News and Events

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Selected Upcoming Events

The Hamlyn Lecture Series

The Essence of Advocacy

Speaker: Lord Pannick QC, Blackstone Chambers

Date and time: Tuesday 9 November 2021, 17:30-18:30

Venue: Gray’s Inn Hall, London
See website for details.

The Morality of Advocacy

Speaker: Lord Pannick QC, Blackstone Chambers

Date and Time: Wednesday 10 November 2021, 18.00-19.00

Venue: Senedd, Cardiff Bay
See website for details.

The Future of Advocacy

Speaker: Lord Pannick QC, Blackstone Chambers

Date and Time: Thursday 11 November 2021, 18.00-19.00

Venue: Law Faculty Building, Gulbenkian Theatre, Oxford
See website for details.

The Director’s Online Seminar Series

The Role of Border Cities in International Law

Speaker: Professor Chris Waters, Faculty of Law University of Windsor

Date and time: Thursday 4 November 2020, 16:00-17:30

Chair: Professor Carl Stychin, Director of the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies
See website for details.

The role of cities in redefining international law and international relations is increasingly a subject of interest. Whether tackling climate change through city networks or acting as ‘sanctuary’ cities, cities have found innovative ways to (re)assert their role as international actors. Yet the role of border cities in international law remains underexplored. Border cities, often considered marginal or even suspect, have unique practical interactive and interpretive experiences on international law and international relations which provide insight into governance in borderlands and beyond.

Autumn 2021
Finding Time in Abortion Law

**Speaker:** Dr Ruth Fletcher, School of Law Queen Mary University of London

**Date and time:** Thursday 4 November 2020, 16:00-17:30

**Chair:** Professor Carl Stychin, Director of the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies

This paper turns to literatures working at the interstices of law, time and social reproduction to assist with the theoretical and methodological challenge of developing a set of tools for working the time-related requirements in abortion law. The author identifies three different, if connected, dimensions of legal time, which we need to consider together in order to understand better how such requirements (eg gestational time limits, waiting periods, crisis management) work in managing the withdrawal of gestational labour.

First, we could find time in the different material resources and processes (calendars, clocks, menstrual cycles, certification, illness, diagnosis, crisis, futures) that are used to measure legal time, including the gestational time regulated by abortion law.

Second, we could see how different norms of timeliness (punctuality, earliness, improvement, progression, repair, urgency, speculation) are legally prescribed in dissuading or encouraging certain behaviour, and how they contribute to the legal understanding of when abortion is timely.

Third, we can trace how temporality is felt as different atmospheres (relief, pressure, vulnerability, anxiety, emergency, hopelessness) are conjured up by time-related requirements, atmospheres which may help explain the effects of abortion law’s arrangements.

Finding this complexity of multidimensional time in abortion law provides us with the beginnings of a collection of timely tools – materials, norms, atmospheres - for crafting better law, one which is more accountable to those who spend time gestating pregnancies, and those who care for them.

A Reparative History of Race & Health Inequalities

**Speaker:** Professor Michael Thomson, Faculty of Law, University of Technology Sydney

**Date and time:** Wednesday 26 January 2022, 9:00-10:30

**Chair:** Professor Carl Stychin, Director of the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies

The question of reparations has a long and contentious history. Reparations were part of the
Slavery Abolition Act 1833, where payments were made to slave owners for their economic loss. These payments compounded and entrenched wealth and power in many institutional and family names familiar today. Conversely, the issue of reparations to families, communities and populations who lived through or continue to experience the deprivations and racism caused and entrenched by slavery are fiercely contested.

Drawing on Social Determinants of Health (SDH) research, this article brings together reparatory justice and health justice. SDH research has long linked social disadvantage to poor health and other outcomes, supporting the case for improved social welfare provision. Education is engaged here as an example of how state provisions can help to address health inequalities that have their origins in historic wrongs and the enduring inequalities these have caused.

In addressing race and health inequalities in this way, this paper provides what Catherine Hall has termed a reparative history, exploring the past to understand how injustices may be acknowledged and addressed. Looking at data on educational attainment and health outcomes, the paper argues for a radical reconceptualization of education funding as one element of reparatory justice.

The History of Arbitration: Legislation and Practice

Speaker: Dr Francis Boorman, Institute of Advanced Legal Studies

Date and time: Thursday 24 February 2022, 16:00 to 17:30

Chair: Professor Carl Stychin, Director of the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies

See website for details.

This paper will take a long view of the history of arbitration in England, from the 17th to the 19th century, contrasting parliamentary efforts to shape the process and enforcement of arbitration with the experience of arbitrators and parties. The Arbitration Acts of 1698 and 1889 have been interpreted as totemic events, important markers in a process of modernization or even improvement of arbitration, that also incorporates changes made in tandem with the legal reforms of the mid-19th century. This paper will reassess the status of legislation that concentrated on the relationship between arbitration and the courts, by exploring the practices of arbitrators, popular attitudes to arbitration and detailing how Parliament applied arbitration in many other contexts, including the enclosure of common land, labour relations and regulation of the railways.
**Information Law and Policy Centre Online Conference: Data in a Pandemic—Rights and Responsibilities**

**Speaker:** Professor Diane Coyle CBE  
**Date:** 18 and 19 November 2021  
**Annual Lecture:** An Economist’s Perspective on Data and its Value

Conference topics to be covered:

- emergency powers and the rule of law;
- policymaking in a pandemic;
- health monitoring systems (certification/passports);
- algorithmic discrimination and vulnerable groups;
- data-driven tools for law enforcement;
- trustworthy institutions, online safety, and disinformation;
- data sharing and rebuilding local and global communities.

See [website](#) for details.

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**IALS European Criminal Law Webinar**

**Speakers:** Stephen Goadby, Crown Prosecution Service; Frederic Raffray, former Crown Advocate, Guernsey; Anthony Wilson, former SFO International Assistance  
**Date and time:** Tuesday 7 December 2021, 16:15 to 18:15  
**Theme:** Proceeds of Crime: International and Domestic Strategies; Cooperation and Cases  
**Chair:** HHJ Michael Hopmeier

See [website](#) for details.

The event will review international and domestic developments in recovery of the proceeds of crime including new arrangements and strategies for international recovery.

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**IALS News**

**PhD Thesis Success**

Dr Rita da Cunha has been awarded the Mitchell B Carroll prize based on her PhD thesis awarded this year. The Mitchell B Carroll prize is awarded by the International Fiscal Association for research dealing with international fiscal questions or comparative fiscal law.

Rita’s PhD was entitled ‘A NEW GAAR MODEL: Countering Tax Avoidance and Promoting Investment through Legal Certainty and the Rule of Law’. She was supervised by Professor Philip Baker QC. Rita’s thesis will be published in the prestigious International Bureau for Fiscal Documentation Doctoral Series.
Podcasts: Law videos on SAS IALS YouTube channel

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