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## NEWS AND EVENTS

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### Launch of the Veeder/ Roebuck Conference Room

On Monday 13 June 2022 the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies (IALS) was delighted to welcome guests from the international arbitration community to commemorate and celebrate the lives and work of the late Johnny Veeder QC and Professor Derek Roebuck. Professor Roebuck's landmark History of Arbitration Project has spanned 20 years and has been hosted by IALS since 2013. After Derek's death in 2020, a fundraising project was set up to ensure the completion of this work, which is being continued by IALS Associate Research Fellow Dr Francis Boorman and Dr Rhiannon Markless of the School of Advanced Study. The event was a great celebration for all the donors who have contributed to the History of Arbitration Project and the £182,000 that has been raised to date. During the evening, IALS was honoured to be joined by Susanna Hoe (widow of Derek Roebuck) and Marie Veeder (widow of Johnny Veeder) who unveiled the newly renamed Veeder-Roebuck Conference Room. This

space recognizes the enormous contribution made by Professor Roebuck along with the generous support of Johnny Veeder who continuously championed Derek's important work.

Throughout the evening, guests heard from key supporters of the project, including Director of IALS, Professor Carl Stychin, and friend of Johnny and Derek, Neil Kaplan (below), who also acted as a volunteer fundraising leader for the Arbitration Project.

A donor plaque has been created to acknowledge those who have donated in excess of £10k to the History of Arbitration Project. The plaque will be hung within the newly renamed conference room. The naming of the Veeder-Roebuck Conference Room was made possible thanks to the incredible generosity of our donors, including: Professor Doug Jones AO, Neil and Su Kaplan, Toby Landau QC and Nudra B Majeed, Karyl Nairn QC, Sir Bernard Rix, Audley Sheppard QC, The London Court of International Arbitration, Twenty Essex.

## New IALS Librarian, Marilyn Clarke

Ms Marilyn Clarke has taken up the post of IALS Librarian after the retirement of David Gee. Ms Clarke was formerly Director of Library Services at Goldsmiths, University of London, having previously served as Head of Discovery Services and Acting Director since 2016. She began her career in librarianship at Senate House Library as a cataloguer, before moving to Imperial College London. She is a graduate of London South Bank University and Birkbeck, University of London.

Ms Clarke brings a wide-ranging and extensive background in senior library strategic leadership, including capital projects and the management of teams and budgets. She has also been instrumental on the *Liberate our Library* initiative at Goldsmiths. This project is intended to decolonize and diversify the collections and professional practices through the practice of critical librarianship, a field in which Ms Clarke is a recognized expert with numerous publications and presentations to her name. Her focus is on delivering an inclusive service to all library users, leading on decolonization initiatives, and highlighting issues around diversity, racial inequality, and the lack of Black and Persons of Colour representation in higher education, particularly at senior level.

## Professor Carl Stychin's Visit to Ghana

Professor Stychin had a very successful visit to Accra in May to meet with Irene Ansa-Asaire, the Rector of MountCrest University College, and staff and students to discuss future collaboration. IALS has always been very keen to develop its presence internationally and particularly in the Global South and the Commonwealth. The many students who studied for masters and research degrees at IALS have returned to, often newly independent, countries within the Commonwealth and IALS has built on those relationships. MountCrest, a private higher education institution, was founded by Ms Ansa-Asare's father, Kwaku Ansa-Asare, and was the first private tertiary institution to provide law as a course of study in Ghana. Future collaboration includes plans to develop provision of PhD supervision via distance learning, particularly directed towards academics looking to study part time.

Professor Stychin also met with the next Inns of Court Judiciary Fellow, Justice Dennis Dominic Adjei, of the Ghana Court of Appeal, who will be visiting the Institute from January to March 2023.

## Upcoming IALS Event

### **IALS 75: ILPC Annual Conference 2022 Online Safety in a Connected World**

**Dates:** Thursday 17 November 2022 at IALS; Friday 18 November via Zoom

The International Law and Policy Centre (ILPC) 7th Annual Conference will explore the impact of policymaking focused on ensuring ‘online safety’ and the increased use of data-driven systems that are increasingly connecting all aspects of society, particularly the implications of these changes for the rights and responsibilities of individuals and organizations. Panels will address the development and future of these matters for regulation, policymaking and governance within the United Kingdom (UK) and internationally.

The ILPC Annual Conference will also include the ILPC Annual Lecture 2022, and the ILPC is delighted to announce that Professor Sonia Livingstone OBE will be delivering this year’s Annual Lecture. Sonia Livingstone DPhil (Oxon), OBE, FBA, FBPS, FAcSS, FRSA, is a full professor in the Department of Media and Communications, London School of Economics. She has published 20 books on media audiences, including *Parenting for a Digital Future* (Oxford University Press 2020). She has advised

the UK Government, European Commission, European Parliament, UN Committee on the Rights of the Child, Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development, International Telecommunication Union and UNICEF on children’s internet safety and rights in the digital environment. She directs the Digital Futures Commission (with the 5Rights Foundation) and Global Kids Online (with UNICEF).

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