, Kvalia Consulting, Coalition of Feminists for Social Change (COFEM))

SESSION 2 15.00 – 16.40 Wednesday 2 September

Including 10 mins for a subject section meeting

Panel Discussion: Doing Law Differently: From Rule-takers to Rule-makers in Caribbean and Pacific Small States

- 2A Doing Law Differently: From Rule-takers to Rule-makers in Caribbean and Pacific Small States**
Laura Panades-Estruch (Cayman Islands Law School & University of Liverpool), Alberto Costi (University of Wellington), Yolande Whitely (Norman Manley Law School) and Mele Tupou Vaitohi (University of Wellington)

SESSION 3 09.00 – 10.30 Thursday 3 September

Digital Frontiers: Governance and Justice in a Networked Age

- 3A Mandatory Mediation and Digital Justice: Comparative Perspectives from the UK and China**
Faye Wang (Brunel University of London)
- 3B From Personality to Publicity? Image Rights in Taiwan and the Comparative Law of Identity**
Jui-chien Cheng (Soochow University) and Yi-sheng Liu (Japan Creative Intelligence Institute)
- 3C Tax Legality and Fiscal Constitutionalism: Rethinking the Chinese Case** Zhiheng Lang (University of Lincoln)

ENERGY LAW

Convenors: Thomas Muinzer (University of Aberdeen) and Tabettha Kurtz-Shefford (Swansea University)

Room: Elizabeth Fry Building, 01.05

SESSION 1 13.00 – 14.30 Wednesday 2 September

- 1A Achieving Just Circularities for Data Centres? A Socio-Legal Critique of EU Data Centre Regulatory Governance**
Darren McCauley (University of Newcastle)
- 1B Investor-State Dispute Settlement Framework for Renewable Energy Disputes: An ECOWAS Context**
Olamiposi Jinadu (University of Aberdeen)
- 1C Regulatory Approaches to Applying the Polluter Pays Principle: A Choice Between the Devil and the Deep Blue Sea?**
Okechukwu Aholu (Nottingham Trent University)

SESSION 2 15.00 – 16.40 Wednesday 2 September

Including 10 mins for a subject section meeting

- 2A Pensions in a Warming World: What Does the Law Tell Us About the Fiduciary Duty in Practice?**
Lloyd Brown (Swansea University)
- 2B The Intersection of Legal Regulation and Engineering Advancements in Artificial Intelligence Data Centers**
Ethan Woods, Daniel Seng and Clifford Fisher (Purdue University)
- 2C Tripartisation of Participation as a Mechanism for Embedding Substantive Legitimacy in Energy Transition Governance**
Tayo Gbemi (University of Aberdeen)

SESSION 3 09.00 – 10.30 Thursday 3 September

- 3A Control Ashore, Risk at Sea: Allocating Liability for Remotely Operated Vessels in Energy Sectors**
Xinge Li (Swansea University)
- 3B Mainstreaming Gender in the Quest to Achieving Net-Zero and Clean Energy in Nigeria**
Solbi Bob-Manuel (University of Birmingham)

SESSION 4 11.00 – 12.30 Thursday 3 September

Panel Discussion: Law and Governance of Energy Transitions in the Global South: Open Pathways or Narrow Corridors?

- 4A Law and Governance of Energy Transitions in the Global South: Open Pathways or Narrow Corridors?**
Mark Amakoromo (Durham University), Okechukwu Aholu (Nottingham Trent University) and Fayokemi Olorundami (Northeastern University London)



FAMILY LAW

Convenors: Andy Hayward and Dafni Lima (Durham University)

Room: Julian Study Centre, 2.03

SESSION 1 13.00 – 14.30 Wednesday 2 September

Parenthood and the Composition of Modern Families

- 1A Legal Parenthood and The Potential Significance of Statutory Language** Alan Brown (University of Glasgow)
- 1B Under the Cover of Consensus: Trans Parenthood and Family Law Reform** Despoina Vasilaki (University of Oxford)
- 1C The Best Interests of the Child in Surrogacy: Meaningful Use or Useful Meaning?** Dafni Lima (Durham University)

SESSION 2 15.00 – 16.40 Wednesday 2 September

Including 10 mins for a subject section meeting

The Best Interests of the Child in Public and Private International Law Proceedings

- 2A The Best Interests of the Child in 1980 Hague Abduction Proceedings** Lara Walker (University of Warwick)
- 2B Who Can Be a Family? Legal Boundaries and Children's Rights in Italian Adoption Law**
Fabrizia Cesarano (University of Liverpool and Scuola Superiore Meridionale)
- 2C Parent-Child Separation in Public Children Law Proceedings and the Rise of Human Rights**
Rob Marsh (University of Cambridge)

SESSION 3 09.00 – 10.30 Thursday 3 September

Contemporary and Emerging Problems for Family Law

- 3A Exploring Incoherence in the English Legal System on the Value of Family Life**
Filipa Tavares Moreira (Royal Holloway, University of London) and Sonia Morano (Oxford Brookes University)
- 3B "Co-Petting", "Pet-Nups" and "DINKWADS": the Evolving the Language of Family Law**
Naomi Cousins (Leeds Beckett University)
- 3C Can the State Prevent Parents in England and Wales from Taking their Children Abroad to Access Puberty Blockers?**
Alan Brown (University of Glasgow) and Peter Dunne (University of Bristol)

SESSION 4 11.00 – 12.30 Thursday 3 September

Comparative Perspectives on the Regulation of Adult Relationships

- 4A Non-Qualifying Ceremonies and Foreign Registration of Islamic Marriages under English Law**
Muhammad Abbasi (Royal Holloway, University of London)
- 4B Reimagining Matrimonial Property in India: Constitutional Equality and Economic Justice After Divorce**
Pawan Kumar Yadav (National Law University Delhi)
- 4C Needs-Based Cohabitation Reform: Reflections on the Ministry of Justice's A Fairer End to Relationships**
Andy Hayward (Durham University)

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Convenor: Phillip Johnson (King's College London) and Johanna Gibson (Queen Mary University of London)

Room: New Science Building, 0.03

SESSION 1 13.00 – 14.30 Wednesday 2 September

Cultures of Tradition

- 1A From Biopiracy to Benefit-Sharing: "Doing IP Differently" in the Amazonian Luxury Supply Chain**
Paola Luyo (International University of Catalunya)
- 1B The Copyright-Creativity Paradox: Losing Copyright to Reclaim Creativity** Joshua Yuvaraj (University of Auckland)

SESSION 2 15.00 – 16.40 Wednesday 2 September

Including 10 mins for a subject section meeting

Invention, Intention, Information

- 2A AI Safety Legislation - Using Non-Criminal Law to Fight Back Against Sexual Deepfakes** Leonie Stuessi (Durham University)
- 2B The Extent of Confidentiality: Reassessing the Protective Boundaries of NDAs**
William Bymaster, Matthew Wethington and Clifford Fisher (Purdue University)

SESSION 3 09.00 – 10.30 Thursday 3 September

Medical Human Interest Stories

- 3A What Could it Look Like if we Countered Normative Resilience in Property to Recognise the Human Source Material in Biotechnological Patents?** Tina Hart (De Montfort University)
- 3B The Implications of Legal Conflicts Between Transparency and Secrecy for Bias Mitigation in Medical Technology** Zoya Yasmine (University of Oxford)
- 3C No Patent for Human-pig Chimeras (T 1553/22): Human Dignity in European Biotechnology Patent Law — Invoked by Every Institution, Defined by None** Marianne Walsh Fryer (University of Galway)

SESSION 4 11.00 – 12.30 Thursday 3 September

The Future of Creative Work

- 4A The State as Shadow Guarantor: Rethinking Intellectual Property Film Finance in the Sinosphere** Bao Khanh Le (Queen Mary University of London)
- 4B Voice Cloning, Creative Labour and the Limits of Protecting Voice in UK Law** Elena Sherstoboeva (University of Essex)
- 4C Training Hazards: Liability, Negligence, and the Incentive to Train AI Systems Safely** Hanani Hlomani (University of Cape Town)

INTERNATIONAL LAW

Convenor: Solon Solomon (Brunel University of London)

Room: New Science Building, 0.04

SESSION 1 13.00 – 14.30 Wednesday 2 September

The Junction Between International Law and Global Law

- 1A Global Human Rights Sanctions: A New Form of Countermeasures?** Yifan Jia (King's College London)
- 1B A Mixing Game: Theorising Normative Translation in the Making of Global Law** Tomáš Morochovič (University of Edinburgh)

SESSION 2 15.00 – 16.40 Wednesday 2 September

Including 10 mins for a subject section meeting

International Trade Law and Finance The Junction Between International Law and Global Law

- 2A Governing International Financial Assistance: Accountability and Anti-Corruption Mechanisms in International Law — Lessons from Ukraine** Maryna Utkina (Edge Hill University and Sumy State University)
- 2B WTO Security Exception and Existential Threat** Frances Nwadike (University of Southampton)
- 2C Between Strategy and Constraint: Rethinking Developing Members' Limited Participation in WTO Security Exception Debates** Wei Guo (University of Bristol and China University of Political Science and Law)

SESSION 3 09.00 – 10.30 Thursday 3 September

International Law as Doctrine

- 3A The Architecture of Semantic Drift: Doing Use of Force Differently Through Administrative Re-Performance in Fragmented Battlefields** Fatma Nur Calisici (George Washington University)
- 3B A Systemic Approach to An Autonomous Right to Be Rescued at Sea: its Recognition, Construction, and Protection** Ruonan Zu (University of Bristol)
- 3C Path Dependence in Law: Is There a Way Out?** Tatiana Bolshova (Aston University)



LABOUR LAW

Convenors: Joe Atkinson (University of Southampton) and Alan Eustace (Trinity College Dublin)

Room: Julian Study Centre, 1.03

SESSION 1 13.00 – 14.30 Wednesday 2 September

Doing Discrimination Law Differently

- 1A Direct Discrimination on the Grounds of Religion or Belief, *Higgs* and the 'Bananarama Defence': 'It's Not What You Do, But the Way That You Do It'** Autumn Ellis (University of Oxford)
- 1B Time, Pregnancy and Employment Law** Megan Pearson (University of Southampton)
- 1C Addressing the Contradiction of Forced Labour Indicators in Immigration Controls: Does the Absolute Prohibition on Forced Labour Require Reimagining?** Jack Beadsworth (University of Oxford)

SESSION 2 15.00 – 16.40 Wednesday 2 September

Including 10 mins for a subject section meeting

Doing Enforcement of Labour Rights Differently

- 2A Doing Employment Law Dispute Resolution Differently** Catherine Barnard and Sarah Fraser Butlin (University of Cambridge)
- 2B Enhancing the Protection of Workers' Privacy Rights in the UK** Qingqin Zhang (University of Glasgow)
- 2C Labour Rights in EU Trade Agreements: Between Normative Ambition and Weak Enforcement in the EU-Mercosur FTA and the EU-UK TCA** Mauro Pucheta and Jeffrey Kenner (University of Kent)

SESSION 3 09.00 – 10.30 Thursday 3 September

Sexual Violence and Harassment at Work

- 3A Employer Liability for Third Party Harassment: Has the tide finally turned?** Megan Cowan (University of Chester)
- 3B Intimate Relations in Hierarchical Workplace Settings: Romantic Involvement or Sexual Harassment?** Galya Hildesheimer (Peres Academic Centre)
- 3C Harassment and violence against platform workers: a comparative approach to inclusive regulation** Natalie Sedacca (Durham University)

SESSION 4 11.00 – 12.30 Thursday 3 September

Remedies in Employment Law [Joint with Remedies and Restitution]

- 4A Remedies in Employment Law** Anne Davies (University of Oxford), Hugh Collins (London School of Economics) and Alan Eustace (Trinity College Dublin)

LEGAL EDUCATION

Convenors: Jessica Guth (Leeds Trinity University) and Kat Langley (Durham University)

Room: Julian Study Centre, Lecture Theatre

SESSION 1 13.00 – 14.30 Wednesday 2 September

AI in Legal Education

- 1A Law Students' Perceptions of Appropriate Uses of LLM AI in Learning and Assessment: A Partnership Approach** Niamh Connolly, Olina Tian, Mishal Ursani and Karen Youakim (University College London)
- 1B Has AI Killed Legal Knowledge? Rethinking the Foundations of Legal Education** Simon Sneddon (University of Northampton)
- 1C Rethinking Legal Assessments in the Age of Generative AI** Dara Dimitrov (University of Waikato)

SESSION 2 15.00 – 16.40 Wednesday 2 September

Including 10 mins for a subject section meeting

Vulnerabilities, Resilience and Social Justice

- 2A Interconnectivity and the Legal Profession of Things: Using Vulnerability Theory to Inform Curriculum Design in Legal Education** Katy Peters (University of Surrey)
- 2B Resilience by Design: Doing Law Differently Through a Holistic Blueprint for Law Programmes** Noel McGuirk (Ulster University) and Laura Hughes-Gerber (Lancaster University)
- 2C From Concept to Practice: Creating the Preparation Pod Through the Cross-Pollination of Behavioural Science and Legal Education** Lana Ashby (Durham University)

SESSION 3 09.00 – 10.30 Thursday 3 September

Thinking Differently about Employability

- 3A Are We Failing to Talk About Failure? Reflections of a Pracademic** Jenny Watkins (University of Worcester)
- 3B Reconsidering Employability: Interdisciplinary Approaches to Employment-readiness in UK Law Schools**
James Shipton, Samantha Evans (Leeds Trinity University) and Liam McLeod (Leeds Beckett University)
- 3C Just Give Me 15 Minutes and Let Me Teach Them: A Longitudinal Study of Knowledge Retention and Employability in LLB Law Students Studying in Block at Two UK Universities**
Reilly Willis (University of Suffolk) and Brett Koenig (De Montfort University)

SESSION 4 11.00 – 12.30 Thursday 3 September

Doing Modules Differently

- 4A Decolonising the Legal System Module for Youth Empowerment: Student Voices and Reflections**
Ewomazino Caulker (University of Greenwich)
- 4B Dungeons and Dragons: A Campaign to Do Land Law Differently** Ruth Flaherty (University of Suffolk)
- 4C Teaching Business Law on the Theme of Paddington in Peru: Theme-based Learning**
Danyal Khan (Liverpool John Moores University)

MEDIA AND COMMUNICATIONS LAW

Convenors: Jeevan Hariharan (University College London) and Eliza Bechtold (University of Oxford)

Room: Julian Study Centre, 1.02

SESSION 1 13.00 – 14.30 Wednesday 2 September

Panel Discussion: Free Expression Online and the Regulated Internet: A Communications Law Panel

- 1A 'Free Expression Online and the Regulated Internet: A Communications Law Panel'**
Andrew Kenyon (University of Melbourne), Paul Bernal (University of East Anglia) and Helen Fenwick (Durham University)

SESSION 2 15.00 – 16.40 Wednesday 2 September

Including 10 mins for a subject section meeting

- 2A Serious Harm, Causation, and Section 1 of the Defamation Act 2013** Tom Bennett (The City Law School)
- 2B Young Online Creative Entrepreneurs: Legal Risk, Protection, and the Limits of Social Media Bans**
Rachel Maguire (Royal Holloway, University of London)
- 2C A Queer Critique of Defamation Law** Oliver Francis-Jones (Brackley)

SESSION 3 09.00 – 10.30 Thursday 3 September

- 3A Free Speech in the Digital Age: Comparing U.S. and U.K. Legal Approaches**
Isaac Matsumoto and Peyton Townsend (Purdue University)
- 3B When Ethics and Law Diverge: Why Journalistic Self-Regulation Works in Finland** Päivi Korpisaari (University of Helsinki)

SESSION 4 11.00 – 12.30 Thursday 3 September

Expressive Freedoms

- 4A Children's Communicative Rights and Freedom of Information: Towards a Children's Rights-Compatible Information Law** Karen McCullagh (University of East Anglia)
- 4B CV Dazzle and Anti-Surveillance Aesthetics and the Future of the Law of Surveillance** Yan-ho Lai (Georgetown University) and Jane Richards (University of York)



MIGRATION AND ASYLUM

Convenors: Alex Powell (University of Warwick) and Raawiyah Rifath (University of Exeter)

Room: Julian Study Centre, 2.01

SESSION 2 15.00 – 16.40 Wednesday 2 September

Including 10 mins for a subject section meeting

- 2A Devising a New Cooperation and Solidary Framework for Climate (Im)Mobility** Samantha Velluti (University of Sussex)
- 2B The Law-in-Context Approach to Studying Displacement from Ukraine** Olena Chub (University of Bristol)
- 2C Age Assessment of Migrant and Asylum-Seeking Children and the Jurisprudence of the UNCRC Committee**
Sarah Atkins (University of Portsmouth)

SESSION 3 09.00 – 10.30 Thursday 3 September

- 3A From Flexible Dialogue to Rigid Mandate: 'Doing Law Differently' and the Cumulative Turn in UK Refugee Law**
Ayesha Riaz (University of Greenwich)
- 3B The Legal Geography of Asylum in the East of England**
Ali Ahmadi, Catherine Barnard (University of Cambridge) and Fiona Costello (University of Birmingham)

PRIVATE INTERNATIONAL LAW

Convenors: Michiel Poesen and Patricia Živković (University of Aberdeen)

Room: Julian Study Centre, 3.01

SESSION 1 13.00 – 14.30 Wednesday 2 September

Private International Law & Technology

- 1A Issues of Applicable Law and Jurisdiction in the Cross-border use of Electronic Trade Documents**
Ilias Ioannou (University of Bristol)

SESSION 2 15.00 – 16.40 Wednesday 2 September

Including 10 mins for a subject section meeting

Private International Law, Business & Human Rights

- 2A Doing Law Differently? *Forum Non Conveniens* and Global Supply Chains in *Limbu v Dyson***
Ekaterina Aristova (University of Surrey)
- 2B Standing and Characterisation in Business and Human Rights Disputes: A Private International Law Analysis of Turkey**
Omer Erkut Bulut (Bogazici University)

SESSION 3 09.00 – 10.30 Thursday 3 September

International Procedure and Arbitration

- 3A Managing Near-Party Claims: (A)symmetries Between Anti-Suit Injunctions and Case Management Stays**
Michael Ng (Singapore University of Social Sciences)
- 3B Enforcing Foreign Mediated Settlements under the Singapore Convention on Mediation**
Shouyu Chong (University of Leeds) and Alan Koh (Nanyang Technological University)

SESSION 4 11.00 – 12.30 Thursday 3 September

Private International Law, Business & Human Rights

- 4A Habitual Residence and the Internationally Displaced Children of Ukraine: Where Facts and Politics Collide**
Aude Fiorini (University of Dundee)
- 4B An Assessment of HCCH Instruments and their Reception in South Asian States**
Prakriti Malla (Goenka University)

PUBLIC LAW

Convenors: Chris Monaghan and Michael Lane (University of Worcester)

Room: New Science Building, 0.01

SESSION 1 13.00 – 14.30 Wednesday 2 September

- 1A Advancing Pluralist Constitutionalism in a Multi-faith Society Notwithstanding Religious Populism: Comparative Insights from Malaysia** Zheng Hong See (University of Cambridge)
- 1B Formalism, Judgment, and Human Bodies: A Methodological Critique of *For Women Scotland v The Scottish Ministers*** Tom Bennett (The City Law School)

SESSION 2 15.00 – 16.40 Wednesday 2 September

Including 10 mins for a subject section meeting

- 2A A Genealogy of the Neglect and Distrust of Legislatures within Anglo-American Public Law** Robert Grealley (University of Bristol)
- 2B Governance-Oriented Constitutional Review in China: An Institutional Analysis of the Filing-and-Review System** Zhiheng Lang (University of Lincoln)

SESSION 3 09.00 – 10.30 Thursday 3 September

- 3A Negotiating Internal Tensions in Public Law: An Analysis of Loughlin's Appropriations of Schmitt** Fiona Zhu (University of Bristol)
- 3B Writing Public Law Differently: Scenes, Memory, and the Quiet Life of Rights in Jersey** Andrew Le Sueur (University of Essex)
- 3C Does 'Eastern European' Qualify as a Protected 'Race' Category under Section 9(1) of the Equality Act 2010 in the UK?** Egle Dagilyte and Sohini Preet Alg (Anglia Ruskin University)

SESSION 4 11.00 – 12.30 Thursday 3 September

- 4A Access to Justice: Reflections on Language Rights in Bunreacht na hÉireann** Jonathan O'Rourke (Atlantic Technological University)
- 4B Windfall Taxation as a Public Law Response to Reciprocal Tariffs in Global Trade Disruption** Agustinus Saputra (Monash University)

REMEDIES AND RESTITUTION

Convenors: Rachel Leow and Timothy Liao (London School of Economics)

Room: Elizabeth Fry Building, 01.02

SESSION 1 13.00 – 14.30 Wednesday 2 September

- 1A Debt Claims and the Need for Cooperation** Paul MacMahon (London School of Economics)
- 1B Merger Fallacy Diagnosed: Debt, Judgment, and Security** Jonathan Chu (University of Cambridge)
- 1C The Problem with the Continuity Thesis** Peter Jaffey (Leicester University)

SESSION 2 15.00 – 16.40 Wednesday 2 September

Including 10 mins for a subject section meeting

Trust Management, Control and Remedies

- 2A Restitutionary Remedies as the Remedy to Remedies** Anfield Tam (Harvard University)
- 2B The Adoption and Application of Promissory Estoppel Amongst Common Law Jurisdictions, the United Kingdom and the United States** Morgan Gamble and Clifford Fisher (Purdue University)
- 2C Remedies for Wrongful Interference with Digital Assets: The Legal Significance of the Ideational Object** Katie McCay (University of Bristol)

SESSION 3 09.00 – 10.30 Thursday 3 September

- 3A Unjust Enrichment, Corrective Justice, Weinrib, and the Proprietary Account: An Interpretive Analysis of 'At the Claimant's Expense.'** Aanjneya Tandon (Trinity College Dublin)
- 3B A Comparative Exploration in Unjustified Enrichment Law** Niamh Connolly (University College London)

SESSION 4 11.00 – 12.30 Thursday 3 September

Remedies in Employment Law [Joint with Labour Law]

- 4A Remedies in Employment Law** Anne Davies (University of Oxford), Hugh Collins (London School of Economics) and Alan Eustace (Trinity College Dublin)

TORTS

Convenor: Achas Burin (Warwick University)

Room: Julian Study Centre, 2.02

SESSION 1 13.00 – 14.30 Wednesday 2 September

Clarifying Tort Law

- 1A Negligence and the Wilkinson v Downton Torts Compared** Stephen Bailey (University of Nottingham)
- 1B Harassment Torts in the Internet Era** Hilary Young (University of New Brunswick)
- 1C Material Contribution to Injury: Clarification, Constraint, and Continuing Uncertainty** Adam Nicholls (University of Exeter)

SESSION 2 15.00 – 16.40 Wednesday 2 September

Including 10 mins for a subject section meeting

Tort Theory

- 2A Kantians on Defamation** Daniel Gilligan (Trinity College Dublin)
- 2B "Tort in Private Law Theory: Characterisation, Justification, and the Shape of Liability"** Steve Hedley (University College Cork)
- 2C An 'Unmanly Thing' that Punishes: 'Doing (and Saying) Different' with Compensation for Non-Pecuniary Loss** Andrew Bell (University of Bristol)

SESSION 3 09.00 – 10.30 Thursday 3 September

New Frontiers in Tort

- 3A "Liability for Biometric Data: Rethinking Legal Frameworks in the Digital Age"** Maria Lubomira Kubica (UNED, Madrid)
- 3B When Inference Becomes Injury: AI and the Limits of Privacy Law** Amelie Berz (University of Oxford)
- 3C Liability Insurance as a Corequisite for Innovation** Nicholas Feddersen, Lucas Velasquez and Clifford Fisher (Purdue University)

SESSION 4 11.00 – 12.30 Thursday 3 September

A Question of Duty

- 4A Reassessing the Scope of the Non-Delegable Duty to Apply to Intentional Wrongdoing: An Analysis of the High Court of Australia's Judgment in Trustees of the Roman Catholic Church for the Diocese of Maitland Newcastle v AA [2026] HCA 2"** Desmond Ryan (Trinity College Dublin) and Allison Silink (University of Technology Sydney)
- 4B Should UK Courts, in the Light of the High Court of Australia's Decision in AA, Review the Role of Non-delegable Duties in Child Sexual Abuse Cases in Tort?** Paula Giliker (University of Bristol)
- 4C The Duty of Care Inquiry** Mat Campbell (University of Glasgow)



Section B

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BANKING AND FINANCIAL SERVICES LAW

Convenors: Virág Blazsek (University of Leeds) and Clara Martins Pereira (Durham University)

Room: New Science Building, 0.03

SESSION 1 14.00 – 15.30 Thursday 3 September

- 1A Cybernetic Law and Adaptive Finance: Regulating Private Credit through the Viable System Model and Evolutionary Game Theory** Jonathan Willoughby (Liverpool John Moores University)
- 1B A Different Approach to Fixed and Floating Charges** Magda Raczynska (University College London)

SESSION 2 16.00 – 17.30 Thursday 3 September

- 2A The New UK Regulatory Framework for Cryptoassets: Coherence or Complexity?** Ilias Kapsis (City St George's, University of London)
- 2B The CBDC Slowdown: Comparative Lessons from Transatlantic Pilot Regimes** Virag Blazsek (University of Leeds) and Daniel Raya (University of Granada)
- 2C Same Activity, Same Risk, Same Regulation: Stablecoin Regulation Beyond Homogeneity and Novelty** Unyime Abasi Odong (University of Ottawa)

SESSION 3 09.30 – 11.10 Friday 4 September

Including 10 mins for a subject section meeting

- 3A Liability and Governance in AI-Driven Asset Management: Rethinking Financial Outsourcing under Conditions of Algorithmic Asset Specificity** Siyu Dong (University of Warwick)
- 3B Insurer's post-contractual duty of utmost good faith in the age of AI** Zofia Bednarz (Universidad de Málaga and ARC Centre of Excellence for Automated Decision-Making and Society Sydney)
- 3C The Corporate Form in Finance: Implications for Governance and Regulation** Anat Keller (King's College London), Andreas Kokkinis (University of Birmingham) and Limin Crystal Zhang (University of Birmingham)

SESSION 4 14.00 – 15.30 Friday 4 September

- 4A Regulating Mobile Payments Differently: Rethinking Licensing as a Regulatory Instrument in the UK, Singapore, and China** Xinyuan Gao (University of Leicester)
- 4B Administrative Bank Rescue in China: Legal Ambiguity, Executive Discretion, and Lessons for Global Banking Governance** Xin Wang (University of East Anglia)
- 4C The Regulatory Environment of the Kuwaiti Banking Sector** Rashed Al Shebli (University of Leicester)

CONTRACT, COMMERCIAL AND CONSUMER LAW

Convenors: David Gibbs-Kneller (University of East Anglia) and Andrea Miglionico (University of Reading)

Room: Julian Study Centre, 1.02

SESSION 1 14.00 – 15.30 Thursday 3 September

Panel Discussion: Beyond fragmentation: exposing the project-centric obligation as a unifying norm in commercial contract law and the practice of contracting

- 1A Beyond fragmentation: exposing the project-centric obligation as a unifying norm in commercial contract law and the practice of contracting** David Christie (Robert Gordon University, Aberdeen), Séverine Saintier (University of Exeter) and Jessica Viven-Wilksch (University of Adelaide)

SESSION 2 16.00 – 17.30 Thursday 3 September

- 2A Splitting the bill: Assessing the UK's 50/50 liability allocation for Authorised Push Payment fraud** Pier Mario Lupinu and Alberto Pagliari (University of Glasgow)
- 2B Protecting Consumers from APP Fraud: but at what price?** Sandra Booysen (National University of Singapore)
- 2C Rethinking Consumer Remedies for Greenwashing: Can Private Law Do More?** Riccardo Serafin (Institute for European Tort Law, Vienna)

SESSION 3 09.30 – 11.10 Friday 4 September

Including 10 mins for a subject section meeting

- 3A 'A predatory state of mind': putting the problematic phrase in its proper place for unconscionable conduct cases**
Raul Madden (Queen Mary University of London)
- 3B The Legal Challenges of Taking Security Interests in Crypto Assets** Dhanusha Hema Reddy (Aston University)

SESSION 4 14.00 – 15.30 Friday 4 September

- 4A The Subscription Trap: Do the Consumer Rights Act 2015 and the Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Act 2024 Provide Robust Protection Against Automatic Subscription Practices?** Lana Ashby (Durham University)
- 4B The Normative Importance of Privacy in Central Bank Digital Currencies (CBDCs): An Intrinsic Value Account**
Chenyu Xiao (Durham University)
- 4C E-Consumer Credit and Fintech Banking in Emerging Economy: Myth or Reality**
Oguchinalu Enyioma Enwere (Abia State University)

CRIMINAL LAW AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE

Convenor: Javier Eskauriatza (University of Nottingham)

Room: Elizabeth Fry Building, 01.05

SESSION 1 14.00 – 15.30 Thursday 3 September

Continuities, Cultures and Myths in the Criminal Law

- 1A Excavating Mothering Myths: Legal Archaeology and Wrongful Convictions in Child Death Cases**
Emma Nottingham (University of Winchester)
- 1B Is Responsibility Truly Diminished? The Psychopath Killer, the Homicide Act and Endless Night**
Rachel Gimson (University of Exeter)
- 1C From Hale's Cautionary Rule to Affirmative Consent: The Historical Continuity of the Ontological Paradox in Rape Trials** Vasilis Kyvernitis (University of Cyprus)

SESSION 2 16.00 – 17.30 Thursday 3 September

Political Interventions in Criminal Justice

- 2A Mutual Admissibility of Evidence, Judicial Practice, and the Limits of Trust: Reinterpreting Article 82(2)(a) TFEU**
Ilham Gasimov (University of Essex)
- 2B Much ado about colonial disaffection: Sedition laws as national insecurity laws**
Urania Chiu (Oxford Brookes University)
- 2C Defendants as Victims: interrogating the limits of the vulnerability framework** Kate Leader (Queen Mary of London)
and Ailbhe O'Loughlin (University of York)

SESSION 3 09.30 – 11.10 Friday 4 September

Including 10 mins for a subject section meeting

The Limits of Criminal Justice: Theory and Practice

- 3A Sentencing Youth with Mental Health Diagnoses: A Quantitative Review of Case Outcomes**
Helene Love and Shana Ruess (Simon Fraser University)
- 3B AI-Augmented Assessment of Witness Credibility: Reconciling Psychological Fallibility, Epistemological Tensions, and Regulatory Constraints in Criminal Justice** Mattia Giangreco (University of Catania)
- 3C Culpability, Responsibility, and Personality Disorder: The Role of Psychiatric Evidence**
Ailbhe O'Loughlin (University of York)

SESSION 4 14.00 – 15.30 Friday 4 September

Rethinking Reform in the Criminal Law

- 4A A 'Living' Criminal Code for England and Wales** John Child (University of Birmingham)
- 4B What's wrong with murder? A socio-legal review of the partial defence of loss of control when used by female victims of domestic abuse who kill their abusive partner** Yasmin Pitter (Leeds Beckett University)
- 4C Doing Private Prosecutions Differently** Stephen Colman (University of Suffolk)

CYBERLAW

Convenors: Xiaoren Wang (University of Dundee) and Zoi Krokida (Brunel Law School)

Room: New Science Building, 0.04

SESSION 1 14.00 – 15.30 Thursday 3 September

AI Regulation and Impacts

- 1A The Transparency Paradox under the GDPR: Data Protection Challenges in Generative AI Training**
Haoyu Wang (University of Bristol)
- 1B Too Restrictive, Too Permissive: How UK Copyright and Data Protection Law Shape AI for Science**
Zihao Li (University of Glasgow)
- 1C Assessing the UK's Model of AI Regulation: Proportionality, Rights, and Institutional Pluralism**
Joseph Mante (Robert Gordon University)

SESSION 2 16.00 – 17.30 Thursday 3 September

Privacy and data protection

- 2A Revisiting data subject rights under responsive regulation: UK and China law compared**
Haoran Yang (Durham University)
- 2B An Examination of Recent CJEU Rulings on Special Data Category Inferences and Their Data Protection Law Implications in Modern Analytics Ecosystems** Asma Vranaki (University of Bristol)
- 2C Big Tech, Data Protection, and the Integrity of Law** Beril Boz (University of Bristol)

SESSION 3 09.30 – 11.10 Friday 4 September

Including 10 mins for a subject section meeting

Blockchain, Digital Currency and Platforms

- 3A Legal Intervention vs Self-Regulation: Analysing the most appropriate regulatory approach for systematic faults within unpermissioned blockchain technology** Akrum El Menshawy (Nottingham Trent University)
- 3B Digital Service Act Article 39 in Practice: Auditing the Advertising Repositories of Very Large Online Platforms and Very Large Online Search Engines** Xiaoyao Ren, Leon Xiao and Callum Deery City (University of Hong Kong)

SESSION 4 14.00 – 15.30 Friday 4 September

Digital Governance

- 4A A Fundamental Rights Reading of Harm in the EU AI Act's General-Purpose AI Models Regime**
Hannan Zhang (University of Sheffield)
- 4B Redesigning the ASEAN Response to Address AI-Facilitated Gender-Based Violence: The Contribution from Malaysia**
Jaspal Kaur Sadhu Singh (Canterbury Christchurch University)

ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

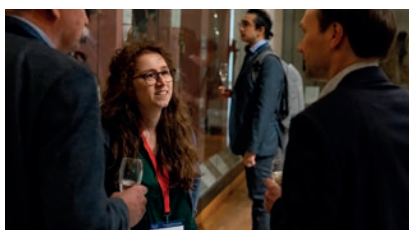
Convenors: Carrie Bradshaw (University of Leeds) and Joanne Hawkins (University of Leeds)

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SESSION 1 14.00 – 15.30 Thursday 3 September

Discussion Panel - Environmental Law - 10 Years after the Brexit Vote

- 1A Overview – Where are we now?** Colin Reid (University of Dundee)
- 1B Post-Brexit governance and the shrinking of civic space** Catherine Caine (University of Exeter)
- 1C What's next for nature? Exploring the Post-Brexit governance of nature conversation**
Maria Lee (University College London)



SESSION 2 16.00 – 17.30 Thursday 3 September

- 2A The Democratic Upheaval of the Climate Crisis and the Aarhus Convention** Emily Barritt (Dauphine Université Paris)
- 2B Nodes of Climate Contestation: Subtle Success Through English Fracking Litigation**
Kim Bouwer (Durham University) and Franka Poes (Durham Law School and Dickson Poon School of Law)
- 2C Understanding Environmental Law to Understand its Importance in Responding to Earth System Change: An Interdisciplinary Analysis** Olivia Woolley (Durham University)

SESSION 3 09.30 – 11.10 Friday 4 September

Including 10 mins for a subject section meeting

Panel Discussion - Contemporary place-making in English planning and environmental law: for what, for whom?

- 3A Generating a new AI Jerusalem? Hyperscale Data Centres, planning law, and the erosion of participatory placemaking**
Feja Lesniewska (University of Surrey)
- 3B Contract, third party interests and planning: an unarticulated mismatch** Alessandro Di Stefano (University College London)
- 3C More than just a NIMBY'S charter? A content analysis judicial review challenges to nationally significant infrastructure projects** Sam Guy (University of York)

SESSION 4 14.00 – 15.30 Friday 4 September

- 4A Environmental outcomes reports and the fragile promise of outcomes-based regulation**
Olivia Hamlyn (Birkbeck University of London)
- 4B The effects of human activity on environmental and animal harm: Planning law and wild animal welfare**
Angus Nurse (Anglia Ruskin University)
- 4C Climate responsibility and the legal significance of scope 3 emissions after finch**
Mosopefoluwa Akinrinmade, Suelen Carls and Tahani Mohammed (Bournemouth University)

EU AND COMPETITION LAW

Convenors: Ilias Kapsis (The City Law School) and Sanna Elfving (University of Lincoln)

Room: New Science Building, 0.02

SESSION 1 14.00 – 15.30 Thursday 3 September

- 1A Informal Decision Making in the European Community under the Luxembourg Compromise, 1965-2016**
Philip Bajon (Aston University)
- 1B National Judicial Independence Deficiencies in the European Union: is the Operation of the European Arrest Warrant Under Threat?** Pavel Repyeuski (Leeds Beckett University) and Kate Farrant Shaw (Independent Researcher)
- 1C Conditional Autonomy in Global Football: FIFA's International Match Calendar under Article 102 TFEU**
Shihao Xu (University of Leeds)
- 1D Closing the Sustainability Gap: Lessons from the UK Subsidy Control Act for EU State Aid Reform**
Penelope Giosa (University of Reading)

SESSION 2 16.00 – 17.30 Thursday 3 September

- 2A Consumer characteristics in the CJEU** Sebastian Peyer (University of East Anglia)
- 2B Home Advantage: The Irish Rugby Football Union's Eligibility Restrictions in Light of the Diarra Case**
Richard Bunworth (Trinity College Dublin)
- 2B Supporting effective operation of regulatory sandboxes - what competition law and policy can (and should) do**
Liana Japaridze (University of Glasgow)

SESSION 3 09.30 – 11.10 Friday 4 September

Including 10 mins for a subject section meeting

- 3A Can the Corporate Social Responsibility Approach Help Restore Competition in the EU Digital Economy?**
Jing Wang (University of Reading) and Dermot Cahill (HelpUsTrade, Wales)
- 3B The U.S. Taxpayer Harm Test: An Emerging Basis for Extraterritorial Antitrust Enforcement in the Shadow of Law**
Marek Martyniszyn (Queen's University Belfast)
- 3C Recalibrating Price Discrimination and Predatory Pricing Rules for Data Platforms**
Tingting Song (University of Hong Kong)

HEALTH LAW

Convenor: Andra le Roux-Kemp (Lincoln Law School)

Room: Julian Study Centre, 1.03

SESSION 1 14.00 – 15.30 Thursday 3 September

- 1A An embodied socio-relational autonomy approach to abortion regulation in England and Wales**
Flore Foulon (King's College London)
- 1B 'There Is No Choice'; Lived Experience 'from the Inside' - Autonomy, Coercion, and Jehovah's Witness Refusal of Blood Transfusions** Paul Dale (University of Worcester)
- 1C One Test Does Not Fit All. Rethinking the Best Interests Test in Healthcare Decision-Making for Deputies and LPAs**
Teresa Maria Stella Zagra (Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore)

SESSION 2 16.00 – 17.30 Thursday 3 September

- 2A Locating Solidarity In European Healthcare: Healthcare financing in EU law and policy** Mary Guy (Trinity College Dublin)
- 2B Medical liability and artificial intelligence in the European union and United Kingdom: lessons for Nigeria**
Olaitan Olusegun (Obafemi Awolowo University and Max Planck Institute for Social Law and Social Policy)
and Oluwadamilola Adejumo (Max Planck Institute for Social Law and Social Policy)
- 2C Living Between Labels: Understanding Gender Dysphoria and Mental Health**
Pyali Chatterjee (MATS University, Raipur)

SESSION 3 09.30 – 11.10 Friday 4 September

Including 10 mins for a subject section meeting

- 3A Was the scarcity of critical care resources obscured within clinical decision-making during the COVID-19 pandemic?**
Suzanne Farg (University of Manchester)
- 3B Health Law in Crisis: Rethinking Legal Frameworks for Care in Armed Conflict**
Sheetal Soni (University of KwaZulu-Natal)
- 3C Law, Race Based Medicine, and Health Equity** Aileen Editha (Oxford Brookes University and Queen's University, Kingston)

HUMAN RIGHTS

Convenors: Clare James (University of Leeds) and Ilias Trispiotis (University of Leeds)

Room: Julian Study Centre, Lecture Theatre

SESSION 1 14.00 – 15.30 Thursday 3 September

Equality and citizenship

- 1A Married Elsewhere, Protected Nowhere: Is the UK creating a safe harbour for transnational forced marriages?**
Fatima Zehra (University of Huddersfield)
- 1B Autonomy, Consent and Recentering Muslim Women in the Conversation about the Islamic Veil**
Fariha Tabassum (Swansea University)
- 1C Reproductive Suffering, "Acceptable" Pain and Gendered Tests: Rethinking Articles 3 and 14 ECHR in Abortion Jurisprudence** Magdalena Zabrocka (University of Nottingham)
- 1D Structures and Stereotypes in Equality Law: Non-Citizens at the European Court of Human Rights**
Bernadette Rainey (University of Cardiff)

SESSION 2 16.00 – 17.30 Thursday 3 September

Human Rights and Policing

- 2A Policing and Human Rights in the UK: An Incompatible Couple?** Geoff Pearson (University of Manchester)
- 2B The Use of Public Order Act Conditions Against the Just Stop Oil Slow Marches: Did police responses change following a lowering of the disruption threshold in law from 'serious' to 'more than minor'?** Jack Jones (University of East Anglia)
- 2C The Rise and Fall of Facilitation: Exploring the Relationship between Human Rights and Policy in Policing Protests**
Charmian Werren (University of East Anglia)

SESSION 3 09.30 – 11.10 Friday 4 September

Including 10 mins for a subject section meeting

- 3A Pitting rights against each other?: A critical reflection of the interconnectedness of A2P1 and Art 9
In the matter of an application by JR87 and another for Judicial Review [2025] UKSC 40**
Nkem Adeleye (University of Worcester)
- 3B Reforming child custody laws in Nigeria: a critical analysis of the best interest of the child principle**
Linus Nwauzi (Rivers State University)

SESSION 4 14.00 – 15.30 Friday 4 September

Panel Discussion – Contemporary perspectives on Access to Justice and Human Rights

- 4A Contemporary Perspectives on Access to Justice and Human Rights (I)**
Angus Nurse, Helga Hejny, Andrew Noble and Sebastian Smart (Anglia Ruskin University)

LEGAL HISTORY

Convenors: Kay Crosby (Newcastle University) and Ashley Hannay (University of Manchester)

Room: Julian Study Centre, 2.02

SESSION 1 14.00 – 15.30 Thursday 3 September

Legal History – Comparative Legal History

- 1A Decolonising the Dead: Ancient Legal Traditions, Indigenous Claims, and the Ethics of Displaying Human Remains**
Reem A. Abbass (London School of Economics)
- 1B Before Constitutionalisation: The Institutionalisation of Family Planning in the PRC (1949–1978)**
Yanru Yan (University of Liverpool)
- 1C The Indigenous, the Squatters and the Settlers: Tracing the Socio-legal Evolvement in Land Ownership in New Brunswick, Canada, 1750–1850** Eliza Zhangminmin Xue (University of New Brunswick)

SESSION 2 16.00 – 17.30 Thursday 3 September

Legal History – Nineteenth and Twentieth Century Crime and Family

- 2A An Old Testament vote and not a New Testament vote: Christianity and Capital Punishment in Parliament 1945–1969**
Cameron Giles (London South Bank University)
- 2B Matrimonial Home Rights: A Retrospective** Naomi Cousins (Leeds Beckett University)
- 2C Gothic Justice: Contriving 'The Criminal' in Victorian Law and Literature** Barbara Hughes-Moore (Cardiff University)

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Legal History – Trans and Transfeminist Legal History

- 3A Sexual statehood: a trans feminist history of trans law in India** Sandra Duffy (University of Bristol)
- 3B Evidencing 'True Sex' Before the Sheriff Court: Applications for the Re-Registration of Sex in Twentieth Century Scotland**
Antonio Ivan Sanchez Hervas (University of Glasgow)
- 3C Problematising legal gender recognition through GRO practices in the interwar period** Kay Crosby (University of Newcastle)

SESSION 4 14.00 – 15.30 Friday 4 September

Panel Discussion – Legal History – Visual Representations of Law Over Time

- 4A Visual representations of law over time**
Larelle (Ellie) Chapple (Queensland University of Technology), Mark Crosby (Kansas State University),
John Picton (University of Manchester) and John Tribe (University of Liverpool)



LEGAL THEORY

Convenors: Martin David Kelly (University of Glasgow) and Sahar Shah (University of Bristol)

Room: New Science Building, 0.01

SESSION 1 14.00 – 15.30 Thursday 3 September

Legal Theory – Law and Authority

- 1A Beyond Exclusionary Reasons: Second-Order Reasons and Legal Normativity** Ruben Guilanya (Universitat Ramon Llull)
- 1B Performing Justice: Law, Legitimacy, and the Symbolic Function of Legal Process**
Christine McCullough (Trinity College Dublin)
- 1C The Open System and the Function of Support** Li-kung Chen (Academia Sinica)

SESSION 2 16.00 – 17.30 Thursday 3 September

Legal Theory – Law and Conceptual Content

- 2A General Jurisprudence: Empirical All the Way down** Dimitrios Tsarapatsanis (University of York)
- 2B What we Disagree about when we Disagree about the Rule of Law** Tom Hannant (Swansea University)
- 2C Interminable Disputes** Chinmay Bhat (OP Jindal Global University)

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Legal Theory – The Individual and the State

- 3A Rethinking Autonomy in Law: Behavioral Reality and the Limits of Ideal Theory** Martin Brenncke (Aston University)
- 3B Justice as a Feminist Public Good: Commodification, Structural Exclusion, and the Gendered Price of Access**
Tiia Karoliina Manninen (Jamk University of Applied Sciences, Kvalia Consulting and Coalition of Feminists for Social Change (COFEM))
- 3C Contributing to Crime: State Misconduct and the Limits of Criminal Process Remedies**
Tarek Yusari (University of Liverpool)

SESSION 4 14.00 – 15.30 Friday 4 September

Legal Theory – Law as a Technical System

- 4A Computer Vision Shadow Standards and the Rule of Law** Emma Rengers (Radboud University)
- 4B The Harm in Identity Abuse** Ilias Trispiotis (University of Leeds)

MARITIME LAW – TEST SESSION

Convenor: Liang Zhao (University of Southampton)

Room: Julian Study Centre, 3.01

SESSION 1 14.00 – 15.30 Thursday 3 September

A View from The Hague

- 1A A typology of flagging-related fraud and suggested responses** Andrew Serdy (University of Southampton)
- 1B Should Marine Insurance embrace AI and what are the Legal Challenges?** Feng Wang (University of Southampton)



PRACTICE, PROFESSION AND ETHICS

Convenors: Karen Nokes (University College London) and Lucinda Soon (King's College London)

Room: Julian Study Centre, 2.01

SESSION 1 14.00 – 15.30 Thursday 3 September

Lawyers' wellbeing

- 1A Wellbeing at the Foundation of the Legal Profession Research and Insights from a Decade of Trainee Solicitor Counselling in Ireland** Ruth O'Sullivan (The Law Society of Ireland, Dublin)
- 1B Researching valued resources for lawyers' wellbeing** Lucinda Soon, Almuth McDowall and Kevin Teoh (Birkbeck University of London)
- 1C Mindfulness in the Age of AI: Rehumanising Legal Practice** Artemis Evangelidis (Aipeia Consulting, Melbourne, Australia)

SESSION 2 16.00 – 17.30 Thursday 3 September

Entry into Law and Restorative Practice

- 2A Higher Education, Capital and Stratification in the Legal Profession: Rethinking Access in the Age of AI** Ann Luk and Judith Bourne (CILEX Law School, London)
- 2B Doing Law Differently: Becoming a Restorative Lawyer** Brenda Waugh (Waugh Law & Mediation, Leesburg and West Virginia Restorative Justice Project)
- 2C Fully Embedding Restorative Justice in the Code for Crown Prosecutors** Scott Tuppen (33 Bedford Row)

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Lawyers' Ethics and Professionalism

- 3A Economic Abuse, Lawyers and Professional Ethics: Rethinking the Role of Legal Advisers** Eleanor Rowan (University of Cardiff), Karen Nokes (University College London) and Ellen Gordon-Bouvier (Exeter University)
- 3B Avoiding Complicity: Lawyers and Climate Change** Eric Boot (Amsterdam Law School)
- 3C What does the authoritarian turn mean for the UK legal profession?** Leigh Rice (University of Leeds)

PROPERTY AND TRUSTS

Convenors: Alec Morris (University of Buckingham) and Derek Whayman (University of Reading)

Room: Elizabeth Fry Building, 01.02

SESSION 1 14.00 – 15.30 Thursday 3 September

Old and New Concepts in Property & Trusts

- 1A Conceptualising geothermal energy as property in UK law** Anna McClean (Newcastle University)
- 1B The Protector, The Fiduciary and The Undertaker** James Lee (King's College London)
- 1C The Doctrine of Advancement: Abolition Stasis and the Time for Fundamental Reform** Matthew Stubbins (Canterbury Christ Church University)

SESSION 2 16.00 – 17.30 Thursday 3 September

Issues in Land Registration

- 2A A Comparative Study of Land Titles Registration in England and Selected Torrens Jurisdictions** Alvin See (Singapore Management University)
- 2B Learning from Scotland: Manorial Property and the Absence of a Credible Private Register** Mark Lindley-Highfield (University of the Highlands and Islands)

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Doctrine and Theory

- 3A The Boundaries of Intangible Property** Duncan Sheehan (University of Leeds)
3B The Taxonomy of Equitable Allowances Peter Devonshire (University of Auckland)

SESSION 4 14.00 – 15.30 Friday 4 September

Property and Trusts in Action

- 4A Charitable trusts, art collections and the “right to beauty”: a comparative analysis of the UK and US models between trustee fiduciary duties, cy prés relief and the involvement of communities in the management and enjoyment of museum collections** Pietro Graziano (Scuola Superiore Meridionale)
4B Joint Tenancies and the Prevention of Benefit from Unlawful Killing Ann-Marie Dooley (University of Limerick)

TAX LAW

Convenors: Ira Lindsay (University of Surrey) and Vasiliki Koukoulioti (Queen Mary University of London)

Room: Julian Study Centre, 2.03

SESSION 1 14.00 – 15.30 Thursday 3 September

Tax Law – Indirect Tax and Corporation Tax

- 1A Simplifying GST through Real-Time Technology: Rethinking Complexity, Compliance, and Administration** Stefanie Geringer (University of Vienna and Masaryk University)
1B VAT, the Sharing Economy and the Reconstruction of Taxable Reality Yige Zu (City University of Hong Kong)
1C Taxation and Cooperation Ira Lindsay (University of Surrey)

SESSION 2 16.00 – 17.30 Thursday 3 September

Law and Policy

- 2A Judicialising the Social Market: The Apple Case and the Legitimacy of European Integration** Federica Casano (University of Leeds) and Aidan Regan (University College Dublin)
2B Innovation Paradigm Shifts and Capital Taxation Alex Zhang (Emory University)
2C A GDPR-Compliant FATCA Structure? Michael Hatfield (University of Washington)

SESSION 3 09.30 – 11.10 Friday 4 September

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Comparative Tax

- 3A Simulating Political Survival: A Heuristic Framework for Implementing Upstream Carbon Taxes in Coal-Exporting Developing Economies** Annas Akbar Sultansyah (Monash University and Ministry of Finance, Republic of Indonesia)
3B Adapting Cooperative Compliance in Indonesia: Policy Transfer and Institutional Design Wide M Putra (Monash University)
3C Doing GAARs differently: a legislative design perspective Enelia Jansen van Rensburg (Stellenbosch University)

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International Tax

- 4A International Tax Architecture in Transition** Kasem Zotkaj (University of Liechtenstein)
4B The Legal Nature of the Saudi Tax Committee Abdulaziz Alshubrumi (University of Miami)
4C Responsible AI on tax policy development Vasiliki Koukoulioti (Queen Mary University of London)

Norwich

Restaurant Suggestions

Norwich city centre has many chain restaurants, including Bill's, Cosy Club, Côte, Giggling Squid, The Ivy, Middletons, Mowgli, Pho, Prezzo, Rosa's Thai, Real Greek, Turtle Bay, Wagamama, YO! Sushi. Below are just some of the independent restaurants.

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Saporita

www.saporitanorwich.com

Location: 3A St. Andrews Hill, Norwich NR2 1AD

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Paolo's Restaurant

www.paolos-restaurant.co.uk

Location: 1 St Giles Street, Norwich NR2 1JJ

Traditional Italian food from pasta to seafood and salads.

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benolirestaurant.com

Location: 5 Orford Street, Norwich NR1 3LE

Authentic recipes with a modern twist that delight the senses.

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bombai.co.uk

Location: 38-40 St Benedicts Street, Norwich NR2 4AQ

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www.dhaba15.co.uk

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hagglrestaurant.com

Location: 13 St Benedicts Street, Norwich NR2 4PE

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www.sliceanddice.cafe

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www.yalm.co.uk

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www.thebelgianmonk.com

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