



# Liberty Brief

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## A global community



Alastair Mullis

*As the days get longer, and I no longer blunder into work in the dark, it brings home to me how quickly this academic year is passing.*

For those of you in your final year, you are no doubt contemplating, hopefully with some confidence, what life after university will bring. All of you are I am sure starting to think about assessment deadlines and the summer exams. I know that this is the time of year that many of you start to feel under pressure and we understand this. There is a lot riding on your results whichever year you are in. I want however to offer a few thoughts that I hope will be helpful. First, do not allow this pressure to make you ill. If everything starts to get too much, please do come and see us. There is plenty of support available in the School and University and ultimately your health, mental and physical, is the thing that matters most. Secondly, try to work consistently. Those who do the necessary preparation and



Professor Alastair Mullis with law alumna in Singapore

attend classes almost invariably outperform those who don't. Finally, if there is anything that you don't understand or want further clarification of, seek advice from your lecturers. They all have student support hours and very much want to ensure that you feel well prepared.

Earlier on this year, I travelled to Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand to meet potential students, to give some lectures at universities with which we have collaborations and most importantly to attend two alumni events in Kuala Lumpur and Singapore. The alumni events were excellent evenings and both were very well attended. What was particularly encouraging was to hear how fondly our alumni remembered their time at Leeds, how much they felt they had gained from the experience and most importantly that they wanted to support our School and the current students. Many have agreed to be mentors for our current Singaporean and Malaysian students and we



Law Alumni Singapore

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will be writing to you soon about how you take advantage of their support. The success of our international alumni is something of which we can all be proud. We are a truly global law school with global reach.

Last week I attended the Stay in Leeds fair which I was very pleased to see was very well attended. What was particularly gratifying was to talk to the law firms and to hear from them how impressed they were with you and how impressive they found you to be. This is, I have to say, a common refrain. I have had several dinners in the last few weeks to which students have been invited to meet senior judges, barristers and lawyers and they have all said how much they enjoyed the event and how impressed they were with the students they met. You need to take confidence from this. To come across as well as you did at the Stay in Leeds event or at the dinners says a lot about you and the quality of our students. I know some of you may feel more comfortable talking with Leeds people but you need to recognise that if you can impress them, you can do the same anywhere in the UK.

Finally, I am delighted to be able to tell you that four colleagues in the School have recently become parents. I am sure you will join me in offering our warmest congratulations to Peter Whelan and Pinar Akman, and also to Henry Yeomans and to David Churchill. Finally, I wish Rosie Harding and her partner who are to marry shortly much happiness in their marriage.



Law Alumni Kuala Lumpur



1965 Race Relations Act Banner

## School of Law receives banner from Parliament

On 21 January, Iyiola Solanke spoke on the 1965 Race Relations Act at the finale of 'Parliament in the Making' at the Houses of Parliament. The event was hosted by Mr Speaker, The RT Hon John Bercow MP. Co-panellists included Professor David Carpenter (who spoke on Magna Carta), Lord Sumption QC (who spoke on Agincourt), Professor Tim Blanning (who spoke on Waterloo) and Professor Sir David Cannadine (who spoke on Churchill).

Iyiola Solanke was also selected to receive the Race Relations Act Banner from the 'Parliament in the Making' Exhibition. The Banner will hang in the Atrium of The Liberty Building.

RT Hon Hilary Benn, MP for Leeds Central, said: "I am delighted that the University of Leeds has been selected to receive the 1965 Race Relations Act banner. The School of Law

has a strong and long-standing commitment to promoting race equality and telling the story of Race Equality Legislation. Having been on public display in Parliament's Westminster Hall throughout 2015, it seems fitting that the banner will now hang in the Atrium of The Liberty Building, home of the School of Law, giving the University's students and guests an opportunity to see it closer to home."

## International experts assemble to discuss disability rights in China

On Friday 15 January 2016, the Centre for Disability Studies hosted a conference entitled 'Developing Disability Rights in China: From Paper to Practice?'

The conference was held in partnership with China Vision, a UK hosted charity that supports rights for people with disabilities in China, and the Centre for Disability Law and Policy at the National University of Ireland (NUI), Galway. This one-day event welcomed disability rights activists, professionals, academic experts and students to the School of Law. Guests included Eleanor Lisney, disability activist and co-founder of Sisters of Frida CIC (Disabled Women's collective); Gerard Quinn, a distinguished professor of law at NUI, Galway and former Director of Research at the Irish Government's Law Reform Commission; Stephen Hallett (OBE), Chair of China Vision and University of Leeds alumnus; and Professor Anna Lawson of the School of Law who also studied

at Leeds and is director of the University's interdisciplinary Centre for Disability Studies. Four sessions took place throughout the day, each offering a range of contributions that critically reflected upon the development and progress of the disability rights movement in China as well as considering ideas and challenges for the future.

The conference was extremely successful in further building Leeds' strong relationships with international disability rights organisations and academic colleagues working in the field of disability rights.



From left: Alex Pearl, Professors; Anna Lawson; Stephen Hallett; and Gerard Quinn

## School of Law enters academic collaboration with Chinese University

On 15 December 2015, the School of Law at the University of Leeds welcomed a delegation led by Professor Liu Xiangshu the Vice President of Southwest University of Political Science and Law (SWUPL) in China.

The delegation was welcomed by Professors Alastair Mullis and Joan Loughrey, the Head and Deputy Head of the School of Law and Professors Jeremy Higham and Roger Halson, respectively the Dean and International Director of the Faculty of Education, Social Sciences and Law. The main purpose of the visit was the launch of a new academic and research collaboration between the Schools of Law in the two universities. This collaboration will provide a platform for a series of long term collaborative activities including; development of collaborative research projects; organisation of joint academic activities (such as courses, conferences, seminars, and lectures); exchange of research and teaching personnel; and student placements and exchanges.

Established in 1953, SWUPL is located in Chongqing and currently has around 25,000 students, 2,300 staff members, and occupies two campuses in the city. SWUPL is one of the five main providers of legal education and research in China, known collectively as the Legal Alliance and the School of Law at Leeds now has established partnerships with all five of these institutions. Both Professor Alastair Mullis and Professor Roger Halson, had visited SWUPL in November 2015.

Professor Roger Halson commented on the benefit(s) of this exciting new partnership: 'Internationalisation is at the core of all our activities in the School of Law and the opportunity to build links with prestigious and highly regarded Law Schools such as that at SWUPL are central to the School's ambition to rank alongside the very best Law Schools in the world.'



Head of School Professor Alastair Mullis with Professor Liu Xiangshu of SWUPL



From left, Professors; Anthea Hucklesby; Miranda Boone; Dr Hannah Graham and Kristel Beyens

## Electronic monitoring in Europe

On 18 February 2016, 100 delegates gathered in Brussels to hear the findings of a European Commission funded project on the use of electronic monitoring (EM) with defendants and offenders.

The project is the largest and most comprehensive comparative study of EM to be undertaken. The focus of the project is on exploring how EM may be used more creatively and effectively and its potential to operate as an alternative to custody so reducing prison populations. The project covers five jurisdictions (Belgium, England and Wales, Germany, The Netherlands and Scotland) and is being led by Professor Anthea Hucklesby from the Centre for Criminal Justice Studies with Professors Beyens (Vrije Universiteit, Brussel), Boone (University of Utrecht), Dunkel (University of Greifswald) and Mclvor (University of Stirling). Delegates in Brussels also heard from policy-makers from the each of the project's jurisdictions on the implications of the comparative and jurisdictional findings for the operation of EM.

The conference forms part of a series of five events in four countries to which over 400 delegates from across Europe are expected to attend. Regional workshops took place in Berlin, Utrecht and Brussels in January and February which focused on the findings from specific jurisdictions and involved policy-makers and practitioners in a conversation about how to improve the effectiveness of EM. The events culminate in a second conference in London on 17 March. This event will disseminate the findings of the English and Scottish research to policy-makers and practitioners and raise awareness of the comparative findings in the UK. The UK uses EM to a greater extent than most European jurisdictions and has the most privatised operation in Europe. More details about the project including briefing papers, reports and details of the events are available on the website at: [www.emeu.leeds.ac.uk](http://www.emeu.leeds.ac.uk)

## N8 leaders share vision for economic growth

Professor Adam Crawford of the School of Law was part of a senior team representing the N8 Research Partnership at a Parliamentary Reception on 8 February which outlined the N8's vision for Innovation-led Northern economic growth.

N8 presented itself as a willing partner in ensuring that northern research voices are heard in national innovation and economic policy-making. Newly appointed Chair of the N8 Research Partnership, Koen Lamberts delivered the keynote address to an audience of MPs, government department officials and leading academics at a specially convened reception at the Houses of Parliament. He began by underlining the strength of the North's research and innovation base, which has world class assets and expertise in academic, research centres and business.



Koen Lamberts, newly appointed Chair of the N8 Board of Directors

Professor Lamberts explained that the Northern universities, through the N8 partnership, are driving increased collaboration across the region. He reiterated that the N8 universities are passionately committed to playing a central role in regional economic growth and called for further major investment in Northern world-class research and innovation capabilities, improved infrastructure, and support for research translation and cross pollination between academia and public and private sectors.

Professor Lamberts said: "The North has distinctive research strengths that can be translated into innovation-led growth – taking the region towards an economic future built on world class research centres. However, Northern innovation ambitions will need national government support to turn them into reality. The N8 Research Partnership can serve as a coherent regional voice with national government about the exciting potential of an innovation-led economy for of the North."

Professor Crawford said: "The N8 Policing Research Partnership is a dynamic Northern Powerhouse in policing research and knowledge exchange that is harnessing the skills, capabilities and resources across the North of England and providing multi-disciplinary expertise in problem-solving. It is already delivering research co-production and knowledge exchange at a scale with real impact by fostering cross-force collaborations. It provides a model of how to build sustainable relations of trust, openness and honesty as a platform for expert-led collaborations with implications for other sectors."

## Stay in Leeds Law Fair

On 24 February 2016, the School of Law hosted its very first 'Stay in Leeds' Law Fair and welcomed representatives from many local law firms including Milners, Emsleys, Ison-Harrison, SCE-Solicitors, Needle-Partners, Shulmans, Simpson-Millar, Wrigleys and 3volution. Annabelle Tipples, Ben Palmer and Tangila Begum shared their experiences of the fair:

Annabelle: "I thought the Stay in Leeds Law Fair was a great opportunity to meet local employers and trainees. I gained a real insight into what it is like to work for a smaller law firm and the type of candidates they are looking for. Having spoken to a representative of a firm at the fair means I can now apply for a work placement at their firm."

Ben: "I think the Stay in Leeds Law Fair really does demonstrate the opportunities available at the University of Leeds. Firms have taken their time to come to our world class School of Law to encourage us to apply to their firms. Once again showing the need and desire for Leeds law students in this extremely competitive sector. I would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you for the endless amount of work Marika and the team at the School of Law put in to increasing opportunities and raising our employability prospects."

Tangila: The chance to interact with the trainees and learn more about the firms was invaluable. I was able to ask the trainees and solicitors about their firm's culture, what they look for in candidates, and why they chose to work at their firm. Also, I had the chance to ask about opportunities of informal work experience and find out more about paralegal positions and training contracts at their firm."



Professor Emeritus Clive Walker at appointment ceremony, 22 February 2016

# Honorary QC appointments for law alumni

Professor Emeritus Clive Walker has recently been appointed as a Queen's Counsel Honoris Causa (honorary QC) for his contribution to the UK law on terrorism. The appointment follows the Queen's approval of 107 new practicing QCs and is one of eight in total, of which three are University of Leeds alumni (Clive Walker, Robert Blackburn and Anne-Marie Hutchinson OBE.)

Clive Walker completed his LLB Law degree at the University of Leeds in 1975 and is still in situ at the School of Law. He has been recognised for making a major contribution to the UK law on terrorism over many years and has been regarded as an international expert in this field since the 1980s. He has been recommended for his work as an adviser to the Independent Reviewer of Terrorism Legislation and for his contribution to the UK law on terrorism. He has written several authoritative books and articles on counter terrorism legislation and has researched this area extensively.

"This award of Queen's Counsel represents a special award for the public impact and worth in the estimation of the government and Parliament of my academic work on terrorism and the law over nearly four decades. In that time, I have given support to a range of officials and committees. I have given evidence to many Parliamentary select committees (often in person), and have served as a special adviser on one of

them. I have also worked closely with both the Home Office (who currently fund some of my research) as well as the Independent Reviewers of Terrorism Legislation (Lord Alex Carlile and David Anderson, QC). I have also worked with lawyers in terrorism cases, at home and abroad, including in the USA. It is an exceptional honour to be recognised by a QC-ship – there is no application form, so it shows that others do value my efforts. No other still active Law School staff member has ever been appointed, so this award should also be read as a signal commendation of the growing prowess of our Law School. In that vein, I pay tribute to the support of colleagues and especially the continued care for my work by the current head, Professor Alastair Mullis. I have now been awarded an LL.D. by the University of Manchester in December 2015 and a QC-ship in February 2016. I cannot promise to continue at that rate, but there is certainly more than enough happening in the world of terrorism to keep me busy for the foreseeable future and, with continued support, I hope to keep busy at Leeds."

## Pathways to Law: half-term placements

This year's Pathways to Law students have recently taken part in a number of placements during their half term break. Throughout the week students shadowed barristers, attended court hearings and learnt advocacy skills, including examination in chief and cross examination. 19 February 2016

Hannah Bowman (pictured), who was awarded a certificate of recognition by Chantal-Aimée Doerries QC, Chair of the Bar Council, tells us about her experience...

"Doing the bar placement was one of the most exciting, educational and enjoyable weeks of my life! Spending three days shadowing a barrister and sitting in on trials and hearings was such an amazing experience. Especially when you realise that it's nothing like programmes you see on television. However, my highlight of the week has got to be the advocacy training we did at Manchester University, it taught me a lot. I also received a certificate from the Chair of the Bar herself. Now that was an experience."

The annual bail bash then took place on Monday 22 February 2016 at Leeds Magistrates court. The Year 13 Pathways students impressed the magistrates with their research skills, their ability to digest and process information quickly, as well as their advocacy and presentation skills. The students thoroughly enjoyed the session and relished the ability to present a case in front of real life magistrates.



Chantal-Aimée Doerries QC with Hannah Bowman





Professor Rita de la Feria with members of the East Timor Fiscal Reform Commission

## New book on Privacy and Healthcare Data

Dr Subhajt Basu, Associate Professor in Information Technology Law at the University of Leeds, has co-authored a new book entitled *Privacy and Healthcare Data: 'Choice of Control' to 'Choice' and 'Control'*. The book is due for publication on 28 January 2016 and was co-written with Christina Munns an informatics professional, specialising in the strategic application of information governance and security.

"In order for the information society to realise its full potential, personal data has to be disclosed, used and often shared. This book explores the disclosure and sharing of data within the area of healthcare. Including an overview of how health information is currently managed, the authors argue that with changes in modern society, the idea of personal relationships with a local GP who solely holds and controls your health records is becoming rapidly outdated. The authors aim to encourage and empower patients to make informed choices about sharing their health data. They do this by developing a three-stage theoretical model for change to the roles of the NHS and the individual.

The study generates debate to stimulate and inspire new models and policy, and to provoke new visions for the sharing of healthcare data. Such discussion is framed through an exploration of the changing concept of 'privacy' and 'patient control' in healthcare information management. The volume draws on best practices from Europe and the USA and combines these to form a suggested vision for the UK as an early adopter of change. The volume will be essential reading for academics in the field of privacy and data protection, as well as for those in healthcare informatics and professionals across different jurisdictions."

The book has been reviewed by Dame Fiona Caldicott, Prof Andrew Murray, London School of Economics, Prof Roger Brownsword, King's College London among others.

## Top 50 Tax People in the World

Rita de la Feria, new Professor of Tax Law, has recently found out that she has made the list for the 50 most influential tax people in the world.

Now in its fifth year, International Tax Review's Global Tax 50 provides a rundown of the who's who of the tax world. One way or another, the individuals and organisations named have had an impact or influence on taxation that will be felt beyond the 12 month period covered by the list.

Professor de la Feria joined us at the School in January 2016 and was previously a chair in tax law at the University of Durham. In addition to her academic responsibilities she is also involved in a number of other projects that have no doubt supported her placement in the top 50. Professor de la Feria was also recently appointed as a tax advisor to the Government of East Timor, with responsibility for drafting a new VAT law for the country. The new VAT is part

of a wider fiscal reform process undertaken by the country, which will also include reforms of its tax administration, amendments to existing income tax laws, and a new tax procedural law. Applied by over 150 countries around the world, VAT would represent a new reliable and stable source of revenue for the country.

In early February just gone Professor de la Feria undertook a series of political meetings in East Timor, presenting the proposed VAT law to Government, Parliament, and other stakeholders in the country. The law is now on course for final approval by Parliament in June, with entry into force of the new VAT planned for 01 January 2018.

## Keynote address for the Chilean Ministry

Professor Adam Crawford was invited to give the keynote address to an international conference on 'Alternative Conflict Resolution Mechanisms' at the University of Talca in Santiago, Chile, held on 3-4 December 2015. His presentation entitled: 'The Restorative Promise and the Challenge of Practice: Some International Lessons' drew on his longstanding research in the field of restorative justice and complements his ongoing Police Knowledge Fund research into 'Restorative Policing' in collaboration with the University of Sheffield.

Professor Crawford is an international adviser and collaborator to the Project Anillo a Chilean research network lead by the University of Talca exploring various forms of alternative dispute resolution in criminal and civil matters. He is also an international advisor to the Instituto de Estudios Jurídicos (IDEJ), University of San Sebastian, which is directed by Professor Alejandra Diaz who completed her PhD in 2004 from the Law School at Leeds under the supervision of Professor Crawford.

During his visit to Santiago, Professor Crawford was also invited to a meeting with Subsecretario Antonio Frey, the Under Secretary for Crime Prevention at the Chilean Ministry of the Interior, to discuss developments in community safety and crime prevention and advise the Under Secretary on British and international reforms, research and innovations. Also present at the meeting were: Luis Vial (Head of the Division of Programmes and Research in the Department for Crime Prevention in the Ministry of the Interior), Professor Raul Carnevali (Director of the Centre for the Study of Penal Law, University of Talca) and Professor Alejandra Diaz (Director of the Institute for Legal Studies at the University of San Sebastian).

From left, Professors; Ivo Aertsen (University of Leuven); Adam Crawford (University of Leeds); Alejandra Mera (University of Diego Portales); Raúl Carnevali (University of Talca); Alejandra Diaz (University of San Sebastian); and Isabel González (University Central).



From left, Professors; Ivo Aertsen, Adam Crawford, Alejandra Mera, Raúl Carnevali, Alejandra Díaz and Isabel González

## Success at the Student Education Conference

Lydia Bleasdale-Hill, associate professor in Criminal Law and Criminal Justice at the School of Law, has been awarded a full University Student Education Fellowship at the 2016 Student Education Conference and Digital Festival, University of Leeds. Awarded through a competitive process, University Student Education Fellowships recognise and reward excellence in teaching and supporting student learning. Lydia's award recognised her role in the School of Law's Undergraduate Programme Review, her track record in the clinical legal education field, and her excellent module feedback.

Lydia will use the Fellowship funding to build upon her research into student wellbeing: she will be undertaking a large scale project over a two to three year period, building upon relationships within the University and with national charities, to examine how student wellbeing might best be supported and enhanced.



Associate Professor Lydia Bleasdale-Hill

## Shortlisted: Antitrust Writing Awards

Professor Pinar Akman is in the running for an Antitrust Writing Award 2016 on the basis of her article 'The Reform of the Application of Article 102 TFEU: Mission Accomplished', which will be published in 2016 by the Antitrust Law Journal. Her article was picked out of 600 eligible articles by the organisers.

The Antitrust Writing Awards are run annually by the New York-based Institute of Competition Law and the Competition Law Centre at George Washington University's Law School. The goal of these awards is to promote antitrust scholarship and competition advocacy by recognising and awarding the best articles published in the antitrust law and law & economics fields in the last 12 months. The winners of this year's awards will be announced at a Gala Dinner in Washington DC in April 2016.

For more information about the awards, visit the Antitrust Writing website.

Read and vote for Professor Akman's article. <http://awards.concurrences.com/articles-awards/academic-articles-awards/article/the-reform-of-the-application-of-article-102-tfeu-mission-accomplished>



Professor Pinar Akman

## Contextual address at the Westminster Business Forum

Dr Sarah Brown has been invited to give a contextual address at the Westminster Business Forum Keynote Seminar on 'Consumer Credit in the UK – next steps for standards, competition and consumer protection'. The event is taking place on 05 July in Central London with the keynote speech begin given by Philip Salter, Director of Retail Lending, Supervision Division, Financial Conduct Authority.

The seminar is timed to consider the Financial Conduct Authority's current credit card market study and will also consider latest thinking on promoting market competition, and options for developing safeguards for consumers in persistent levels of debt;

- High-cost short-term credit: the impact of rules on affordability, advertising, rollovers and the use of continuous payment authorities, and their long-term impact on the sector;
- Next steps for standards and conduct: perspectives on current reviews into early arrears management, as well as the use of staff remuneration and incentives across the sector;
- Debt management and advice: recent thinking on reducing the effects of income shocks, as well as protecting consumer data during sale of debt management firms.



Dr Sarah Brown

## New Chair at the Asian Journal of International Law

Professor Surya P Subedi OBE (International Law) has been elected chairman of the editorial board of the Asian Journal of International Law. This is a prestigious journal. He was elected to the post through the recently held 5th Biennial Conference of the Asian Society of International Law that was held recently in Bangkok, Thailand.

The meeting was attended by prominent international lawyers, including the judges of the International Court of Justice, members



Professor Surya P Subedi O.B.E.

of the UN International Law Commission and law professors from world class universities from Asia and beyond.

Professor Subedi is the professor of International Law at the University of Leeds in England as well as chairman of Global Policy Forum for Nepal.

# New Staff News



**Rita De La Feria**  
Professor of Tax Law

**My role involves...**

A variety of teaching, supervision, and research activities. I will be introducing new tax law modules at both undergraduate and postgraduate level, as well as supervise doctoral students undertaking research on corporate income taxes, fiscal federalism, and consumption taxes. My research lies primarily at the intersection between tax law, and other areas of law, as well as public economics; and I look forward to the opportunity that Leeds will give me to explore further the intersections between tax law and criminology and criminal justice.

**The best part of my job is...**

The opportunity to make a difference. The opportunity to introduce students to the fascinating world of tax law, to contribute to the body of knowledge on taxation, and to strive for impact upon the development of tax policy worldwide.

**When I'm not working you'll find me...**

Spending time with my husband and our young twins in the UK, Portugal, or Ireland.



**Zinian Zhang**  
Lecturer in Commercial Law

**My role involves...**

I am a lecturer in commercial law, and my research interest focuses on corporate insolvency law.

**Before working in the School of Law...**

I was a research fellow at Singapore Management University; I wanted to work at Leeds mainly because there is a strong team of internationally prominent commercial lawyers here; it is great privilege for me to join this team.

**The best part of my job is...**

Well, would be my research methods, since I specifically favour using empirical approaches to explore the world of corporate bankruptcies.

**The part of my role I am most looking forward to is...**

Teaching on corporate insolvency and company law for our students, since, in my knowledge, teaching is also a great part of learning.

**When I'm not working you'll find me...**

Enjoying walking in the countryside.



**Duncan Sheehan**  
Professor of Business Law

**My role involves...**

A combination of research and teaching: I currently teach international trade finance and international credit & security law at postgraduate level and trusts on the LLB. I research primarily personal property law and the law of unjust enrichment.

**Before working in the School of Law, I was...**

Professor of Commercial Law at the University of East Anglia, where I first started as a lecturer in law in 2001

**I wanted to work at Leeds because...**

There are a lot of people in the Centre for Business Law and Practice with whom I share research interests, and joining such a vibrant research group was a real attraction – not to mention the ex-UEA crowd whom I know very well!

**When I'm not working you'll find me...**

Either Scottish country dancing, or sightseeing around Yorkshire revisiting places I haven't been in 25 years."



**Fiona McLaughlin**  
Research Officer (Data Analytics), N8 Policing Research Partnership

**My role involves...**

Working with a team of three academic staff on the Data Analytics strand of the N8 Policing Research Partnership project. As the project is still new, there is a lot of organisation and planning, but over the next few years the project will try to develop systems that make it easier for researchers and police to work together.

**Before working in the School of Law I was...**

An analyst working in the Safer Leeds Community Safety Partnership, I was there for 12 years and spent 7 years before that working as an analyst for West Yorkshire Police.

**My favourite thing about Leeds (the city) is...**

The skyline is wonderful, there are so many amazing buildings and when I look up there is always something different to see.

**When I'm not working you'll find me...**

In Harrogate, where I will be walking my dog, gardening or sewing.



**Luke Clements**  
Professor of Law and Social Justice

**My role involves...**

Teaching on the Human Rights Masters programme and contributing to the development of the School's research programme – particularly with reference to social care law: the needs of disabled people, older people and of carers.

**Before working in the School of Law...**

I was the Cerebra Professor of Law and Director of the Centre for Health and Social Care Law at Cardiff Law School. Cerebra is a charity for children with neurological disorders and its sponsorship of my Chair in Law moves with me to Leeds.

**I wanted to work at Leeds because...**

Of the School of Law's tremendous reputation in general and in particular because it is a global center of excellence in relation to disability legal studies.

**The best part of my job is...**

Every aspect of it that doesn't involve bureaucracy.



**Louise Pears**  
Research Fellow, Security and Justice Research Group

**My role involves...**

Supporting members of the Security and Justice Research Group to enhance its research portfolio. I work with academics across the university to develop large interdisciplinary grant applications. This means that I help with the preparation, writing and project management of collaborative bids. I also assist with and contribute to the dissemination and impact of ongoing research within the group.

**Before working in the School of Law I was...**

Doing a PhD in the Sociology department here at Leeds on the representation of terrorism on television.

**The best part of my job is...**

Getting to work on a range of different topics and projects. It is really great to work with academics from different departments and to be exposed to different ideas and perspectives. Although it does mean that I am often dashing off to other parts of campus in the wind and rain!

**When I'm not working you'll find me...**

Walking my dog, feeding my cats or collecting eggs. My husband is a farmer so I am usually out and about in my wellies.

# Staff News

**Professor Emeritus Clive Walker** delivered a paper on 'The shifting legitimacy of deportation with assurances: National security with justice for foreign terrorist suspects' at the Australian and New Zealand Society of Criminology, 28th Annual Conference, at Flinders University, Adelaide, Australia from 25 – 27 November 2015.

**Professor Luke Clements** together with Professor Janet Read of Warwick University and Steve Broach, a barrister has published a new edition of their 'Disabled Children: Legal Handbook' (Legal Action 2016). The 650 page book has been co-funded by the Council for Disabled Children so that it will be freely accessible to disabled children and their families. [www.councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/](http://www.councilfordisabledchildren.org.uk/)

**Dr Paul Wragg** will be presenting a paper at the Inner Temple Academic Lecture on Wednesday 27 April 2016, entitled 'Privacy and the Media'. Lectures are open to members of all four Inns, and will take place from 18.30 at the Inner Temple.

**Dr David Churchill** has had an article published in the BBC History Magazine entitled 'What can Victorian lock-picking contests tell us about web security fears?' In the article Dr Churchill argues that we continuously need to update antivirus software to stay ahead of the latest threats, which is similar to that of lock-picking, constantly striving for improved lock designs.

**Professor Surya Subedi**, O.B.E. joined a Task Force consisting of the world's leading experts on international investment law and policy appointed by the World Economic Forum last year. They recently released their report on global investment policy to political and business leaders at a press conference at the annual meeting of the World Economic Forum in Davos on 22 January 2016. The report outlines a number of policy options for states to regulate foreign investment in a manner which meets the contemporary challenges.

**Dr Amrita Mukherjee** was consulted by the Yorkshire Post as an expert in Indian law, in relation to their coverage of the 'Jail hell of Yorkshire pirate hunters' that saw three men from Yorkshire being handed a five-year jail sentence in India after they were trying to keep ships safe in the dangerous seas of the Indian Ocean. <http://goo.gl/fMOWb5>

**Professor Rita de la Feria** was asked to comment on VAT fraud for an opinion piece written for the Financial Director, a leading news website in the financial sector. The article discusses recent controversies of VAT, focusing on an issue that that received less coverage: VAT fraud by third party companies. The full article is available to read online: Is making third parties liable for clients' unpaid VAT counter-productive?

**Professor Ian Cram** joins other experts writing for the Times Higher Education about UK universities' legal duty to stop students being radicalised and the 'Prevent' requirements. Professor Cram asks what precisely are the 'British values' and argues that this lack of certainty would likely be fatal to the legality of the measures under European law. <https://goo.gl/DFMnmh>

**Professor David Wall** has co-authored an article that investigates the use of computer software in detecting insider threats within business organisations. The article is entitled 'Detecting Insider Threats Using Ben-ware: Beneficial Intelligent Software for Identifying Anomalous Human Behaviour'.

**Stuart Lister** has been appointed as Director of Postgraduate Research Studies for the ESSL faculty and Director of the ESSL Graduate School from 1 August 2016. As a result he will be stepping down as the PGR director in the School of Law. We wish him the best of luck in his new venture.

**Professor Duncan Sheehan's** new book 'The Law of Professional Client Confidentiality' will be published in March with the Oxford University Press. The book is co-edited by now Professor Emeritus Rosemary Pattenden (UEA) and includes contributions from Orla Lynskey (LSE) and Richard Stone (Lincoln).

**Dr Beverley Clough** graduated with the degree of PhD based on her thesis, 'Exploring the Potential of Relational Approaches to Mental Capacity Law' in December 2015. Her thesis examines the Mental Capacity Act 2005, and the domestic law surrounding it, which has been criticised by domestic law-makers and at an international level.

**Professor Emeritus Clive Walker** graduated with the degree of LL.D. in December 2015. The degree was awarded for his work related to 'Terrorism and the Law'. How to combat the risk and incidence of terrorism while preserving constitutional values has been an acute problem for many years in the United Kingdom because of Irish and colonial political violence.

Staff News



Laurie Cain, Crime and Safety Rep for LUU

## No Cain, No Gain!

Third year Criminal Justice and Criminology student Laurie Cain is in this year's LUU Leadership Race for the position of Community Officer.

In her manifesto she outlines her aims and objectives and encourages us to "get involved in our community". Should she be elected, Laurie will campaign for; better bus services around the University and student district; extension of recycling facilities across campus; improving landlord services and standards; and the improvement of security and safety.

Laurie tells us "I want to help you get more out of living in Leeds. I am the Crime and Safety Rep for LUU and a Special Constable for West Yorkshire Police and I am passionate about making Leeds a better and safer city to live in."

Voting takes place from 04-10 March and you can vote online or in the Union building. Results will be announced at an event in the foyer on Friday 11 March. Good luck Laurie!

## Let's Negotiate: Final 10 March

Competition season is now upon us and with it, the School's Negotiating team are in preparation for their final showdown that will take place in the Moot Court on Thursday 10 March 2016.

LawSoc Negotiating Sec, Sam Hill tells us that the final is set to be a tense fifty minutes of negotiation and everyone is welcome. Doors will open at 18:00 for an 18:30 start and refreshments and snacks will be provided.

The two teams competing are Amelia Middlebrook and Alice Halpin (both second year) against Olivia Nimmo (fourth year) and James Crabtree (second year). The event is being sponsored by law firm Baker & McKenzie, who will be in attendance and judging the competition.

## PhD publications

Third year PhD student Lerong Lu has recently published two journal articles in support of his research. Lerong's interests lie in the field of banking and finance law, including law and regulation relating to banking, security markets, alternative finance and peer-to-peer lending. His PhD research focuses on the alternative financing channels for smaller businesses in China and UK.

Lerong's article 'Private Banks in China: Origin, Challenges and Regulatory Implications' will be published in the near future by the Banking and Finance Law Review, Vol. 31(3) but you can find his paper on 'Runaway Bosses in China: Private Lending, Credit Crunches, and the Regulatory Response' now in the Financial Regulation International, Vol. 18(9).



Lerong Lu, PhD candidate

## LawSoc Mooters in international competition

It is rare that students can say that they competed in the world's largest moot competition – the Philip C. Jessup international law moot competition. But Angus Yeung, Anne Tan, Jack Dodd and Sabeeh Al-Khayyat can say just that.

After a lengthy written submission process, the team put to the test their advocacy skills at Gray's Inn in London. Their moots considered a wide variety of international law, from jurisdictional issues to cyber-attacks and terrorism.

The team made oral submissions to an array of judges including representatives from sponsors White and Case, barristers, solicitors, and even retiree ICJ judges.

Although the team did not make it to the finals, they gained multitudes having competed. Judges were kind enough to give individual feedback and the team clearly utilised it, as they improved with each round. Participating in such a long term competition taught them to be better "team-players" too; what was once a handful of strangers became a tight-knit group rooting for one another and helping each other out.

The announcement party was one of the more sociable phases; a free dinner for participants

and judges allowed for teams to mingle and have informal chats with the judges. Later on, many teams flocked to nearby pubs and bars to share drinks with other competitors.

Well done to the team, I am proud to have been your manager and coach, and am

pleased with how you represented our University. I hope that next year the University of Leeds will be able to submit another team and perhaps end up in Washington D.C.

**Alice Kuzmenco**  
LawSoc Mooting Secretary



From top left: Angus Yeung, Jack Dodd, Sabeeh Al-Khayyat, Anne Tan and Alice Kuzmenco

## The Justice Project presents...

On Wednesday 24 February 2016, a full lecture theatre of students gathered for the Justice Project presentation evening where Herabans Kaur and members of this year's team shared their experiences ahead of the application window for the next academic year.

The Justice Project investigates cases of suspected wrongful conviction. It provides free assistance to real life applicants who maintain that they have suffered a wrongful conviction, in completing an application to the Criminal Cases Review Commission. The project is open to both law and criminal justice students.

Elizabeth Jacob and Jodie Buck, both current team leaders have told us a little more about the project...

Elizabeth said: "I think the Justice Project was a tremendous experience. Not only did I develop my leadership skills, I also applied concepts that I learned in class to the cases in the Justice Project. The sense of hope and support provided to the prisoners while enhancing your own skills makes it a great Project to be a part of."

Jodie said: My time as a student manager and administrator on the Justice Project has been invaluable and very insightful. I have learnt and developed many vital skills such as team work, leadership, organisation and time management, and have gained a vast amount of experience in working with real life cases. I have really enjoyed seeing many of the cases progress and move forward, and it has been interesting to learn new things about the criminal justice process. Furthermore, I have had the chance to attend talks with many great speakers and also attended a criminal appeals conference. Being a team leader requires a lot of dedication, but it is all worth it to see the students on the Project develop. I believe the Project is a fantastic opportunity for anyone to get involved in, and I have gained many transferable skills which will hopefully help me in my future career.



## 'Give it a go' with CrimSoc

At CrimSoc we have been working really hard in recent months to organise a programme of events that reflect our members preferences and we are thrilled to announce our diverse range of opportunities and events this semester.

In April, we have arranged a trip to HMP New Hall, a female and young offender prison in Wakefield, where we will be given a tour and get to see first-hand what life is like on a day-to-day basis in the prison. Places were taken up very quickly so we hope that the next committee will organise another trip next academic year.

Our Social Secs, Luke Hutchinson, Daniel Balmforth and Josh Smith have already hosted two events this semester, first was an Otley run and second was a house party, both of which were the most popular choices in a social events poll set up by committee members. A second sports social has been planned, as well as a St Paddy's day pub crawl that is taking place in March. For our 'Give it a Go' scheme this semester, we decided to go to Jump Arena on the 26 February and managed to secure a reduced price for all CrimSoc members.

We have also decided to set up an online book sale so students can buy and sell their criminology textbooks at a reduced price. Some books have already been sold so make sure you check out the Facebook page and don't be shy, you could both make and save money!

Our sports teams are once again doing great – our netball captain Katie Bryant has a great team who all really enjoy playing in the Tuesday league at The Edge. This semester, our football captain Josh Smith and his team are entering an 11-a-side league, a CrimSoc first.

Our first year reps Molly Johnson and Tom Green have worked really hard and collected feedback from all first year students about any concerns they have regarding their studies and have relayed this back to Head of School Alastair Mullis, who joined us for a CrimSoc meeting. He was able to point us in the right direction regarding who to contact in order to resolve any concerns.

If you haven't already, join our Facebook group by searching 'Leeds Crimsoc – The Criminal Justice Society 2015-2016' and follow us on twitter @LeedsCrimSoc and Instagram at 'CrimSocLeeds'.

I'd quickly like to thank other committee members not mentioned above for all their hard work behind the scenes to keep this society running smoothly and doing all it takes to bring you the best opportunities all year round – Ella Johnson (Secretary), Georgina White (Vice President) and Charlotte Hutchinson (President).

**Laura Booth**  
Communications Sec  
University of Leeds Criminology Society

## Introducing the PG Society

The Leeds Law Postgraduate Society has enjoyed a particularly successful first semester and this looks set to continue throughout the academic year. Professor Sarah Brown has continued to lead the society with Danny Radevic, Emma Greenough, Taiwo Ogunyinka and Dennis Cardinals joining myself on the Committee.

Any Postgraduate students who are based in the law school can be a part of the society and participate in our events. We would also like to extend this invitation to students studying the two year LLB as well!

Last semester we ran a number of successful events, normally revolving around food and drinks! Our international 'Eat and Great' was very popular with students and staff and was the perfect ice breaker for students to get to know each other. Further afield, the trip to Ripon/ Fountains Abbey went down very well as it gave us the opportunity to experience the Great British countryside, even if the weather was against us!

The highlight of last semester was definitely our trip to the Houses of Parliament. We had a very informative tour guiding us through English history and the relationship between the Monarchy and politics. We also got to have a look around the House of Commons and House of Lords, although we weren't allowed to sit in the seats! It was a very enjoyable trip, topped off with a wander along the Thames!

This coming semester, we have more exciting events planned. We have an Easter social planned that promises to be very chocolate based. On the back of the success of the Parliament trip, we are running another trip to London, this time to visit the Supreme Court. This was very successful last year and we are very excited about this!

If you would like to get involved in the Postgraduate Society, like our Facebook group: Leeds University Law School Postgraduate for updates on events and our future plans.

We look forward to seeing you at one of our events soon!

### Alex Edwards

School of Law Postgraduate Society



Members of the PG Society at Westminster, London

## Interview with LawSoc Debating Sec

Second year law student and Debating Sec. Jack Wray tells us about his university experience, involvement with the Law Society and the upcoming Debating Final.

The debating final will take place in the Moot Court Room of The Liberty Building on Tuesday 8 March 2016, from 17:00.

### Jack, tell us about your involvement in LawSoc...

I sit on the LawSoc committee as the Debating Secretary but I participated in many other events in my first year. It was such a good way to get involved in school activities and become integrated in university life. In LawSoc you meet people who are in your year and also with people in the years above and below because you go to the same socials, it removes that academic year barrier.

### What sorts of things have you been involved in?

On the academic side I took part in the debating competition and won in my first year. I also took part in negotiating where me and my partner got up to the quarter final stage of the competition. There was also the social aspects, trips to Manchester, Amsterdam and I went to Dublin this year.

### How are you finding your term as the LawSoc Debating Secretary?

I really enjoy it. It can be tough at times because it demands a lot of time. I've got the same workload as any other second year law student with the additional responsibilities of organising competitions, attending career events and being there for people who need a bit of support. I do find it actually pushes me to organise my time and structure my days which is a really good skill to have.

### What sort of activities can interested parties expect to get involved in?

We run two main debating competitions in the School and topics covered are not exclusively 'legal' but cover other areas like politics and general knowledge. In the first semester we have the junior competition for first years and in the second semester we have the seniors, for second and third years. This year however, I've included three first year teams in the senior competition because they were good enough. It will be interesting to see how they get on.

### What can we expect from the debating final?

The final itself, it's a good event. We'll be doing a topical motion and we've got the sponsors of the event, White and Case, coming up to judge. Both representatives, an associate and a partner, are alumni from Leeds. They're holding a networking event directly after the final where people can meet and speak with them and get information about the firm.

### Have you been involved in any other extracurricular activities?

I like to go along to career presentations. I also recently went to a discussion with barristers and the Chairman of the Northern Chancery Bar Association to hear about careers at the bar. When academic life gets tough, meeting real people who have gone through the same thing, it gives you that added motivation. It's nice to hear about the practical application of what we learn and you see that what you're learning will have a purpose.



Jack Wray, LawSoc Debating Sec.

# Dates for the Diary

## School of Law Career Clinics

Throughout March 2016 | Various Times | Careers Centre | Appointments

Individual 15-minute appointments with career consultant Steve Carter from the Careers Centre can be arranged throughout March. He can provide advice on career options, a career in a specific field, writing CVs, completing application forms or preparation for interviews and assessment centres. Book via <http://bit.ly/20GrTtA>

## The politics of precarity in the 21st century

7 March 2016 | 14:00-16:00 | 2.46, Liberty Building | Seminar

Professor Mike Savage will be discussing the recent work that he and his team conducted for the BBC on their Great British Class Survey in this seminar organised by the Centre for Law and Social Justice

## Mutant Bird Flu and the search for a solution to the problem of dual-use research

8 March 2016 | 17:00-18:00 | G.33, Liberty Building | Seminar

This seminar from the Law and Emerging Technologies Research Group will examine the broader question of what to do about the problem of dual-use research, which gained recent notoriety after the US Department of Health and Human Services recommended changes were made to two academic papers on the H5N1 virus.

## Irwin Mitchell Open Afternoon for First Years

9 March 2016 | 13.30 | Irwin Mitchell Offices, Leeds | Fair

Open to 40 first-year students on first come, first served basis. Students must sign-up via the VLE (Law Organisation – PD and Careers – Events, Talks and Workshops). There will be a short tour of the office and an opportunity for the students to chat with trainees about applying for training contracts and life as a trainee. Lunchtime refreshments will be provided.

## Women Breaking Barriers Presents...

### A Panel of Speakers

10 March 2016 | 17:30-19:30 | LG.06, Liberty Building | Panel Debate

This panel discussion includes a diverse range of empowering women excelling in their respective fields, and is open to all. Guests include Alison Levitt QC, Sarah Coles, Brie Stevens-Hoare QC, Anj Handa and Griselda Togobo.

## Contemporary Issues in Chinese and English Commercial Law: A Comparative Perspective

14-15 March 2016 | 08:30-17:30 | University House | Conference

This is the inaugural conference on Chinese and English Commercial Law organised by the China-Britain Joint Research Centre on Commercial Law (CBRCCL) in association with the Centre for Business Law and Practice at the School of Law, University of Leeds.

## Internet Criminality: Drift and the Role of Serendipity, Seduction and Surprise

15 March 2016 | 16:30-17:00 | 2.46, Liberty Building | Seminar

This seminar from the Centre for Criminal Justice Studies will be presented by Andrew Goldsmith, who is Professor in Criminal Justice at Flinders Law School, Australia.

## Relational Autonomy and Social Justice

16 March 2016 | 17:00-18:30 | Moot Court, Liberty Building | Lecture

In this lecture Professor Catriona Mackenzie explores what is meant by autonomy and the implications for social justice. The lecture has been organised by the Centre for Law and Social Justice.

## Electronic Monitoring in Europe:

### UK and European Perspectives

17 March 2016 | 10:00-16:45 | Woburn House, London, UK | Conference

This conference will provide an opportunity to hear about, and engage with, the findings of the European Commission funded project entitled 'Creativity and Effectiveness in the use of electronic monitoring (EM) as an alternative to imprisonment in EU member states'.

## PECANS 2016 Workshop: 'My Body, my Property': Autonomy and Relationality

17 March 2016, 10:30-18:00 | G.33, Liberty Building | Seminar

This one-day workshop on embodiment, autonomy and relationality is the annual meeting of the PECANS network, funded by the School of Law, University of Leeds and hosted by the Centre for Law and Social Justice

## The medium is the message after all:

### a sceptical account of convergence

17 March 2016 | 17:00-18:00 | G.33, Liberty Building | Seminar

Dr Daithi Mac Sithigh will argue that distinctions between mediums are more culturally and economically significant than often understood in a so-called age of convergence. This seminar has been organised by the Law and Emerging Technologies Research Group.

## Security ethics: theory, trends and developments

22-23 March 2016 | School of Law, Liberty Building | Conference

The Security and Justice Research Group at the University of Leeds is hosting a leading edge and timely workshop to discuss, debate and explore ethical issues in security. We are bringing together world leading academic figures in this area in order to present and discuss their research with an invited audience across two days.

## Seminar and Discussion Day: the wellbeing of disabled people and carers

15 April 2016 | 10:00-15:30 | Moot Court, Liberty Building | Seminar

This seminar from the Centre for Law and Social Justice will be presented by Andrew Goldsmith, who is Professor in Criminal Justice at Flinders Law School, Australia.

## Events Summary

For more information, including full programmes and details of how to register for any of these events, please visit: [www.law.leeds.ac.uk/events](http://www.law.leeds.ac.uk/events)

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