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The School of Law and Social Justice brings together two widely renowned Departments within the University of Liverpool: The Liverpool Law School and the Department of Sociology, Social Policy & Criminology.

We are a prominent centre for innovative and multidisciplinary research that supports and reflects the interests of the many leading academics based here, as well as those of our influential partners.

Our research activity feeds highly rated teaching programmes that support flexible learning, offering great choice and attracting talented undergraduate and postgraduate students from around the world. The School is also home to a vibrant postgraduate research community, where students benefit from expert supervision.

With teams dedicated to supporting our students and academics, we are a place where people can excel, both in developing their talents and influencing the world around them.



LIFE CHANGING
World Shaping

REGULATING DEATHS AND INJURIES CAUSED BY WORK

Professor David Whyte from the Department of Sociology, Social Policy & Criminology co-authored the Criminal Sentencing (Equity Fines) (Scotland) Bill and the parliamentary consultation document that accompanied this Bill. The Bill reached the committee stages of the Scottish Parliament, and part was subsequently passed as an amendment to the Criminal Justice and Licensing (Scotland) Bill. This led to the introduction of a new provision for corporate background enquiry reports in the Scottish courts.

Drawing on expertise in the disciplines of law, criminology, economics, business and management studies, this research has had a tangible impact on policy development in government, NGOs, the criminal justice system and the trade union sector.



Professor David Whyte

The decriminalisation of death and injury at work full report can be found at: www.crimeandjustice.org.uk

The Causes of the ICL Disaster report is a collaborative research project involving nine academics from four different institutions (Universities of Glasgow, Stirling, Liverpool and York).



The report produced new data and evidence exploring the causes of the explosion at the ICL/Stockline plastics factory in Glasgow 2005.

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INTEGRATING CHILDREN'S RIGHTS INTO THE EU LEGAL AND POLICY AGENDA



Professor Helen Stalford

Professor Helen Stalford, from the Liverpool Law School, worked with the Brussels Office of UNICEF to explore how children's rights can be more explicitly and meaningfully incorporated into the negotiations involving new states' accession to the EU. UNICEF used this work as a basis for lobbying key stakeholders and the European Commission who were involved in the accession negotiations with Turkey, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Iceland, Montenegro and Serbia.

This research provides the blueprint for a coherent approach to the development, monitoring and evaluation of children's rights at European level.

Research at the forefront of EU action in the field of children's rights

For more information, visit: www.liverpool.ac.uk/law/research/european-childrens-rights-unit

SHAPING THE LEGAL AND POLICY LANDSCAPE FOR CHARITIES



The Charity Law and Policy Unit carries out research into the legal issues facing charities and third sector organisations, often with a strong empirical element, and leading to proposals for legal and regulatory reform, which have made important contributions to policy change in this field. Examples are the Unit's path-breaking work on charity mergers, disputes in the charitable sector, the legal structure of charities, housing the mentally vulnerable, and charities and equality legislation.

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Our research has significantly enhanced the policy and practice underpinning the effective operation of the charity sector, leading to:

- A new legal framework to regulate the way that charity mergers take place
- The development of a new legal structure that meets the needs of charities
- Directly influencing policy debate and the on-going legal reform that will improve access, increase participation and lower costs of using the Charity Tribunal
- The adoption of recommendations that both highlight the benefits of Alternative Dispute Resolution and recommend its use.

The findings and recommendations of our report on charity mergers are embedded in the Charities Act 2011, Part 16.

EU CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGE AND ITS LEGAL IMPLICATIONS WITHIN THE UK

Professor Dougan contributed to a wider understanding of the implications of the Lisbon Treaty within the UK civil service, and briefed Foreign and Commonwealth Office staff on the issues.

For over a decade, the European Union has experienced a period of fraught and almost continuous constitutional reform, raising significant questions over citizenship, democracy and legitimacy, the single currency and the Eurozone debt crisis.

Research into three important legal instruments, the Lisbon Treaty 2007, the European Union Act 2011, and the Treaty on Stability, Coordination and Governance 2012, by Professor Michael Dougan and Dr Michael Gordon, identified and examined the key issues which demanded legal and political attention, provided original and objective critical analysis of those issues, and offered practical recommendations to guide future policymaking.

In the UK, the research contributed to critical understanding of the Lisbon Treaty and subsequent legal developments among political leaders and policy makers, and has had a direct bearing on policy and judicial decisions in the EU.



The research:

- Was quoted in parliament and relied on by key Whitehall policymakers preparing for the implementation of the Treaty of Lisbon
- Featured in House of Commons Foreign Affairs Committee reports
- Directly informed the European Scrutiny Committee's critical evaluation of complex constitutional questions such as whether the Commission's roles under the Fiscal Compact were compatible with EU law
- Has been cited as an authority by the Latvian Constitutional Court, and at the Court of Justice of the European Union
- Was cited by Advocate General Kokott as a demonstration of the current state of scientific opinion concerning Lisbon's impact upon the access to justice of individual citizens directly before the EU courts
- Identified potential loopholes in the system of public and parliamentary control provided for under the European Union Bill. The European Scrutiny Committee responded by recommending specific amendments to the Bill to close these exact loopholes.

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