Valentina Vadi awarded ERC starter grant worth €500,000
The project (over 3 years) will aim to answer the research question: Can states promote economic development without infringing upon their cultural heritage? HERITAGE aims to map the interaction between economic globalization and each specimen of cultural heritage - world heritage, cultural diversity, intangible cultural heritage, indigenous heritage and underwater cultural heritage - in international and European law by investigating the relevant case law before international courts and tribunals. The study adopts an interdisciplinary approach and the relevant cases will be investigated in consideration of both their legal and cultural relevance.

Stuart Kirby part of team awarded £6.6m
Stuart Kirby was an important part of the N8 Police Researching Partnership research team who have been awarded £6.6m to develop policing policy, practice and learning. They received a £3m grant from the Higher Education Funding Council for England (HEFCE), along with a further £3.686m from policing partners and other universities. Stuart will be leading the ‘Training and Learning’ aspect of the programme, working with Police Forces and other law enforcement agencies to suggest innovative ways that evidence-based practice can be adopted and promoted.

Sara Fovargue and Suzanne Ost awarded funding by SLSA
Sara and Suzanne will undertake an empirical project investigating health professionals experiences of involvement with the criminal justice system and its effect on health care practice: ‘The Impact of the Criminal Justice System on the Practice of Midwives, Obstetricians and Gynaecologists: Improving Patient Safety or Encouraging Defensive Practice?’

Gearoid O’Cuinn awarded funding
Gearoid has been awarded funding in relation to ‘Lancaster University Public Engagement with Research Leadership Award’ to support ‘Public International Interest Lawyering Initiative: Public International Legal Action through Domestic Legal Practice’. He has also been awarded a Collaborative Research Grant from the Institute for Global Law and Policy at Harvard Law School ($5000 USD) in support of a research initiative called ‘The Co-production of Weapons & Law’.

Blogs and electronic media
Claire Fitzpatrick co-authored (with Williams, P.) a research report published on the website of The Care Leavers’ Association: ‘Examining ‘Clear Approach’: An Intervention for Care Leavers on an intensive alternative to custody order.’

Siobhan Weare published the following blog posts: “Domestic abuse is everyone’s problem”: why criminalising coercive control just isn’t enough’ (Lancaster University Blog); and ‘Five new laws that may have escaped your notice in 2014’ (The Conversation).

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Knowledge Exchange/ External Engagement
Claire Fitzpatrick co-founded the first Lancashire working group on Children in care and care leavers in the criminal justice system. She chaired the first working group meeting which took place in January 2015. The second working group meeting takes place in March. Claire also organised, in collaboration with the Care Leavers’ Association, a multi-agency roundtable discussion on children in care and care leavers in the criminal justice system, attended by a range of operational and strategic leads from across the North West and beyond.

John Murphy was elected honorary member of the senior common room at Magdalen College, Oxford.

Sealy and Milman, *Annotated Guide to Insolvency Legislation* was cited in the High Court on four occasions in 2014.

Siobhan Weare was interviewed by BBC Breakfast and BBC Radio Five Live in January regarding female offenders.

Stuart Kirby ran an event at LU with the Lancashire Constabulary ‘Futures Team’ which brought together representatives from Management Services, Criminology, Politics, and FASS.

Sigrun Skogly addressed a round-table in Geneva in preparation for the Open Ended Working Group to be established in accordance with UN Human Rights Council’s Resolution 26/9, to develop an ‘international legally binding instrument on transnational corporations and other business enterprises with respect to human rights’.
Centre for Law and Society

The Centre will be holding 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) will be the keynote speaker. The call for papers is now open and the deadline for abstracts to be submitted is 1st May.

Centre for Bioethics and Medical Law

The Centre continued its seminar series with a paper in January by Professor Angus Dawson, School of Health & Population Sciences, University of Birmingham on ‘Snakes and ladders: Interventions and restrictions on liberty in public health policy.’ Sara Fovargue has been awarded funding by the Law School to support her empirical project on minor parents and consent to medical treatment.

Centre for International Law and Human Rights (CIHLR)

CIHLR continued it 2014-15 speaker series in February with a paper by David Campbell on “What does Hong Kong Constitutional Law say about Democracy?” Also in February, Rafael Leal-Arcas (Queen Mary University) gave a paper on “International Trade and Climate Change Mitigation”

Centre for Crime, Law and Justice

John Drew C.B.E. gave a talk on 29 January 2015 on: ‘Crime and Punishment – the strange case of the remarkable fall in the imprisonment of children in England and Wales’. The talk was very well attended by more than 50 people from both within and outside the University. Prof Julian Roberts (Oxford University) gave a paper on: ‘Aggravation, Mitigation and Mercy: New Findings from the Crown Courts’ in March. The Centre also began a work in progress staff seminar series. The first paper was given by Paul Iganski in February on ‘War by Proxy: Social Media and the Gaza Conflict of 2014’.
Law Society nominated for awards

The Law Society has been nominated for the "best at student engagement" and "best social media" awards in the student law society awards organised by LawCareers.Net.

Pro Bono Mooting Competition
The Law Society’s members will be teaching A-Level students how to moot as part of their pro bono mooting project. The students will then compete against each other in Lancaster Town Hall.

Mooting Final
The mooting finals for both the beginners and main competition will be held at Lancaster Castle. With over 90 participants, this year has seen the largest uptake of mooting in the last few years. Well done to everyone who has been involved and good luck to those who will be competing at Shire Hall.

Annual Law Ball
The annual Law Ball is taking place on 16th March and is once again sold out. The theme is "A Night at the Oscars". Check back in the next newsletter for pictures!

Freshfields Sports Tournament
The Law Society’s sports teams (football and netball) played brilliantly at the Freshfields Sports Tournament.

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