
NEWS AND EVENTS

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Re-opening of IALS Library

The Library of the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies (IALS) is now offering the following services.

'Book a Study Desk' service

Via the new **Book a Study Desk** scheme, IALS Library members can now book one of 55 individual 'socially distanced' library study desks on the third and fourth floors of IALS Library using an online booking system at home. Once a booking is confirmed, members can visit 17 Russell Square to use the booked study desk and to browse our national law collections on the third and fourth floors.

- ◇ A staff-fetching service for books located on floors L2 and L3 is also available for readers.
- ◇ Two self-service photocopiers are available for reader use on the second floor.
- ◇ 10 library research carrels have been reopened.

'Click, Collect & Return' book loan service

IALS Library members can continue to request books via the IALS Library catalogue at home and come in to IALS to borrow the

Library's books from the Library Enquiry Desk on the second floor.

All other library services continue to be available virtually to meet readers' legal research needs:

- ◇ Quick questions: Click on the 'Chat with a librarian' side bar
- ◇ Longer reference enquiries: email ials@sas.ac.uk
- ◇ **Remote access** to our extensive collections of e-books, e-journals and legal databases
- ◇ **Virtual legal research training sessions**, delivered live
- ◇ **Autumn 2020 training programme**
- ◇ Detailed **online guides** to our research collections
- ◇ **Podcasts**
- ◇ **A guide to open access and other free online resources** for legal researchers
- ◇ **Join IALS Library**

Building Transformation Project Update

The Project Team is continuing to explore options and costs for limited, further works on the lower floors of the Institute.

Barnaby Hone Appointed as Visiting Professor of Practice

The first Visiting Professor of Practice took up his role at the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies (IALS) on 1 October 2020. [Barnaby Hone](#) will strengthen the connection between IALS and legal practice, particularly in the work of the [Centre for Financial Law, Regulation and Compliance \(FinReg\)](#).

The position of Visiting Professor of Practice is a new one at IALS and is filled by invitation for a fixed term of one year. Appointment is made on the basis of professional standing; contribution to IALS; and demonstrated interest in promoting the importance of links between academic scholarship and legal practice and policymaking.

The inaugural Visiting Professor of Practice, Barnaby Hone, has a wealth of experience in international asset recovery, white collar crime, and financial regulation. He is recognised in these areas in the Legal500 and Chambers and Partners. His practice has encompassed work throughout Europe, Africa, the Caribbean, the Americas and Asia, including providing advice to countries such as Kosovo and the British Virgin Islands on developing or improving their asset recovery legislation. He is a contributor to the leading practitioner guide on asset recovery: *Millington and Sutherland Williams on the*

Proceeds of Crime Act (Oxford University Press, 5th edn, 2018). He also sits as a Fee Paid Tribunal Judge, presiding over Immigration and Asylum matters.

Upon his appointment being confirmed, Barnaby stated:

I am honoured to be appointed as the first Visiting Professor of Practice and look forward to building closer links between academics and practitioners.

Commenting on the appointment, the Director of IALS, Professor Carl Stychin, said:

I am delighted with the appointment of Barnaby Hone as the inaugural Visiting Professor of Practice at IALS. Barnaby brings an enormous range of skills and expertise to the Centre for Financial Law, Regulation and Compliance, and to the Institute more widely. His contribution will be invaluable, and we all look forward to welcoming him. Barnaby's appointment underscores—and enhances—the important role of IALS at the intersection of legal academia and practice.'

Selected Upcoming IALS Events

The Director's Series 2020/2021: Law and Humanities in a Pandemic

The Institute of Advanced Legal Studies (IALS) is pleased to announce the programme for the 2020-2021 [Director's Series of Seminars](#) on the topic of 'Law and Humanities in a Pandemic'.

This series of monthly remote workshops organized on the Zoom platform by IALS during the 2020-2021 academic year seeks to 'make sense' of the wide-ranging relationship between law and the pandemic through the insights of the humanities, broadly understood as the set of cultural influences which are shaping the use of law and the responses to it. Authors will present their work-in-progress for 20 minutes, followed by questions from the audience and discussion. The intention is to publish the papers following the completion of the series.

The COVID-19 pandemic already has had a vast array of legal implications which have dramatically altered daily life. While liberal, universal rights such as liberty and privacy are being radically curtailed in the name of public health, legal responses impact upon populations in radically unequal ways. These dimensions include—but certainly are not limited to—race, gender, disability,

vulnerability and social class. Legal interventions are consistently justified on the basis of science, which is assumed to be unequivocal and beyond debate. At the same time, resistance to legal action is also apparent, as rumours and conspiracy theories—like the virus itself—multiply around the globe.

Alongside the introduction of public policy measures, systems of legal regulation and compliance (which were often themselves justified on the basis of public protection) are being modified or suspended in the name of necessity, with no indication as to when or how they will be restored. Moreover, the relationship between law and discretion has been reshaped, and this in turn has impacted upon individuals and communities.

Attendance at the workshops is free, but advance registration is required. Registration information will be available on the 'Events' section of the IALS website.

Centre for Financial Law, Regulation and Compliance (FinReg) Webinar Series: The Bribery Act—Ten Years On

The Bribery Act received Royal Assent in April 2010. This expansive piece of legislation was introduced not only following recognition that the previous 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).

The 2010 Act both updated and reformed the anti-bribery framework. It contains a robust range of offences: bribing a person; being bribed; bribing foreign officials; and failure to prevent bribery. The Act extends to activity that takes place in the UK 'or elsewhere'. Significantly, not only can the company itself be prosecuted, but so too can individual officials (with penalties up to 10 years' imprisonment).

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 to say: '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. Questions persist as to whether the Act is being 'adequately enforced'; 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).

Starting on 10 November 2020, the FinReg has organized a series of webinars to discuss and analyse the Bribery Act, 10 years on from its enactment.

Information Law and Policy Centre (ILPC) (Online) Annual Conference 2020: AI and the Rule of Law—Regulation and Ethics

This year's event will take place online on Thursday 19 and Friday 20 November.

Lord Clement Jones CBE will deliver this year's ILPC Annual Lecture entitled: 'AI: Time to Regulate?' Lord Clement-Jones is Chair of the House of Lords Select Committee on Artificial Intelligence and Co-Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Artificial Intelligence.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

- ◇ Ellis Parry (Information Commissioner's Office)
- ◇ Joanna Bryson (Hertie School, Berlin; University of Bath)

- ◇ Julian Huppert (University of Cambridge; Home Office Biometrics and Forensics Ethics Group)
- ◇ Graham Smith (Bird and Bird)
- ◇ Lorna Woods (University of Essex)
- ◇ Hamed Haddadi (Imperial College London; Brave Software)

Podcasts

Selected law lectures, seminars, workshops and conferences hosted by the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies in the School of Advanced Study are recorded and accessible for viewing and downloading from the [SAS IALS YouTube channel](#).