Teaching Tomorrow’s Law Teachers Summer Workshop

The summer workshop for early career legal academics, Teaching Tomorrow’s Law Teachers, will be held in the first week of July. This pilot project has been developed with the support of the Research England Strategic Investment Fund in the School of Advanced Study.

The workshop was designed and will be led by Professor Shauna Van Praagh, Professor of Law at McGill University, Montreal, and a Senior Associate Research Fellow at the Institute. Earlier this year, the Government of Canada announced that Professor Van Praagh has been appointed as the new President of the Law Commission of Canada. She will take up her post in June. During her visit to the Institute, Professor Van Praagh is hoping to meet with those involved in law reform in this country. We are keen at the Institute to facilitate those conversations with the intention of hosting an event on comparative strategies on law reform in the future.

Practitioner in Residence

In February, the School of Advanced Study announced its Practitioners in Residence programme for 2023. This new scheme, which is made possible by Research England Knowledge Exchange funding, is designed to foster creative connections between research, teaching and other knowledge resources within the School and wider domains of creative practice outside of higher education. The funding provides a bursary for a creative practitioner to engage with an institute for a period of up to four months.

IALS was very pleased to have been approved as a host for this year’s programme and engaged an excellent candidate, Anna Macdonald. Anna is a dance artist and scholar who specializes in practice-based, participatory research. Her practice is regularly exhibited internationally in both festival and gallery settings and was nominated for the International Video Dance awards in Barcelona and selected as a flagship example of socially engaged practice with the Social Arts Map (Sophie Hope), funded by the Arts and Humanities Fund.
Anna’s residency involves a creative collaboration with the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies (IALS) Library spaces, materials and staff. It focuses on the movement and flow of the Library, using somatic-based practices to explore how different users move within and through its spaces. The aim of this movement-based exploration will be to provoke new thinking about the potential connections between ideological, material and affective organizations of legal knowledge within the IALS Library. Anna will also contribute to the Teaching Tomorrow’s Law Teachers summer workshop.

Charles Clore House Wins Royal Institute of British Architects Award

IALS is pleased to announce that the IALS Library Transformation Project, which was under the direction of Burwell Architects, has been awarded a London Regional Award by the Royal Institute of British Architects.

The jury praised the sensitive vision of the project: “The architect invested much care and attention to ensure legibility between the old and the new, but finely tuned so that the new elements do not contrast or compete with the original architecture. This is evident in the slightly offset relationship where new partitions meet the existing concrete structures, the colour matching of the new secondary glazing to the original glazing frames, and the choice of floor finishes. The result is a visually coherent design with well-enjoyed spaces.

The jury felt that this project was a true labour of love, conducted by a team that quite selflessly undertook much careful research to ascertain the specific architectural language they were dealing with, and that did all it could to minimize the impact of its own decisions on the original design. The project was conducted over four phases of operation, one floor at a time, allowing the library to function on two floors throughout the entire construction period.”

Further information on the RIBA Award can be found at: Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, Holborn, by Burwell Architects | RIBAJ.

2023-24 Inns of Court Judicial Fellow

IALS is pleased to announce that this year’s Inns of Court Judicial Fellowship has been awarded to the Honourable Justice James O’Reilly of the Federal Court of Canada who will be visiting in the autumn term and undertaking research on "Thinking Judicially, Fast and Slow": judicial decision-
making: optimal conditions, cognitive errors, biases or illusions, and practical solutions for limiting such errors and inconsistencies in judicial decision-making.

Justice O'Reilly graduated from the University of Western Ontario with a BA (Hons) and then obtained his LLB from Osgoode Hall Law School and an LLM from the University of Ottawa. Justice O'Reilly has had a varied legal career, serving as Consultant to the Law Reform Commission of Canada, Legal Advisor in the Department of Justice, as a sole practitioner specializing in legal policy and law reform, Executive Legal Officer at the Supreme Court of Canada, Associate Executive Director at the National Judicial Institute and Counsel to the Collusion Investigation in London, England.

He is the author of many reports and publications and has taught law at Carleton University, the University of Ottawa, McGill University, Western University and the Law Society of Upper Canada. He is a Fellow of McLaughlin College, York University. He was appointed to the Federal Court in 2002 and to the Court Martial Appeal Court in 2003.

Selected Upcoming Events

**WG Hart Workshop 2023: Theorists in Company Law**

**Venue:** Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, 17 Russell Square, London WC1B 5DR

**Date and time:** 29 June 2023-30 June 2023, 10:00am-5:00pm

**Workshop Organizers**

Professor Sally Wheeler, Law School, The Australian National University; Professor Marc Moore, Faculty of Laws, University, College, London; Dr Victoria Barnes, Brunel Law School

The **WG Hart Workshop 2023: Theorists in Company Law** explores the development of company regulation by examining the role that theorists played in it. In doing so, it adds to the burgeoning research on the lives and impact of theorists, scholars, academics and litigants. There is a general tendency to overlook this group, certainly in legal scholarship. This is owing to the primacy of legal sources and the emphasis placed upon using good legal authorities, such as legislation and case law. Judges, as the authors of leading judgments, therefore, naturally take centre stage in this body of research. Even within this idea of judicial primacy what matters, particularly in the United Kingdom context, is the dicta from individual judgments. The idea that a judicial figure can, through a series of judgments and extra-
judicial comments, craft and shape a branch of law has been largely missing from 20th and 21st-century jurisprudence.

The aim of this workshop is threefold. It enables us first to rediscover forgotten and neglected authors. Second, it encourages us to think about the biographical element of an author’s work and to put theoretical work in its social, economic and historical context. Finally, a discussion of the theorists in company law allows further insight into the distinctiveness of company law in the United Kingdom as opposed to the Anglo-American or European model. With the growth of the “Law and Economics” movement in the United States, the right-of-centre shift in American political thought has also been dominant in several theoretical discourses. There are—and were—other ways of viewing company law.

ILPC AI & Humanities Seminar Series: Toward a Global Index for Measuring the State of Responsible AI

Venue: The Chancellor’s Hall, First Floor, Senate House, Malet Street, London WC1E 7HU

Date and time: 6 September 2023, 4:00pm-6:00pm

Lead Speaker: Rachel Adams, Principal Researcher, ICT Africa

There is a global consensus that AI must be used responsibly if societies around the world are to enjoy the benefits of AI while avoiding the risks associated with even greater social and economic inequalities. To make progress in advancing responsible AI, it is critical to know and understand the current state-of-play, as well as to track progress over time.

This talk, Toward a Global Index for Measuring the State of Responsible AI, will present a new project underway to develop a Global Index on Responsible AI. The project seeks to address the need for inclusive, measurable indicators that reflect a shared understanding of what responsible AI means in practice and track the implementation of responsible AI principles by governments and key stakeholders.

The Global Index on Responsible AI is a rights-based tool to support a broad range of actors in advancing responsible AI practices. It is intended to provide a comprehensive, reliable, independent and comparative benchmark for assessing progress toward responsible AI the world over.
The Director’s Seminar Series: Decolonising EU Law

Venue: online via Zoom
Date and time: 20 September 2023, 4:00pm-5:30pm
Speaker: Professor Iyiola Solanke, Jacques Delors Chair in European Law, University of Oxford
Chair: Marilyn, Clarke, IALS Librarian

What happens when we take decolonization as the starting point for our interaction with European Union (EU) law? What could this mean in relation to teaching and research in the various fields of EU law and the EU legal order? This presentation on Decolonising EU Law is an invitation to explore this idea of “decolonization” and think about how it could open up the world of European integration and EU law to a new generation of scholars and audiences.

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