School News

Law School hosting SLSA Conference 2016
The Law School is pleased to announce that it will be hosting the annual SLSA conference from Tuesday 5th – Thursday 7th April 2016. The conference is one of the most prestigious events in the socio-legal studies calendar, attracting around 400 delegates from a variety of backgrounds from legal academics and practitioners, to social scientists and policy makers.

Law School hosting ILA Conference 2016
The Law School is pleased to announce that it will be hosting the ILA British Branch Annual Conference 2016 from Friday 8th - Saturday 9th April 2016. Further details, including how to register, will be made available in due course. In the meantime please contact Dr James Summers (j.summers@lancaster.ac.uk) with any queries. The International Law Association, founded in 1873, is a worldwide organisation for the study, clarification and development of international law. The Association has about 3,500 members and is organised in national branches throughout the globe. The British Branch, with almost 400 members is one of the largest in the world. The organisation has a consultative status with a number of the UN specialised agencies and much of its work is centred on committees which engage in the study of different aspects of international law.

Paul Iganski ESRC funded project
Paul Iganski has been awarded £37,779.49 for an ESRC project on Security Threats.

Tom Webb, Mark Butler and Les Humphreys awarded funding to study curriculum design
Tom, Mark and Les have been awarded a £1,197.00 FASS Research Grant under the Student Expectation and Experience Pilot Project and £3,523.50 under the Lancaster University Early Career Small Grants Scheme to evaluate the extent to which student feedback has led to a change in curriculum design.

Books published
Sara Fovargue & A Mullock (eds.), The Legitimacy of Medical Treatment: What Role for the Medical Exception? (Routledge, 2015).

Chris Grover and Piggott (eds.) Disabled people, work and welfare: is employment the answer?, Bristol, Policy Press, 2015


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Knowledge Exchange/ External Engagement

Sara Fovargue has been a member of the Working Party of the Nuffield Council that produced Bioethics, Children and Clinical Research: Ethical Issues (Nuffield Council on Bioethics, 2015). Sara also gave a paper on ‘Minor parents consenting to their children being treated: Law and practice’, Paediatric Meeting, Blackpool Victoria Hospital, June 2015.

Sarah Kingston (with Smith) produced a report on Statistics on Sex Work in the UK, for University of Birmingham and Lancaster University. Sarah also made an Invited Contribution to the Liberal Democrats’ Sex Work Policy Working Group.

Suzanne Ost gave a keynote presentation (with Mooney J.L) ‘Distorted Visions: Exploring Constructions of Risk and Harm in Child Sexual Exploitation' at the Coastal Child and Adult Therapeutic Services conference 'Sexual Exploitation: Understanding and Moving Forward' on 18th November at Wrea Green, near Kirkham.
Staff News cont’d

Conference Papers cont’d

Steven Wheatley gave a Public Lecture on ‘Can Global Parliaments Strengthen the Democratic Legitimacy of International Law?’, 11 May 2015, University of Leuven (KU Leuven, Belgium), May 2015.


David Milman gave a paper on ‘Recent Developments in Personal Insolvency Law’ on 15/17 September 2015 in both Manchester and Leeds as part of the Exchange Chambers Annual Insolvency Conference.

Research Centre Updates

Centre for Law and Society
The Centre held a one-day symposium ‘From Scold’s to Trolls: Social and Legal Responses to Legal and Audible Women’ on 15th September 2015. Professor Feona Atwood (Middlesex University) was the keynote speaker.

Centre for International Law and Human Rights (CIHLR)
The CIHLR is hosting an ILA sponsored speaker series on The First World War and International Law. The most recent paper in the series was delivered by Professor Peter Rowe on ‘German World War I War Crimes Trials: Do They Provide Lessons for Current War Crimes Trials?’
Careers Dinner
The careers dinner took place on 2\textsuperscript{nd} December and was a great networking opportunity for students. Students selected a law firm to sit with during a three course meal and were able to ask questions which afforded them a deeper insight into what life is like at a particular firm. This will aid students when making applications for vacation schemes and training contracts as they will be able to demonstrate both an interest and understanding of the firm they are applying to which will set their applications apart from the many generic responses that law firms receive during this process. It will also allow students to make more of an informed choice about pursuing a career in law. Attending were Allen & Overy, DLA Piper, DWF, Freshfields, Hogan Lovells, Macfarlanes, Pinsent Masons, Bird & Bird and White & Case.

Law and Criminology Careers Fair
The annual careers fair took place on 25\textsuperscript{th} November. Over twenty legal exhibitors attended the fair. This networking event allowed students to talk face to face with representatives from city, regional & national law firms. Additionally, there was representatives from The Bar, course providers and professional organisations present who provided students with information about pursuing careers in law. There was also a variety of representatives from criminal justice organisations to discuss career opportunities for criminology students and law students who do not want to pursue a career in law. Throughout the day there were workshops delivered by Clifford Chance, The University of Law and Linklaters.

Trip Abroad 2016
The Law Society is pleased to announce a new trip abroad for its members in 2016. Students will be visiting Amsterdam between 18\textsuperscript{th}-24\textsuperscript{th} March 2016.

Negotiation Competition
The final of the negotiation competition took place on Friday 4\textsuperscript{th} December at DWF’s offices. Congratulations to all who took part.

London Trip
Sixteen members of the Law Society travelled to London on Friday 20\textsuperscript{th} November to visit the offices of DWF, Clifford Chance and Macfarlanes. At each firm, students received a tour of the offices as well as a careers workshop focusing on how to succeed during the recruitment process and other employability hints and tips. Those selected to attend this event received invaluable information on how to stand out during the application process, as well as gaining an insight into life at a city law firm.

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