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SLSA PORTSMOUTH 2020

From 1 to 3 April 2020, socio-legal scholars will gather in Portsmouth as guests of the University of Portsmouth School of Law for the SLSA Annual Conference.

Portsmouth is a seaside city with a rich naval and literary history. It was the birthplace of Charles Dickens, and fellow writers H G Wells and Arthur Conan Doyle also resided in the city. The city is also home to the *Mary Rose*, Henry VIII's famous warship, which has been painstakingly restored and offers visitors a unique historical experience.

Drawing on the city's naval heritage, the conference team has hired HMS *Warrior*, Britain's first iron-hulled, armoured battleship, as the venue for the reception on the Wednesday evening. Delegates will be able to enjoy drinks and canapés on the fully restored gun deck. On Wednesday morning, an optional guided walking tour of Nelson's Trail will highlight places and buildings with links to Vice Admiral Lord Nelson around the time of the Battle of Trafalgar. After the conference closes on Friday, a Harbour Tour provides an opportunity to enjoy views of Portsmouth from the sea.

The conference promises a busy three-day programme with around 400 papers across the 35 streams and six current topics. The conference will take place in three buildings clustered closely together and situated in the university's Northern Quarter. The conference venues are within a short walking distance of two of the city's railway stations. The theme of this year's conference is 'Law in an Age of Populism', a theme that draws on the plenary and some of this year's current topics. The plenary theme is 'Gender Equality and Queer Rights in an Age of Populism'. The plenary will take place on Wednesday afternoon and will explore the intersection of populism, gender/sexuality and law. The speakers will discuss how gender and queer feature in populism and in resistance to the liberal legal order. More specifically, they will examine the current and potential impact of the populist movements on the enjoyment and protection of gender equality and queer rights and they will consider how the law might respond to the challenges that the changing socio-political landscape poses for women and sexual minorities. The plenary will be followed by the drinks reception on HMS *Warrior*. The conference dinner and prize-giving on Thursday evening will be held in Portsmouth Guildhall.

The Portsmouth team is pleased to be able to offer some training sessions on socio-legal approaches during the



Portsmouth's iconic Spinnaker Tower

conference this year. More details of these sessions will be available on the website.

The Poster Competition will give PGRs an opportunity to share their work, and the best poster will be awarded a prize at the conference dinner. In addition, PGRs will be invited to two exciting workshops: one on wellbeing during your PhD, the other on publications. These will be followed by the PGR/Early Career Researchers Networking Scheme that gives postgraduates an opportunity to get information from and network with early career researchers.

Portsmouth is accessible by rail, car, bus, coach, plane and ferry. The website contains details of all the major travel routes. Accommodation is not included in the conference package, but the website provides details of a number of hotels with rooms held at preferential rates. In addition, it is possible during registration to book at the Queen's Hotel, which is a 25-minute walk from the conference venue and a stone's throw from the beach. Subsidised childcare is also available for the conference; and details of how to book this option will be available on the website soon.

The call for papers and posters is now open (see [page 14](#)) and will close on **10 January 2020**. Registration is also open, with substantial discounts for members. There will also be a limited number of bursaries offered. Full details of all things conference-related are to be found on the [website](#).

The Portsmouth Conference Team

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ROBERT DINGWALL TO RECEIVE SLSA PRIZE

The SLSA Executive is delighted to announce that this year's prize for contributions to the socio-legal community will be awarded to Professor Robert Dingwall.

Robert has had a long and illustrious career in socio-legal studies and sociology of law, including positions at the Centre for Socio-Legal Studies at the University of Oxford, the University of Nottingham and, latterly, at Nottingham Trent University.

Robert's work has made a significant contribution to the discipline and spans a number of fields, most notably medico-legal, sociology of the professions, ethics and methodology. Never afraid to be controversial, some of his work has formed the basis of intense debate. In particular, his work on power relations in mediation (with David Greatbatch), which catalysed heated debate in the mediation community, has weathered the storm caused by the findings and has since become a seminal text in the field. He is an outstanding scholar whose range of theoretically driven insights over wide areas have been incredibly influential across our discipline. He has, both personally and through his methodological publications, been responsible for developing and maintaining training for interdisciplinary socio-legal doctoral students.

In the round, Robert has been, and continues to be a committed, supportive and thoughtful member of, and mentor in, our community. We are delighted to have the opportunity to thank him for his contributions to socio-legal studies, and look forward to celebrating with him at the Portsmouth 2020 SLSA Annual Conference.

Robert will receive his award at the SLSA Annual Dinner on 2 April 2020 in Portsmouth.

SLSA CONFERENCE: CALL FOR FUTURE HOSTS

The SLSA Executive is seeking expressions of interest from universities wishing to host our annual conferences from 2022 onwards. The conference runs for three days (lunch day 1–lunch day 3) and usually takes place just before the Easter break each year, although alternative dates in early to mid-April will be considered. See [w webpage](#) for full details. Closing date: 31 January 2020.

SLSA BLOG

Since its launch in the summer of 2016, the SLSA Blog has published almost 70 blog posts.

Recent topics have included: studying cultures 'far' from your own; thinking about gender through other socio-legal categories; and the relationship between sound and intellectual property law. Authors have included PGRs and ECRs as well as senior socio-legal academics, including two SLSA chairs and one winner of our prestigious annual prize. See the [w blog pages](#) for more information. If you have something to say (max 1000 words) on a current socio-legal topic, please email: [e blogeditors@slsa.ac.uk](mailto:blogeditors@slsa.ac.uk).

OA GUIDANCE

The SLSA OA Working Group has now updated the SLSA Guidance on OA with REF 2021 in mind.

The rules on open access (OA) for REF have not changed and our revised guidance restates them with advice to members in respect of the options regarding submission and publication of papers.

However, the subsequent period is likely to see considerable changes in the OA landscape as the 'cOAlition S' initiative of European research funders gathers strength. This proposes a move to make journal articles fully OA immediately on publication in their final format. (Monographs and book chapters are not yet covered, but these formats are also being discussed.)

In Britain some major funders, such as the Wellcome Trust, have set out how they will be moving to this position on full OA as a condition of their research support. Others, notably UKRI, are planning consultation processes in order to develop a model for doing so. A broad shift from pay-to-read to pay-to-publish is therefore coming in the medium term, with significant consequences for journal funding and for the work of learned societies which depend on this income directly or indirectly (through sponsorship).

The SLSA Executive is resolved to engage with this process as it has in the past in order to promote the value of accessibility and the sustainability of socio-legal publishing and the welfare of the socio-legal community. The SLSA OA Working Group is monitoring these developments closely and welcomes correspondence from members regarding their views, expertise or insights on OA: [e openaccess@slsa.ac.uk](mailto:openaccess@slsa.ac.uk). And see the SLSA [w website OA page](#) which was extensively updated over the summer.

New membership benefit: 20 per cent discount on Hart books bought online

We are delighted to announce that Hart Publishing is offering SLSA members a 20 per cent discount on all its books bought online. To take advantage of this offer, visit the [w Hart website](#) and use the discount code SLSADIS at the checkout.

The discount is available on a number of books featured in this issue's [publications pages](#).

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SLSA ONE-DAY CONFERENCES

The SLSA Exec was involved in organising two one-day conferences over the summer and early autumn: one took place in Berlin, the other in London. Exec members report back on these highly successful events.

Socio-Legal Studies in Germany and the UK: Theory and Methods

On 24 September 2019, the Faculty of Law at Humboldt University Berlin hosted an international collaborative one-day conference organised by Jen Hendry (University of Leeds), Naomi Creutzfeldt (University of Westminster) and Christian Boulanger (Humboldt University Berlin).

The organisers are grateful to the SLSA, the Vereinigung für Rechtssoziologie and the Research Units Recht im Kontext and the Law and Society Institute of the Humboldt University's Faculty of Law, for all contributing to the funding for this ground-breaking event.

The purpose of this one-day conference was to begin to contemplate answers to the following questions:

- How have different academic traditions and institutional contexts influenced the development of socio-legal research in Germany and the UK?
- And how are theoretical and methodological approaches drawn upon in both contexts? Are there similarities and differences in how they are applied in Germany and the UK?

A further core aim of the conference was to start an initial dialogue among participants with a view to forging closer ties across the German and UK socio-legal communities and to facilitate future connections and collaborations.



Left to right: Jen Hendry, Christian Boulanger and Naomi Creutzfeldt, organisers of our Berlin one-day conference, outside Humboldt University Law Faculty

To this end, speakers from across Germany and the UK came together to consider these important questions and to begin these exciting conversations.

Throughout the day, presenters and delegates considered the influence of different institutional contexts and scholarly traditions upon the development of approaches that come under the banner of socio-legal studies. Several scholars adopted comparative perspectives in terms of selected areas of law, pointing to notably varied approaches taken in Germany and the UK, while the concluding roundtable discussion sought to highlight key contemporary trends, theoretical applications, and methodological approaches taken in both countries' socio-legal contexts.

Importantly, this conference has laid a solid foundation for further collaborative work, not least the publication of conference proceedings in a proposed special issue. Plans are underway to further scrutinise these two different legal-academic cultures in respect of socio-legal studies, specifically the theories and methods, and the organisers welcome enquiries from anyone interested in this ongoing research.

Jen Hendry and Jess Mant

Impact and Law Reform

This conference was organised by the SLSA and Society for Legal Scholars (SLS), in collaboration with the Law Commission of England and Wales and the Scottish Law Commission, and was held at the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, London, on 11 June 2019.

A strong theme that emerged from the event, which was well-attended, was the need to engage continually with discussions around law reform and foster relationships between academics, practitioners, Law Commissioners and the judiciary (and, if possible, government departments and Parliament). A number of speakers commented that events such as this really encouraged the fruitful exchange of ideas needed to facilitate the impact of legal research.

Professors Rosie Harding and Richard Taylor, chairs of the SLSA and SLS respectively, welcomed attendees and introduced the first plenary session on impact and law reform. During this opening session Rt Hon Sir Nicholas Green, Chairman of the Law Commission of England and Wales, and Rt Hon Lady Ann Paton, Chair of the Scottish Law Commission, provided invaluable insight into the workings of the Commissions and their relationships with academia and government. Both chairs highlighted the importance of empirical studies to promoting evidence-based law reform and the role of academics in improving the capacity of the Commissions. Professor Joanne Conaghan, chair of the law UoA, discussed how impact would be measured in REF 2021. She also made use of a study conducted on REF 2014 data by Lawrence McNamara in order to explain how impact often occurs in law, emphasising a central insight from the study on the importance of engagement as a necessary, albeit not sufficient, pathway to impact. The discussion that followed this plenary session was very informative and centred on achieving and communicating impact in the context of the work of the Law Commissions and REF 2021.

There followed three parallel breakout sessions, each of which was well attended. One of the workshops, led by Naomi Saint from the Parliamentary Knowledge Exchange Unit, explored how Parliament uses research evidence and ways to communicate academic research findings to Parliament and policymakers. A range of ways of engaging with Parliament were discussed, such as the drafting of POSTnotes for the Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology, and sending research to the relevant expert in the libraries of Parliament.

The two other workshops focused on current law reform projects, namely regulatory issues relating to new technology (such as automated vehicles and smart contracts) and surrogacy. Each of these workshops was led by the team from the Law Commissions working on the particular project. Shortly before the conference, the Law Commissions had published their discussion paper for their joint project on surrogacy which was summarised by Professor Nick Hopkins (Law Commissioner responsible for the project). Professor Hopkins also stressed how keen the Law Commissions were to include empirical research on surrogacy in their report, based on the work of socio-legal scholars.

After lunch there was the second plenary session with Hector MacQueen and Gillian Douglas, ably chaired by Paula Giliker. Both Professor MacQueen and Professor Douglas drew on their extensive experience of feeding into law reform to discuss strategies for achieving this, which junior colleagues found especially enlightening. With characteristic wit Professor MacQueen regaled his audience with experiences from his career as an academic, leading to becoming Professor of Private Law at Edinburgh, as well as from his time as a Scottish Law Commissioner. Professor MacQueen's frank account was reassuring in that he noted that, even for such a distinguished scholar, impact was sometimes achieved through unconventional means (such as presenting at non-legal practitioner conferences) and could take some considerable time to materialise. The tone of the plenary was supportive and served as encouragement to more junior colleagues around the possibilities for influencing law reform.

In the afternoon there were a further three concurrent breakout workshops. The Law Commission teams working on hate crime led a session considering the ways best to facilitate criminal law protection against hate crime. Professor Diamond Ashiagbor from the University of Kent facilitated a workshop that explored how to make pathways to impact explicit for the purpose of research funding, which has become increasingly important in recent years. The final session was a roundtable discussion about the collaborative experience of academics and Law Commissioners in achieving impact. Dr Andrew Stevens led the roundtable discussion and shared his experiences of being at the Scottish Law Commission. The sessions included contributions from Rosie Harding, Liz Trinder and Janet Ulph and Andrew MacLeod. A theme that emerged from the roundtable was the importance of timing and professional networks in achieving law reform. In a number of cases it was the coincidence of researching a topic of current political significance combined with links to key stakeholders that facilitated impact.

The one-day conference ended on a high note with a keynote address from Baroness Brenda Hale, President of the Supreme

Court, chaired by James Lee representing the SLS. Much of the conference had focused on achieving impact with policymakers and law reformers. Baroness Hale, therefore, provided a welcome judicial perspective on how academics might achieve impact at the highest level in the appellate courts. She drew on her extensive experiences as an academic, Law Commissioner and Justice of the Supreme Court to highlight how academic research can have an impact on judicial reasoning. A very practical point that emerged from the lively discussion that followed is that judges don't usually have the time to seek out academic research themselves and often only become aware of this work if brought to their attention by the barristers appearing before them. A reminder perhaps to those of us seeking to influence judicial reasoning to foster our links to the bar and the profession.

We are grateful to the conference organisers, speakers and participants who helped make the event such a useful and supportive opportunity to come together as a legal community and share experiences. No doubt the SLSA and SLS would be receptive to ideas for future events and would welcome feedback on the Impact and Law Reform Conference.

Daniel Bedford and Philip Bremner

Forthcoming SLSA events

Each year the SLSA runs or supports a number of workshops, seminars and conferences both in the UK and abroad, either independently or in partnership with academic institutions or other learned associations.

- **SLSA Postgraduate Conference, 8–9 January 2020**, University of Edinburgh
- **SLSA 2020**, University of Portsmouth, 1–3 April 2020: the call for papers and posters is now open (see [page 14](#)) and registration is also open.
- **Interdisciplinarity as Resistance**, Gothenburg, Sweden, 23–25 April 2020
- **Legal Design: Concepts, Methods, Norms and Examples, City**, University of London, 10–11 June 2020
- SLSA 2021, Cardiff University, 30 March–1 April 2021

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One-day conferences

The SLSA occasionally sponsors one-day conferences, seminars or workshops of broad interest to the socio-legal community. One-day events should be fully costed and self-funding and will usually involve a member of the SLSA Executive Committee in an organisational role. The SLSA may be able to underwrite the event to a limited extent and/or provide endorsement. If you have an idea for a one-day conference and would like an indication of the SLSA's interest, please contact [e admin@slsa.ac.uk](mailto:admin@slsa.ac.uk), or approach a member of the Executive Committee directly to discuss your ideas. Proposals for underwriting should include an outline of the concept, an indication of proposed speakers and/or call for papers, venue, timing, number of attendees and a draft budget showing full costs and how those costs will be covered by registration fees and/or from other sources. Please see [w webpage](#) for details of past and future events under this initiative.

SLSA SEMINAR COMPETITION

This year's Seminar Competition is now open for applications.

Applications are invited from SLSA members for this year's scheme. Awards can be used to support the delivery of an individual seminar or short conference, or a series of events with relevance to the socio-legal community. If you are considering an application, please ensure that your proposal accords with the published guidance. Full details on how to enter are to be found on the [w website](#). If you have any queries, please contact the subcommittee chair [e John Harrington](#). Closing date: **20 December 2019**.

The spring and summer of 2019 saw four events taking place under the auspices of this scheme: in Warwick; Maynooth and Manchester; and Bristol.

Security, Borders and International Development: Intersections, Convergence and Challenges

This event on 25 and 26 April 2019, at the University of Warwick was jointly organised by the Criminal Justice Centre (CJC) and the Centre for Law, Regulation and Governance of the Global Economy (GLOBE), Warwick Law School and supported by Warwick Law School, the SLSA and Warwick University Global Research Priority on International Development.

The idea for this workshop emerged from conversations between Ana Aliverti, CJC Director, and Celine Tan, GLOBE Centre Director, on the increasing intersections between the disciplinary fields of criminology, refugee and migration law, and law and development. As unprecedented numbers of people are on the move, the transborder movements of peoples have become increasingly designated as a 'global challenge', with irregular, disorderly and insecure mobility characterised as a collective concern for the 'international community' of states and communities, as well as the individual migrants themselves. International mobility has been increasingly framed as a question of national and international security, necessitating management through coercive as well as persuasive modalities of governance, including the use of criminal law and policy for the former and international development policy and practice for the latter.

Despite a growing interest in international development among criminologists and in security and migration by development scholars, there remains a gap in the interdisciplinary understandings of this emerging landscape of migration management and governance.

The aim of the workshop was to bring together scholars and practitioners from a variety of disciplinary backgrounds and geographical locations to map the novel interconnections between international development cooperation and the securitisation of border controls in different sites, and to critically assess the legal, social, economic and political implications of this policy trend. We had an overwhelming response to our call for papers by academics and practitioners from around the world. We especially welcomed scholars from the south and those working on mapping the concerns of the workshop in the south, as well as encouraging early career researchers.

Paper presenters were requested to submit full draft papers in advance of the workshop and to focus on salient points during their presentations. This format facilitated a stimulating and engaging two days of discussion, drawing together scholars from different disciplines: criminology, sociology,

anthropology, refugee and migration law, human rights law, international development law and policy, international economic law and global health law. We had 14 paper presentations in total, divided into five thematic panels, with 24 participants at the workshop (including panel chairs and doctoral students). Many of the presenters have conducted empirical fieldwork or have had experience with policy and practice in the issues raised by the workshop.

The papers covered a wide range of issues from migration and international development policies in Australia, the EU, India and the UK, to the international community's response to mobility and global health. Speakers also discussed the use of international development aid for managing refugee flows at state borders and the links between criminal justice and migration policies in the north (Denmark, the EU and UK) and the south (Jamaica, India, Tunisia and sub-Saharan Africa). All paper presenters highlighted the aforementioned interconnectedness between international development and humanitarian policies and the management of migration through legal and non-legal coercive measures, with many considering the impact this has on broader debates within domestic and international law, notably human rights law and criminal justice.

Discussions were rich and rigorous, both in substance and methodology, and the organisers hope that the workshop will springboard a broader platform to chart emerging frontiers in criminal justice, migration and international development policy. We are now in the process of exploring avenues for publishing some of the outputs from the workshop.

We would like to thank Julie Mansuy, Sanjeeb Hossain and Sandra Philips for their administrative support on this workshop. More information about the workshop can be found on the [w webpage](#).

Ana Aliverti and Celine Tan, University of Warwick

The Perennial Problem of Disclosure: A Way Forward?

On 3 July 2019, the SLSA and the University of the West of England (UWE) jointly funded a one-day seminar in Bristol which brought together both practitioners and academics to examine numerous issues with the disclosure regime that are apparent at all stages of the criminal justice process.

Anthony Edwards, a practising solicitor from TV Edwards, opened the discussion with his paper 'Contemporary issues with police station disclosure'. Anthony stated that, in spite of the measures introduced by the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994, it is particularly important to appreciate that we still operate within an adversarial system, a fact that is often forgotten in the current era. He suggests that the stronger the case against the suspect, the greater the disclosure to the suspect ought to be; leading to the greater likelihood that if there is an explanation it will need to be given. In a world where there is CCTV, and particularly body-worn videos, much greater disclosure can be made than was previously the case. There ought to be no reason why the police should not prepare for disclosure all relevant photographic and scientific evidence. The stronger the case they can present to the accused, the more likely the accused are to provide an explanation at this stage of the process. Anthony intimated that the need for defence lawyers to play their full role in an adversarial system is still apparent even in the era of co-operation between the defence and police/Crown Prosecution Service. Their job is not to help police; it is to obtain the best result for their clients.

Dr Abenaa Owusu-Bempah, an assistant professor at the LSE, presented her paper on 'Reconsidering defence disclosure'.

The paper charted the rise of the disclosure regime from the pre-Criminal Procedure and Investigations Act 1996 regime, through to the contemporary process of today. She highlighted that the courts have adopted a regime of shifting prosecution failures to rest with the defence and cited a number of cases where the defence was blamed for a failure to identify issues with the case advanced by the prosecution. She illustrated that the system is changing with regards to the role of the participants, the nature of the system itself and, ultimately, the fairness of process as a whole.

Finally, Dr Hannah Quirk, reader in criminal law, King's College London, presented a paper on 'Uncovering disclosure errors: appeals and the CCRC'. She intimated that post-conviction disclosure is 'an opaque, unaudited landscape which is not fit for purpose', stating that the 'near miss' of the Liam Allan case has been the most notable recent example of a major disclosure failure that could have led to a miscarriage of justice. Finally, in order to improve the process, Hannah suggested that the defence could flag potential issues more clearly. Furthermore, there needs to be an analysis of successful appeals and near-misses, which she describes as creating a 'duty of candour'.

In the afternoon session, the convenor held a roundtable discussion between the speakers and all delegates. The discussion was passionate, informative and a number of potential research projects were mooted.

As a result of the conference, the convenor secured a book contract (co-edited by Dr Tom Smith) with Routledge Focus. The book will build upon the discussion held throughout the day and will be published in 2020. If you would like any further information on either the event or the book, please contact [e edward2.johnston@uwe.ac.uk](mailto:edward2.johnston@uwe.ac.uk).

Ed Johnston, Bristol Law School, UWE

Here Versus There: Beyond Comparison in Queer and Sexuality Politics

This award resulted in two events on 17 and 20 June 2019. The first at the Maynooth University Social Sciences Institute (MUSSI) in Ireland and the second at the Sylvia Pankhurst Centre for Gender and Diversity Research at Manchester Metropolitan University, UK.

Recent trends in sexuality politics have shown a tendency towards polarised binaries of here/there, Global North/Global South, LGBT friendly/homophobic. These binaries tend to frame the scope of sexuality and queer politics within transnational legal and political arenas. In particular, such binaries will often associate SOGI (sexual orientation and gender identity) justice with linear and teleological progress through frameworks of the state, law and rights.

Our SLSA-sponsored events, 'Here Versus There: Beyond Comparison in Queer and Sexuality Politics', grew out of the recognition that there was an urgent need to challenge these restrictive dualities, both conceptually and through the exploration of lived experiences that moved beyond binaries.

The 'Here Versus There' series consisted of two events. The first event was a one-day conference at Maynooth University, Ireland. Hosted by MUSSI and Professor Kath Browne, the conference featured a range of papers and two keynote addresses on the theme of 'Here Versus There' in sexuality and queer politics.

Dr Rahul Rao of SOAS opened the conference with the first keynote address: 'Here, there, and here again: circuits of influence in global queer politics'. His paper drew upon his research in Uganda to complicate the way in which 'homophobia' and 'LGBT-friendliness' are located in particular

spaces and the way in which activists in Uganda have themselves worked to complicate simplistic binary narratives.

The second keynote was from Dr Niharika Banerjea of Ambedkar University, Delhi. The paper, 'Here, there and elsewhere: third world difference and a politics of liveability', also explored the theme of how sexuality and sexuality rights act as both an organising logic and measure of development and progress. Dr Banerjea explored the discursive effects of inclusive LGBT politics in India, and in particular the emerging effects of 'homopolitism', as a kind of political relationality of inclusion and exclusion of LGBTQ identities in recent Indian elections and politics.

The conference also featured three panels: 'Identity and place "in between" here and there'; 'Law, state power and sexuality in the context of "here versus there"'; and 'Complicating here versus there – experiences of and challenges to international narratives of SOGI'. The papers in these panels focused on themes including the experiences of those living 'in between' here and there, for example, as LGBTQ people from a Muslim background in Brussels, or as students from the Global South in North-American Universities, or as Greek activists experiencing the spatial and temporal effects of transnational sexuality politics. Papers also addressed construction of narratives of sameness and difference in law – both in the present and under empire – and the limits and opportunities of transnational sexuality rights politics. A number of papers also reflected on the personal and professional effects of being in between, as a facet of identity, and as dilemmas of belonging and estrangement when undertaking fieldwork. The conference also featured a number of artistic contributions, including a film on the experiences of asylum seekers in Greece and a series of artworks on the theme of 'being between binary'.

The second event was a public seminar at Manchester Metropolitan University by Dr Niharika Banerjea. The seminar was attended by academics, students, members of the public and a representative from Manchester City Council. Dr Banerjea spoke on the topic of 'Academic-activist exigencies in neoliberal modernity: transnationalizing queer-feminist lives'. Set within a framework of homopolitism, Dr Banerjea discussed her work with Sappho for Equality, a queer-feminist organisation in Kolkata. She argued that academic-activist transnational collaborations are one way to imagine queer futures and how stories of such collaborations need to be critically heard and discussed in order to disrupt processes by which queer lives are assimilated into cultural logics of development, state and market.

We were particularly fortunate in that SLSA funding allowed us to ensure a breadth of participation in our 'Here Versus There' series, including allowing us to offer several bursaries to PhD students and to activists who would not otherwise have been able to attend the conference. SLSA funding also provided us with the means to invite Dr Banerjea to participate, as we felt that it was particularly important that a conference on the theme of Here Versus There should feature a keynote from a scholar based in the Global South.

We are grateful to Alison Brooker at Manchester Met and Orla Kelly and Anne Muldoon and to MUSSI for hosting and supporting 'Here Versus There'. Both of the events in the series were strongly interdisciplinary, featuring multiple formats and perspectives on how simple binaries can be challenged – be these binaries legal, geographical, social or psychological. We hope to continue these conversations and international collaborations in forthcoming work.

Kay Lalor, Manchester Metropolitan University

A PROJECT FORMERLY KNOWN AS ...

'Graphic design, civil society and the current negotiations for the econo-legal reunification of Cyprus'.

Amanda Perry-Kessaris, Kent University, £2730

Things change.

In 2015, the SLSA awarded me funding to 'explore the actual and potential use', by private, public and civil society actors, 'of graphic design in relation to econo-legal aspects of post-conflict reconciliation'; and to 'do so through the lens of the Cyprus reunification negotiations, parties to which are currently on a fast and credible track to submit to referendum a plan for bizonal, bicomunal federation'.

In 2016 I realised that I was more interested in doing socio-legal research through design than in researching the use of design for socio-legal purposes. And in 2017, the Cyprus peace talks collapsed, so I redirected my attention and SLSA funds towards three more ambitious objectives.

Firstly, I have begun to develop the argument that there are unique benefits to 'doing socio-legal research in design mode', securing a Leverhulme Fellowship (2019–2020) to support the writing of a monograph on that topic for publication by Routledge. That argument draws directly on the results of my own experimentation, especially model-making on SLSA-funded fieldtrips in Cyprus; and on collaborative experimentation, including the Pop-Up Museum of Legal Objects run with Lisa Dickson and Sophie Vigneron at SLSA 2017 in Newcastle (see **Sociolegal Model Making 8: Pop-Up**

Museum of Legal Objects), which resulted in a special issue of the *Northern Ireland Legal Quarterly* (68:2).

Secondly, and along the way, I have begun to place this idea of socio-legal design research in the wider context of the emerging field of legal design, including completing an article mapping the field ('**Legal design for practice, activism, policy and research**' 46(2) *Journal of Law and Society* 185–210) and co-organising with Emily Allbon a unique SLSA-funded conference on Legal Design to be held in June 2020 (**Legal Design: Concepts, Methods, Norms and Examples**, funded by the SLSA Seminar Scheme); and in the wider context of socio-legal methods, including an article highlighting possible impact-related benefits ('**Enhancing participatory strategies with designerly ways for sociolegal impact: lessons from research aimed at making hate crime visible in Europe**').

Finally, I have used my SLSA-funded fieldwork (including 25 semi-structured interviews) to develop the argument that it makes sense (for academics and for publics/stakeholders) to reframe discussion around the economic aspects of the so-called 'Cyprus Problem' in terms of the 'socio-legal construction of im/possibility in the island-wide economic life'. Specifically, I have begun to explore how law, social attitudes and economic calculations interact to determine whether trade and investment occurs between the north and the south of the island; and what role social design techniques such as model-making might play in shifting that relationship.

I am currently applying for funding for a one-year research fellowship to complete that project.

The SLSA is a crucial source of flexible and responsive small-scale funding without which none of the above would have been possible, and I am deeply grateful.

PENNEY LEWIS AND SARAH GREEN TO JOIN THE LAW COMMISSION

The appointment of two academics as new Law Commissioners highlights the importance of academia to undertaking effective law reform that can make a real difference to people across the UK.

Professor Penney Lewis and Professor Sarah Green have been appointed as new Commissioners at the Law Commission for a period of five years. They will both start on **1 January 2020**.

Penney will replace Professor David Ormerod QC as the Commissioner for Criminal Law, while Sarah will replace Stephen Lewis as the Commissioner for Commercial and Common Law.

They join the Commission at a time of great constitutional, economic, social, scientific and technical change and will be instrumental in leading law reform in England and Wales.

Professor Penney Lewis

Professor Penney Lewis is Professor of Law and Co-director of the Centre of Medical Law and Ethics in the Dickson Poon School of Law, King's College London.

In the area of criminal evidence and procedure, Penney's work has focused on prosecutions for historic childhood sexual abuse and the law governing corroborative and supporting evidence. She also has an interest in the relationship between the criminal law and medicine.

Amongst her responsibilities Penney will lead on the review of hate crime legislation and on abusive and offensive online communications.

Professor Sarah Green

Professor Sarah Green is currently Professor of Private Law at the University of Bristol.

At the start of her career, Sarah was an IT specialist, so has a depth of understanding of technology and software coding that will provide valuable insights to the technical issues that she will be leading on for the Commission.

Sarah has written about a variety of issues including virtual currencies, blockchain, issues surrounding intermediated securities, smart contracts, sale of goods law as applicable to digitised assets, and wage theft. She will take over the ongoing project on intermediated securities.

The future

Penney and Sarah are joining the Commission at a time when we are actively looking at how the Commission can engage more closely with academia and they will play an active role to achieve our aim to make the law clearer, more modern and more accessible.

Rt Hon Sir Nicholas Green, Chairman of the Law Commission

SLSA weekly eBULLETIN

The SLSA weekly ebulletin is published every Friday in termtime. As well as providing updates on SLSA activities and schemes, it also provides a weekly round-up of members' and other news including events, research, publications, vacancies and much more. If you would like an item included in the ebulletin, please send it by lunchtime on a Friday to e_editor@marieselwood.co.uk.

NUFFIELD FOUNDATION FUNDING PRIORITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Rob Street, Director of Justice at the Nuffield Foundation, outlines the organisation's current priorities, including the ambitious new Strategic Fund.

Attending this year's SLSA conference in Leeds, I was struck by the extraordinary range of topics under consideration and the enthusiasm and expertise of those discussing them. It was an excellent showcase for the depth and diversity of socio-legal studies in the UK.

The aims of the SLSA and its members align well with the Nuffield Foundation and our desire to fund high-quality empirical research that can make a real impact on policy and practice. The Nuffield Foundation is an independent charity which seeks to fulfil its aim of advancing social wellbeing in the UK by funding research and analysis to produce workable proposals for policy and practice. At the heart of our mission is to improve people's lives through enabling a better understanding of the issues affecting their life chances and opportunities. You can read more about our work and goals in our **2017–2022 Strategy**.

Our work is arranged around our three core domain areas of education, justice and welfare. Some of the work we fund cuts across more than one of those areas, and we encourage cross-cutting or interdisciplinary project scope. However, the domain which principally aligns with the SLSA is our **Justice** programme. Just within the past year or so, our grantholders have published a number of important and influential reports on a range of topics in this broad area including: the 'care crisis'; divorce reform; immigration judicial reviews; sibling contact in care and adoption proceedings; and litigants in person in Northern Ireland.

Our ambition for our Justice work is to support research that will improve outcomes for people who are seeking to resolve legal problems and disputes – particularly those which concern upholding or defining their rights in relation to the state – by promoting and facilitating evidence-based change within the justice system. We aim where possible to maintain a balanced portfolio of work across all areas of the justice system (apart from issues of private contract/commercial law, which we usually do not cover). We currently have a particular interest in topics relating to: access to justice; administrative justice; family justice (private and public law); and youth justice. We are particularly keen to support work which is methodologically rigorous or innovative – an area where we have had a keen interest since funding the **Nuffield Inquiry on Empirical Legal Research** over a decade ago. Note that, as an independent funder, we want applicants to feel free to frame distinctive questions and subjects for enquiry themselves, so we are always prepared to consider proposals for work in other topic areas provided they align with our wider programme and organisational ambitions. Further information on the priorities for our work can be found both on our **w website** (along with details of individual projects we have supported and their outputs) and within our **Guidance for Applicants** document.

We run two main responsive grants rounds a year, with deadlines for applications usually in mid-March and mid-September. It is a two-stage process. Firstly, applicants are invited to submit a relatively short outline proposal, which should make the case for the importance of the work and provide some detail on the proposed approach and methods. Following assessment, shortlisted applicants are then invited to submit full applications, which require further detail, including full resource

and budget information. Full applications are usually externally peer-reviewed (with applicants then given an opportunity to respond), and then our trustees make a final decision on funding. Full details of our grant-awarding processes and how to apply for funding are available on our **w website**. To give some idea of scale, we award around 10 new Justice grants a year and usually have around 30 live Justice grants at any one time. We typically fund projects up to a value of £500,000 – most are somewhere between £50,000 and £350,000.

Relevance of topic, rigour of method, and route to impact are always the key things we look for in any application to us. Of course, the process is very competitive, and we are only able to fund a small minority of the many excellent applications we receive; nevertheless, we are always looking to encourage more applications, particularly from individuals or organisations who may not have applied to us before. We always look to develop a strong and positive working relationship with those we fund and do all we can to assist their research and its impact.

We have also just launched a major new funding initiative in the form of our **Strategic Fund**. This is aimed at supporting larger (in scale and ambition) and more cross-cutting projects than we are typically able to do in our main grants rounds. We will make awards in the range of £1–3 million. Applications for our Strategic Fund must be meaningfully interdisciplinary in approach and seek to address the most significant themes that will shape the UK public policy agenda and our society over the next decade and beyond. The process is also supported by a new system of **seed corn grants** – small awards of up to £5000, light-touch application process – to enable potential applicants to do the work to develop bids to the Strategic Fund.

Unfortunately, we aren't able to discuss the detail of every proposal with applicants before submission, although we are happy to give an initial indication of a proposed topic's relevance to our priorities (but, of course, we cannot give any indication of the likelihood of success) if you get in touch with us to ask. We are particularly keen to discuss ideas for Strategic Fund bids with potential applicants.

If you would like to learn more about the Nuffield Foundation and its work, please do get in touch: **e info@nuffieldfoundation.org**.

SOCIO-LEGAL SCHOLARS AWARDED AcSS FELLOWSHIPS

In October 2019, the **Academy of Social Sciences**, announced the award of 65 fellowships to leading social scientists. The SLSA is proud to note that five of them are SLSA members.

Congratulations to Sarah Blandy, Rosie Harding, Robert Lee, Morag McDermont and Lisa Webley.

The Academy of Social Sciences is the national academy of academics, learned societies and practitioners in the social sciences. Its mission is to promote social science in the UK for the public benefit.

SLSA Research Training Grants

Applications are invited for these grants aimed at supporting training in social science research methods and the use of data analysis software (e.g. SPSS and NVivo) for SLSA members who do not possess but wish to acquire these skills and do not have access to sources of institutional support to do so.

Full details are available at **w [research training grants](#)**. The annual deadline for this scheme is **1 June**.

Journal of Legal History: call for proposals for one-day conference funding

The Editorial Committee of the *Journal of Legal History* invites applications for funding of up to £5000 for a one-day conference to take place between **1 July 2020** and **1 July 2021**. The aim is to support scholarly activity broadly within the scope of the journal – the development of the common law, both in the British Isles and overseas, on the history of the laws of Ireland, Scotland and Wales, and on Roman law and the European legal tradition. See [w website](#) for details. Deadline: **31 March 2020**.

New Global Research Network

Expressions of interest are invited from SLSA members to join the **Global Research Network**, a meeting place for doctoral and early career scholars in law and the humanities.

Network members support one another by arranging visits to their university to speak, sharing information about the newest developments in the field, and participating in regular webinars on key topics of interest (publication strategies, career planning etc). There are PhD and early career writing groups that meet monthly. There is also a members' forum that includes tips and resources, job and fellowship opportunities, and conference calls and publication opportunities. The network is also establishing a Think Tank (with programmes in various fields of law) and inviting established scholars to act as mentors.

Contact the co-ordinator via email if you have any questions or fill in the [sign-up form](#) online, where you will find more information: [e globalresearchnetworkcomms@gmail.com](mailto:eglobalresearchnetworkcomms@gmail.com).

Yoriko Otomo, SOAS

Leverhulme Trust

The Leverhulme Trust currently has the following funding schemes open.

Study Abroad Studentships

These are for students to study or undertake research at a centre of learning in any country except the UK or USA. Students receive a basic annual maintenance allowance of £21,000 for a period of between 12 and 24 months.

To qualify as eligible, applicants must: have been resident in the UK for at least three years; hold an undergraduate degree; hold a degree from a UK institution (this may be either the undergraduate degree or a further degree held by the applicant); either be a student at the time of application or have been registered as a student within the last eight years; and explain why their work requires residence overseas.

See [w website](#) for details. Closing date: **13 January 2020**.

Emeritus Fellowships

These are for senior researchers who have retired or partially retired from an academic post to complete a research project and prepare the results for publication. The primary intention of the scheme is to support the facilitation, integration or completion of the applicant's own research output, rather than generally further support for his or her research group or research assistants. The maximum value of a fellowship is £24,000, to cover research expenses for a period of between 3 and 24 months. See [w website](#) for details. Closing date: **30 January 2020**.

Research Project Grants

These are for researchers to undertake an innovative and original research project up to a maximum grant value is £500,000. Projects may last for up to five years. This is an ongoing call with no closing date. See [w website](#) for details.

European Reproductive Justice

This is a call to anyone interested in being part of a European Reproductive Justice network. The network's aim is to share knowledge of law, society and culture across Europe in relation to reproductive justice. The network recognises reproductive justice as a core element of human rights, particularly, but not exclusively for women. As such, the focus is upon, but not limited to: ability and means to become pregnant; ability and means to prevent pregnancy; support around and for decisions to remain pregnant; support around and for decisions to discontinue a pregnancy; obstetric healthcare; gynaecological healthcare; obstetric violence; and economic and social support for parents or those wishing to become parents.

This is an interdisciplinary network for academics, professionals and activists. If you are interested in joining, contact [e emma.milne@plymouth.ac.uk](mailto:emma.milne@plymouth.ac.uk).

Emma Milne, University of Plymouth

GCRF 'Conflict Intersections' Global Partnership Development Awards

The AHRC will announce a new funding call in early 2020 for Partnership Development awards under the Collective Programme of the Global Challenges Research Fund (GCRF).

The call will support the development of equitable partnerships and an interdisciplinary community to explore the intersections between conflict and fragility and wider development challenges such as health, environmental resilience, sustainable cities and food systems, as well as cross-cutting development issues such as gender, inequalities, poverty reduction and sustainable livelihoods. The AHRC will manage this call on behalf of UKRI, and it is intended to support the development of highly collaborative, interdisciplinary, international research partnerships. Applicants from any discipline will be encouraged to apply as a part of cross-disciplinary teams.

Call opens: **February or March 2020**. Closing date: **1 May 2020**. See [w website](#) for details.

WG Hart Legal Workshop 2021

The Institute of Advanced Legal Studies is seeking proposals and Academic Directors for the 2021 WG Hart Legal Workshop from law schools across the UK.

The WG Hart Legal Workshops are directed towards the advancement of legal education at the academic stage. The Institute hosts the Workshops on behalf of the University of London and invites applications to provide the academic leadership of the 2021 workshop; it will particularly welcome proposals that continue the Workshop's long tradition of breaking new ground.

The Workshop is held at the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies at the end of June each year. See [w website](#) for full details. Closing date: **10 January 2020**.

The newsletter needs you

The next copy deadline is **27 January 2020**. Please send your news; features; publications; research information; new jobs/promotions/awards; articles; events and anything else of interest to socio-legal colleagues to Marie Selwood [e editor@btinternet.com](mailto:editor@btinternet.com) or [t 01227 770189](tel:01227770189).

Books

The Democratic Courthouse: A modern history of design, due process and dignity (2019) Linda Mulcahy and Emma Rowden, Routledge £115hb/£36.99pb 408pp

The Democratic Courthouse examines how changing understandings of the relationship between government and the governed came to be reflected in the buildings designed to house the modern legal system from the 1970s to the present day in England and Wales. The book explores the extent to which egalitarian ideals and the pursuit of new social and economic rights altered existing hierarchies and expectations about how people should interact with each other in the courthouse. Drawing on extensive public and private archives kept by the Ministry of Justice, but also using case studies from other jurisdictions, the book details how civil servants, judges, lawyers, architects, engineers and security experts have talked about courthouses and the people that populate them. In doing so, it uncovers a changing history of ideas about how the competing goals of transparency, majesty, participation, security, fairness and authority have been achieved, and the extent to which aspirations towards equality and participation have been realised in physical form. As this book demonstrates, the power of architecture to frame attitudes and expectations of the justice system is much more than an aesthetic or theoretical nicety.

Emotions in the Law School: Transforming legal education through the passions (2019) Emma Jones, Routledge £115 208pp

Law schools are failing both their staff and students by requiring them to prize reason and rationality and to suppress or ignore emotions. Despite innovations in terms of both content and teaching techniques, there is little evidence that emotions are effectively acknowledged or utilised within legal education. Instead, law schools are clinging to an out-dated and erroneous perception of emotions as, at best, irrational and, at worst, dangerous. In contrast to this, educational and scientific developments have demonstrated that emotions are a fundamental, inescapable part of learning, teaching and skills development. Harnessing these emotions will therefore have a transformative effect on legal education and enable it to adapt to the needs and demands of the twenty-first century. This book provides a theoretical overview of the role played by emotions in all aspects of the life of the law school. It explores the relationship between emotions and key traditional and contemporary approaches to legal education, the ways in which emotions can be conceptualised, their interaction with the politics and policies of legal education and their role within teaching and learning. The book also considers the importance of emotional wellbeing for both law students and legal academics.

Reimagining the State: Theoretical challenges and transformative possibilities (2019) Davina Cooper, Nikita Dhawan and Janet Newman (eds), Routledge £115hb/£29.99pb 280pp

This book examines what value, if any, the state has for the pursuit of progressive politics and how it might need to be rethought or reimagined to deliver transformative change. Is it possible to reimagine the state in ways that open up projects of political transformation? This interdisciplinary collection provides alternative perspectives to the 'antistatist' of much critical writing and contemporary political movement activism. Contributors explore ways of reimagining the state that attend critically to the capitalist, neoliberal, gendered and racist conditions of contemporary politics, yet seek to hold onto the state in the process. Drawing on postcolonial, poststructuralist, feminist, queer, Marxist, and anarchist thinking, they consider how states might be reread and reclaimed for radical politics. At the heart of this book is state plasticity – the capacity of the state

conceptually and materially to take different forms. This plasticity is central to transformational thinking and practice, and to the conditions and labour that allow it to take place. But what can reimagining do; and what difficulties does it confront?

Protecting Personal Information: The right to privacy reconsidered (2019) Andrea Monti and Raymond Wacks, Hart £45 192pp

The concept of privacy has long been confused and incoherent. The right to privacy has been applied promiscuously to an alarmingly wide-ranging assortment of issues including free speech, political consent, abortion, contraception, sexual preference, noise, discrimination and pornography. The conventional definition of privacy and attempts to evolve a 'privacy-as-a-fence' approach are unable to deal effectively with the technological advances that have significantly altered the way information is collected, stored and communicated. Social media such as Facebook pose searching questions about the use and protection of personal information and reveal the limits of conceiving the right to privacy as synonymous with data protection. The recent EU General Data Protection Regulation seeks to enforce greater protection of personal information, but the overlap with privacy has further obscured its core meaning. This book traces these troubling developments and seeks to reveal the essential nature of privacy and, critically, what privacy is not. Use SLSA membership discount code SLSADIS online.

Feeling like a state: Desire, denial, and the recasting of authority (2019) Davina Cooper, Duke University Press \$26.95 272pp

A transformative progressive politics requires the state's reimagining. But how should the state be reimagined, and what can invigorate this process? *In Feeling Like a State*, Davina

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Articles

Cause lawyers, political violence and professionalism in conflict – Kieran McEvoy

The way in which fee reductions influence legal aid criminal defence lawyer work: insights from a qualitative study – James Thornton

Lay participation in Danish crime trials: on the interaction between lay and professional judges during deliberation – Louise Victoria Johansen

Lessons from Orgreave: police power and the criminalisation of protest – Joanna Gilmore

Reading Foucault: an ongoing engagement – David Garland

Book reviews

Renisa Mawani, *Across Oceans of Law* – Jen Hendry

Tom Ginsburg and Aziz Huq, *How to Save a Constitutional Democracy* – Yaniv Roznai

David Churchill, *Crime Control and Everyday Life in the Victorian City: The police and the public* – David Cox

Charlotte O'Brien, *Unity in Adversity: EU citizenship, social justice and the cautionary tale of the UK* – Naomi Creutzfeld

Marc Hertogh, *Nobody's Law* – Emily Rose

Josephine Jarpa Dawuni and Akua Kuenyehia (eds), *International Courts and the African Woman Judge: Unveiled narratives* – Karin van Marle

Richard Moorhead, Steven Vaughan and Cristina Godinho, *In-house Lawyers' Ethics: Institutional logics, legal risk and the tournament of influence* – Lynn Mather

Cooper explores the unexpected contribution a legal drama of withdrawal might make to conceptualising a more socially just, participative state. In recent years, as gay rights have expanded, some conservative Christians – from charities to guesthouse owners and county clerks – have denied people inclusion, goods and services because of their sexuality. In turn, liberal public bodies have withdrawn contracts, subsidies, and career progression from withholding conservative Christians. Cooper takes up the discourses and practices expressed in this legal conflict to animate and support an account of the state as heterogeneous, plural and erotic. Arguing for the urgent need to put new imaginative forms into practice, Cooper examines how dissident and experimental institutional thinking materialises as people assert a democratic readiness to recraft the state.

***The Constitution of Myanmar* (2019) Melissa Crouch, Hart £60 280pp**

This timely and accessible book is the first to provide a thorough analysis of the 2008 Constitution of Myanmar (Burma) in its historical, political and social context. The book identifies and articulates the principles of the Constitution through an in-depth analysis of legal and political processes and practices, particularly since the 1990s. The core argument of this book is that the 2008 Constitution is crucial to the establishment and maintenance of the military state. Use SLSA membership discount code SLSADIS online.

***Dies Irae* (2019) Jean-Luc Nancy, A Condello, C Grassi and A Philippopoulos-Mihalopoulos (eds), University of Westminster Press, [free download](#)/\$16.96pb 107pp**

What does it mean to judge when there is no general and universal norm to define what is right and what is wrong? Can laws be absent and is law always necessary? This is the first published English translation of Jean-Luc Nancy's acclaimed consideration of the law's most pervasive principles in the context of actual systems and contemporary institutions, power, norms and laws. In a world where it is impossible to imagine the realisation of an ideal of justice that corresponds to every person's ideal of justice, Nancy probes the limits of legal normativity and asks how can legal normativity be legitimised?

***The Politics of Court Reform: Judicial change and legal culture in Indonesia* (2019) Melissa Crouch (ed), Cambridge University Press £95 446pp**

Indonesia is the world's third largest democracy and its courts are an important part of its democratic system of governance. Since the transition from authoritarian rule in 1998, a range of

new specialised courts has been established, from the Commercial Courts to the Constitutional Court and the Fisheries Court. In addition, constitutional and legal changes have affirmed the principle of judicial independence and accountability. The growth of Indonesia's economy means that the courts are facing greater demands to resolve an increasing number of disputes. This volume offers an analysis of the politics of court reform through a review of judicial change and legal culture in Indonesia. A key concern is whether the reforms that have taken place have addressed the issues of the decline in professionalism and increase in corruption. This volume will be a vital resource for scholars of law, political science, law and development, and law and society.

***Research Handbook on Child Soldiers* (2019) Mark A Drumbl and Jastine C Barrett, Edward Elgar £205 576pp**

Child soldiers remain poorly understood and inadequately protected, despite significant media attention and many policy initiatives. This research handbook aims to redress this troubling gap. It offers a reflective, fresh and nuanced review of the complex issue of child-soldiering. The handbook brings together scholars from six continents, with diverse experiences, and from a broad range of disciplines. Along the way, it unpacks the life-cycle of youth and militarisation: from recruitment to demobilisation, to return to civilian life. The overarching aim of the handbook is to render the invisible visible – the contributions map the unmapped and chart new directions. Challenging prevailing assumptions and conceptions, the *Research Handbook on Child Soldiers* focuses on adversity but also capacity: emphasising the resilience, humanity, and potentiality of children affected (rather than 'afflicted') by armed conflict.

***Mental Health Homicide and Society: Understanding health care governance* (2019) David P Horton, Hart £70 256pp**

A homicide committed by a mentally disordered person who is under the care of health service professionals is a shocking event. Otherwise known as a 'patient homicide', these incidents are followed by an investigation into the care and treatment received by the perpetrator. These investigations are often regarded as a way to 'learn lessons', establish accountability and provide catharsis to families and the public. The book argues, however, that patient homicide events and the circumstances in which they occur are communicated about within closed systems of life (eg law, medicine). These systems operate according to unique internal logics. The communications produced by these systems, nevertheless, resonate in society and enable a diverse and

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Consent, conjugality and crime: hegemonic constructions of rape laws in India – Arushi Garg

Interpretations of justice: conceptions of family and gender justice at a Nari Adalat (Women's Court) in South India – Sarah Potthoff

Standardization and the production of justice in summary criminal courts: a post-human analysis – Lucy Welsh and Matt Howard

Managing risk and preempting immorality in private employment of public police – Randy K Lippert, Kevin Walby and Matthew Zaia

Are rights out of time? International human rights law, temporality, and radical social change – Kathryn McNeilly

Legal silencing of minority legal cultures: the case of Roma in Swedish criminal courts – Ida Nafstad

Review essay

After hegemony: the varieties of legal consciousness research – Simon Halliday

***Journal of Law and Society* (forthcoming 2020)**

The legal and social construction of value in the local contracting state – Richard Craven

Law and speed: asylum appeals and the techniques and consequences of legal quickening – Jess Hambly and Nick Gill

Participation as a framework for analysing consumers' experiences of alternative dispute resolution (ADR) – Christian Gill, Jane Williams and Naomi Creutzfeldt

Jurisdiction in trans health – Chris Dietz

Constitutional review in the member states of the EU-28: a political analysis of institutional choices – Pablo Castillo-Ortiz

Making the state responsible: intersex embodiment, medical jurisdiction and state responsibility – Fae Garland and Mitchell Travis

Smoke free? Public health policy, coercive paternalism, and the ethics of long-game regulation – John Coggon

complex space of governance to emerge – a space of governance in which universal understandings about patient homicides, health care, public safety and risk are unachievable. Use SLSA membership discount code SLSADIS online.

Feminist Judgments in International Law (2019) Loveday Hodson and Troy Lavers, Hart £90 536pp

This important new volume makes a significant contribution to the feminist judgments endeavour, exploring how key judgments in international law might have differed if feminist judges had sat on the bench. This collection asks whether feminist perspectives can offer meaningful and viable alternatives to international law norms and, if so, whether that application results in distinguishable differences in outcomes. It answers these questions with particular reference to sources of international law, the public and private divide, state responsibility, state immunities, treaty law, state sovereignty, human rights protection, global governance, and the concept of violence in international law. Use SLSA membership discount code SLSADIS online.

Calls for proposals and contributions

‘Global Law and Sustainable Development’ and ‘Transnational Law and Governance’: call for proposals for two book series

Series editor Paolo Davide Farah invites proposals for the above two Routledge book series in association with gLAWcal (Global Law Initiatives for Sustainable Development). Please see [w website](#) for details.

Biopolitics of Legal Education: call for papers

This is a call for written papers for a collection that is to be edited by Thomas Giddens and Luca Siliquini-Cinelli. Once abstracts are confirmed the collection will be proposed to a leading publisher, initially Routledge. Please see [w weblink](#) for full details. Closing date for submission of abstracts: **7 February 2020**.

New book series: ‘Law and Visual Jurisprudence’ – call for proposals

Proposals are invited for this new series, published by Springer and edited by Sarah Marusek and Anne Wagner. Please see [w website](#) for full details.

Journals

IALS announces launch of second series of *Amicus Curiae*

The Institute of Advanced Legal Studies (IALS) is delighted to announce the launch of Series 2 of *Amicus Curiae*, the journal of the Society of Advanced Legal Studies. *Amicus Curiae* is a peer-reviewed journal that aims to promote scholarship and research that involves academics, the legal profession and those involved in the administration of law. It is now freely available online as an electronic publication under the guidance of the new editor, Professor Michael Palmer of the School of Oriental and African Studies. The editor welcomes submissions for future issues in the form of articles and shorter pieces, including notes, case notes and book reviews. See [w website](#) for details.

Journal of Law and Society: Winter 2020 issue REF guidelines

The REF 2020 publication deadline will be of significance to some scholars. The *Journal of Law and Society* Board has decided to accommodate accepted articles for the Winter 2020 issue in the following manner. Early View of accepted articles will ensure they appear within the stated REF deadline. For those who wish to store their article for the subsequent REF then Early View will not occur so that the article will be ‘published’ in December 2020. See the [w website](#) for full details and author guidelines.

International Journal of Discrimination and the Law: call for papers

The editor and editorial board of the *International Journal of Discrimination and the Law* welcome contributions that meet the journal’s orientation as an international journal featuring a wide range of areas encompassing anti-discrimination and equality law and human rights, including race and sex discrimination, the treatment of asylum-seekers and refugees, issues of migration and nationality, discrimination on the grounds of disability, gender identity, sexual or political orientation, age and ill-health, in relation to access to employment, housing, education and other services. The journal publishes original research and welcomes papers from scholars at all career stages and from practitioners. See [w website](#) for details. Please contact the editor, Nicole Busby, if you have any queries regarding submission to the journal: [e nicole.busby@strath.ac.uk](mailto:nicole.busby@strath.ac.uk).

Mediation Theory and Practice, the journal of the College of Mediators: call for papers

Submissions are invited for the next issue of the journal of *Mediation Theory and Practice*. The journal publishes two issues each year and accommodates both academic articles and more practical contributions from mediators. Please see [w website](#) for details. Contact editors Pablo Cortes [e pablo.cortes@le.ac.uk](mailto:pablo.cortes@le.ac.uk) or Maria Federica Moscati [e m.f.moscati@sussex.ac.uk](mailto:m.f.moscati@sussex.ac.uk).

Laws: call for submissions

Laws invites submissions to a special issue on ‘Migrants and Human Rights Protections’: see [w website](#) for details. The submission deadline is **30 April 2020**. Further information can be obtained from the guest editor, Dr Sylvie Da Lomba: [e sylvie.da-lomba@strath.ac.uk](mailto:sylvie.da-lomba@strath.ac.uk).

Law in Context: call for papers

Law in Context (LiC) is a well-established double-blind peer-reviewed socio-legal journal publishing material dealing with contextual studies in law, culture, history, politics and social sciences. *Law in Context* bridges law, law and society disciplines, and law and technology (including the web of data and artificial intelligence). Articles on any topics related to these subjects and fields will be considered for publication. The LiC flyer and full call for papers for the issues of December 2019 and April 2020 are available on the LiC [w website](#). Forthcoming submission deadlines for the next two issues: **7 December 2019** and **30 March 2020**.

***Social and Legal Studies* 29(1) (February 2020)**

The negative dialectics of law: Luhmann and the sociology of juridical concepts – Rodrigo Cordero

Examining male wartime rape survivors’ perspectives on justice in Northern Uganda – Philipp Schulz, University of Bremen, Germany

The South African TRC as neoliberal reconciliation: victim subjectivities and the synchronization of affects – Josh Bowsher

Homophobia and homonationalism: LGBTQ law reform in Canada – Miriam Smith

When a single man wants to be a father: revealing the invisible subjects in the law regulating fertility treatment – Atina Krajewska and Rachel Cahill-O’Callaghan

Dialogue & Debate

Pursuing democracy in an authoritarian state: protest and the rule of law in Hong Kong – Benny Tai, Scott Veitch, Fu Hualing and Richard Cullen

SLSA 2020: CALL FOR PAPERS AND POSTERS

The call for papers and poster is now open and will close at 6pm on 10 January 2020.

If you wish to present a paper at the conference, please submit an abstract of no more than 300 words on one of the current topics or streams. Abstracts must be submitted via the EasyChair online system. In line with the SLSA's ethos, papers may be interdisciplinary in nature, and submissions from outside of law are welcome. Similarly, papers concerning socio-legal issues beyond the UK are also welcome. If you have any queries about whether your paper is suitable for a particular current topic or stream, please contact the relevant convenors listed below.

Full details are available on the [w website](#).

Current topics

A current topic is a one-off grouping for the purposes of a single conference which reflects a current topic of debate or an issue of emerging importance.

Animals and the law

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- **STAGE MANAGERS OF THE CRIMINAL COURTROOM: UNCOVERING THE LIVES OF CROWN COURT CLERKS THROUGH ORAL HISTORY**

2 December 2019: Centre for Socio-Legal Studies, Oxford

Speaker: Dr Dvora Liberman, CSLS: Email: e admin@csls.ox.ac.uk for further information.

- **GUIDE TO THE TREATMENT OF PENSIONS ON DIVORCE**

5 December 2019: Mills & Reeve, Manchester

See [w website](#) for details.

- **LSAANZ CONFERENCE: SURVIVE, THRIVE, DIE**

5–7 December 2019: South Cross University, Gold Coast Campus, Australia

Please see [w website](#) for details.

- **NORTHERN/IRELAND HEALTH LAW AND ETHICS NETWORK: INVITATION TO DECEMBER MEETING**

13 December 2019: Houston Lecture Theatre, Royal College of Surgeons, Dublin, Ireland

Please see [w announcement](#) for details of how to register your interest or submit a paper proposal. Closing date for proposals: 29 November 2019.

- **FLASHPOINTS: HUMAN RIGHTS, LAW AND RELIGION**

16 December 2019: Centre for Rights and Justice, Nottingham Trent University

Please see [w website](#) for details.

- **SLSA POSTGRADUATE CONFERENCE 2020**

8–9 January 2020: University of Edinburgh

See [w website](#) for details.

- **70 YEARS OF THE INDIAN REPUBLIC, LONDON**

20 January 2020: SOAS, South Asia Institute, London

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- **KNOWLEDGE FRONTIERS SYMPOSIUM: NATURES, CULTURES AND COMMUNITIES**

30 January–1 February 2020: Dublin

Organised by the British Academy in partnership with the Royal Irish Academy. Please see [w announcement](#) for details.

- **SIR RICHARD ARNOLD, WESTMINSTER LAW SCHOOL ANNUAL LECTURE**

4 February 2019: Westminster Law School, London

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- **CRIME JUSTICE AND SOCIAL HARMS: CALL FOR PAPERS**

31 March–1 April 2020: Keble College, Oxford

Organised by the Howard League for Penal Reform. Please see [w website](#) for details. Call closes: 2 December 2019.

- **SLSA ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2020**

1–3 April 2020: University of Portsmouth

Call for papers and posters now open. Call closes: 10 January 2020. Registration is also now open. See [w website](#) for details.

- **MODERN STUDIES IN PROPERTY LAW 2020**

15–17 April 2020: Northumbria University, Newcastle-upon-Tyne

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- **INTERDISCIPLINARITY AS RESISTANCE**

23–25 April 2020: Konstepidemin Arts Centre, Gothenburg, Sweden

Please see [w website](#) for details. This is an SLSA **Seminar Competition** event.

- **LAW AND SOCIETY ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING**

28–31 May 2020: Denver, Colorado, USA

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- **LEGAL DESIGN: CONCEPTS, METHODS, NORMS AND EXAMPLES**

11–12 June 2020: City University of London

Please see [w webpage](#) for details. This is an SLSA **Seminar Competition** event.

- **IMPACT AND WELLBEING: CALL FOR PAPERS**

19–20 June 2020: Nottingham Law School, Nottingham Trent University

Please see [w announcement](#) for details. Closing date: 6 February 2020.

- **STIGMATIZATION, IDENTITIES AND THE LAW: ASIAN AND COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVES**

23–24 June 2020: Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore

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- **FEMINISM, LAW AND CITIZENSHIP**

24–26 June 2020: University Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne, Paris

Please see [w website](#) for details.

- **GENOCIDE AND LAW: COMMUNICATING THROUGH VISUAL ARTS AND LANGUAGE: CALL FOR PAPERS**

26–28 June 2020: Poznan, Poland

21st International Roundtable for the Semiotics of Law and the 15th Conference on Legal Translation and Interpreting and Comparative Legilinguistics. Please see [w announcement](#) for details. Closing date for abstracts: 28 February 2020.

- **WG HART WORKSHOP 2020: NEW PERSPECTIVES ON JURISDICTION AND THE CRIMINAL LAW**

29–30 June 2020: Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, London

Further details to be announced in due course.

- **LAW AND HUMANITIES ROUNDTABLE 2020: CALL FOR PAPERS**

3 July 2020: University of Southampton

Please see [w announcement](#) for details. Closing date for abstracts: 13 December 2019.

- **GENDER DIMENSIONS OF VIOLENCE PREVENTION, MONA JAMAICA**

15 July 2020: University of the West Indies, Mona, Jamaica

Seminar Convenors: Dr Ramona Biholar (Faculty of Law) and Dr Dacia Leslie (SALISES). See [w website](#) for details.

- **SLSA ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2021**

30 March–1 April 2021: Cardiff University

Save the dates!

- **BRITISH CRIME HISTORIANS SYMPOSIUM: CALL FOR PAPERS**

2–4 September 2020: Centre for Criminal Justice Studies, University of Leeds

See [w website](#) for details. Closing date: 8 April 2020.



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