
NEWS AND EVENTS

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David Sugarman awarded honorary ASLH fellowship

Professor David Sugarman has been awarded an Honorary Fellowship of the American Society for Legal History (ASLH) for his 'scholarly distinction and leadership in the field'. The award was presented at the annual conference of the ASLH in Boston, USA, on 23 November 2019. In the words of the Society's website:

Election as an Honorary Fellow of the American Society for Legal History is the highest honor the Society can confer. It recognizes distinguished historians whose scholarship has shaped the broad discipline of legal history and influenced the work of others. Honorary Fellows are the scholars we admire, whom we aspire to emulate, and on whose shoulders we stand.

David is the first legal historian of modern England (as distinct from medieval or early modern England) to be so recognized. The award recognises his pioneering role in opening-up and developing an interdisciplinary legal history of modern England that addresses



the interplay between law, politics, economics, society and culture (so-called modern socio-legal history), and his dedication to mentoring and supporting other scholars.

Professor Sarah Barringer Gordon, President of the ASLH, said: 'Election as an Honorary Fellow is the highest recognition we confer on a fellow legal historian, and this honor recognizes your scholarly distinction and leadership in the field.'

David (pictured above delivering his acceptance speech) is Professor Emeritus of Law at Lancaster University, a Senior Associate Research Fellow at the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, University of London, a Senior Associate of the Centre for Socio-Legal Studies, University of Oxford, and a Fellow of the Royal History Society.

IALS Transformation Project

All three floors of the IALS Library have now been refurbished with the entrance/exit on the second floor and the internal stairs open between the second, third and fourth floors.

The second floor has been completely redesigned with new lighting, services, carpet, toilets etc. Both the staff and student sides of the floor have all new desks and chairs. There are seven private study carrels and 12 desks with computers. The floor also in-

corporates group study meeting rooms which are bookable by users with their library cards, one-to-one assistance rooms, a new training room with 20 computer positions and a range of soft seating and 'huddle spaces'. A new self-service laptop loan facility is also planned.

The original revolving door has been replaced with two sets of curved sliding doors. This retains the circular profile while enabling wheelchair access in conjunction with the external lift which will be installed in March.

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IALS forthcoming events

A judicial conversation: portraying the Presidents of the UK Supreme Court—in conversation with the photographer Paul Stuart

Date: 23 April 2020

Venue: IALS, 17 Russell Square, London WC1B 5DR

To celebrate the tenth Anniversary of the UK Supreme Court, the Supreme Court Arts Trust commissioned photographer Paul Stuart to produce a set of portraits of the first three Presidents of the court, which were unveiled to widespread acclaim in the summer of 2019. They now hang in pride of place over the entrance to Court 1. This commission is a new and exciting departure. While there is a long tradition of making portraits of senior judges, it is rare for portraits to be commissioned for display in the court where the judge has served. The new portraits memorialize the important contribution that each officeholder has made.

Producing a new portrait of a judge is rarely a straightforward commission; judges are particularly challenging subjects. The conversation with Paul Stuart provides an exceptional opportunity to explore what these challenges are and to delve deeper into how one experienced photographer rose to meet them.

Paul Stuart is a celebrated photojournalist and portrait photographer. His work has been published in *GQ*, *The Guardian*, *The Sunday Times* and many more. His portfolio includes Justin Timberlake, Silvio Berlusconi, Simon Pegg, Derren Brown and Julie Walters. His work is in various major collections including the National Portrait Gallery.

Paul will be in conversation with Professor Leslie J Moran. Leslie is Professor of Law and a visiting researcher at Birkbeck College and a Fellow of IALS. He has an international reputation for his work on judges and visual culture.

The Bribery Act: Ten Years On

Date: 28 May 2020

Venue: IALS, 17 Russell Square, London WC1B 5DR

The Bribery Act received royal assent in April 2010. This expansive piece of legislation was introduced following recognition that the old law governing bribery was old and lacked clarity, but also in the wake of significant controversies (including the ‘cash for questions’ scandal and the dropping of the BAE Systems prosecution purportedly on the grounds of national security). In March 2019, the House of Lords Select Committee on the Bribery Act described the Act as ‘an excellent piece of legislation which creates offences which are clear and all-encompassing’. It continued by saying: ‘the Act is an example to other countries, especially developing countries, of what is needed to deter bribery’. Notwithstanding such positive endorsements, however, there remain concerns over whether the Act is being ‘adequately enforced’ and that collection of data is inconsistent across police forces; until 2019, there was no publicly available information on numbers of prosecutions/convictions; the number of prosecutions appears to be low; there are ongoing issues with both under-resourcing and delays of enforcement agencies (particularly where large-scale and/or complex cases are being investigated); there

remain issues with a lack of awareness of the Act on the part of police officials; and inter-agency cooperation is weak (House of Lords Select Committee 2019).

Ten years on from the Bribery Act receiving royal assent, this two-day symposium will bring together leading experts, from practice, policy and academia, to discuss and analyse the legislation and its operation thus far.

How to get a PhD in Law

Date: 11 March 2020

Venue: IALS, 17 Russell Square, London WC1B 5DR

The morning includes sessions on: the PhD journey; supervision; research ethics and preparing yourself for upgrade and vivas. In the afternoon, there is a panel discussion followed by a presentation by Hester Swift on the foreign, international and comparative law research collections at the IALS library. Speakers include Professor Sally Wheeler, Professor Carl Stychin, Professor Avrom Sherr and Dr Constantin Stefanou.

Publishing Masterclass

Date: 19 March 2020

Venue: IALS, 17 Russell Square, London WC1B 5DR

This session will focus on the process of publishing your research, for example, publishing your PhD as a book (and getting a book contract) and as academic

articles. The session will be led by Alison Kirk (Routledge) and Professor Carl Stychin (Editor, *Social and Legal Studies*).

Well-being and Exam Preparation

Date: 23 April 2020

Venue: IALS, 17 Russell Square, London WC1B 5DR

This session will discuss self-care in postgraduate study and will be of relevance to PhD and Masters students. This session will be delivered by members of the Wellbeing Team and by Dr Colin King (Director of Research, IALS)

Careers after the PhD

Date: 21 May 2020

Venue: IALS, 17 Russell Square, London WC1B 5DR

This session will involve a panel of guest discussants to talk about various pathways after the PhD—both in academia and elsewhere. The panel comprises Calvin Jackson (barrister at Charter Chambers), Dr Alan Brener (academic at UCL) and Dr Monica Sah (solicitor at Clifford Chance)

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