A Year in Review

We are very happy to present the Liverpool Law School’s review of activities for 2016. This is a new format for us - offering some of the highlights from the past 12 months in a manner we hope you will find attractive as well as informative. As this review makes clear, 2016 was another year of significant change, new challenges and considerable achievements here at the Law School. We welcomed several new colleagues to our staff - bringing fresh energy and ideas in teaching and research interests. Thanks to the excellent support of our alumni and friends in Liverpool and beyond, our employability strategy has yielded fantastic additional opportunities for our students to gain invaluable professional experience. The launch of our ‘Law with a Year Abroad’ programme has also seen an impressive expansion in our network of overseas partnerships with universities across Europe and beyond.

The sector, the discipline, the profession and indeed the country are now facing a period of rapid and far-reaching change. Of course, the Liverpool Law School is not immune from those powerful and complex forces. But as the coming year unfolds, we will face them with the same spirit as always: determined to protect and advance the interests of our students, as well as to defend and champion the academic values of our institution, together with the commitment to social justice inspired by our city.

Professor Michael Dougan
Head of Liverpool Law School
2016 proved to be a very successful year for the Liverpool Law School with another set of positive results from the National Student Survey and student attainment continuing to impress: In July 2016, around 80% of our graduating students secured either a First or Upper Second Class award. Indeed, the attainment of our students was specifically praised by the award. Indeed, the attainment of our graduating students secured either a First or Upper Second Class award.

Student Successes

Launch of two initiatives

Two highlights from 2016 include the launch of two initiatives, the Curriculum Enhancement Project (CEP) and Law Extra. The CEP is an ongoing initiative led by the Director of Education and its membership comprises both staff and students who meet regularly to discuss strategic priorities, identify suitable enhancement work, and review enhancement work as it develops. The CEP has proven to be a productive and fruitful opportunity for the co-creation of enhancement activity across the Law School and has already led to improvements around, for example, feedback mechanisms and programme handbooks.

September 2016 saw the launch of Law Extra, a series of weekly extra-curricular skills and employability focused events, many delivered by external speakers. Some of the events held so far include:

- "Odd Man In": Overcoming the hurdles on a "level" playing field at the Bar, Jason Pittar QC
- "Considering a Career as a Commercial Solicitor?", John Delamere and Sam Butler, DLA Piper
- "Interview Skills Masterclass", Katherine Elam, University of Law
- "Life as a High Court Judge", The Hon. Mr Justice Dove
- "Life as an In-House Solicitor", Edward Hyde, Barclays Bank

Law Extra events have proven to be very popular and we are very grateful to our speakers who kindly give up their time to support, guide and inspire our students.

Dr Robert Stokes, Director of Education

Celebrating 125 years of research, teaching and public engagement

Liverpool Law School celebrates 125 years of research, teaching and public engagement in 2017, having begun life as the Faculty of Law in 1892. Since then some things have stayed the same but many things have changed. The study of law and the people studying law have also changed.

The Bar Society provides various opportunities for students to exercise a lawyer’s sound reasoning and judgment in their work. Participating in other extra events like meeting with Barristers and the Inns of Courts are coordinated to provide a great insight on how the practice of law works. Participating in extra events like visiting international law institutions including the International Criminal Court, the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia, the Special Tribunal for Lebanon and the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons. Highlights of the trip included a meeting with Mr Mark Dillon, Head of the Evidence Unit in the Office of the Prosecutor at the International Criminal Court and a lecture by Manuel Ventura, Director of the Peace and Justice Initiative and Legal Officer in Chambers at the Special Tribunal for Lebanon.

Pathways to Law programme

Liverpool Law School recently partnered with The Sutton Trust to deliver its ‘Pathways to Law’ programme, a pioneering initiative to support students in Years 10 to 13 from non-privileged backgrounds aspiring to a career in law. The annual programme commenced with a launch event held at the university in November.

Over eighty students from the Merseyside area in Years 10 and 12 will participate in a programme of legal workshops and undertake a week’s work experience placement with a Liverpool law firm.

University of Liverpool Bar Society

“I joined the Bar Society in 2016. The Bar Society provides various opportunities to enlighten law students more on the legal system. Mentoring Competitions are organised by members of the society and with other law schools, which helps to build up the confidence of the students and to have more than an imagery of court proceedings. Trips to places of interest such as the Supreme Court in London and the Inns of Courts are coordinated to provide a great insight on how the law works. Participating in other events like meeting with Barristers and conversing with them about their professions fortunately brought me to focus on what area of law I would love to practice. As an international student, I have made friends and improved on my presentation and communication skills by participating as a member. The Bar Society is not only a convention to improve knowledge but also; a route to starting a social life.”

Sally Onyekwere, Law LLB (Hons)
Freshfields Stephen Lawrence Scholarship awarded to Liverpool Law School Student

Liverpool Law School has the opportunity each year to nominate a student for the Freshfields Stephen Lawrence Scholarship Scheme, which, now in its fifth year, encourages diversity in large commercial law firms by increasing representation from black male law students in large commercial law firms.

Law student Bradley Lewis, fought off stiff competition to be awarded the scholarship, the first for a student of Liverpool Law School. Bradley was tested and assessed on a range of key skills and took part in group strategy exercise, presentations, code-breaking as well as being interviewed by partners in the magic circle law firm, Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer. Now in his final year of his LLB, Bradley was a member of the team of Liverpool Law Clinic students who worked on the Hillsborough Pro Bono project.

Statelessness Project

The Law Clinic’s Statelessness project, run by Jo Bezzano, one of our in-house solicitors, offers our final year law students the opportunity to represent real clients, whilst working under supervision of our legal team.

The project has had two successful outcomes so far, and is aiming to help more stateless people in the UK get leave to remain and to share information about how the procedure for people making stateless applications can improve.
Pro Bono Projects

Employability

2016 was a very successful year for employability as we enhanced and extended our existing employability initiatives and developed an exciting range of activities and opportunities to prepare students for the world of work after their degree. We have an ongoing commitment to student employability, so that students graduate not only with an excellent law degree but are attractive to employers. We help our students to develop those skills, knowledge and personal attributes that will help them be successful in their future career.

Building on success

We have been building on these successes in the 2016-2017 academic year and expanding our pro bono initiatives. These include opportunities to work with the Citizens’ Advice service, providing much needed legal assistance across Merseyside.

This year, Citizens’ Advice will also be training our students on tribunal representation, giving them a unique opportunity to learn how to present cases before the Social Security and Child Support tribunal, developing invaluable advocacy and presentation employability skills whilst making a difference to real clients – very much like the work of our award-winning Law Clinic, which goes from strength to strength.

Opportunities

Through our close contacts to the local Bar and Judiciary, we secured a number of very valuable opportunities, including marshaling with His Honour Judge Wright at Liverpool Crown Court for six students, and mini-pupillages at Exchange Chambers in Liverpool for ten students. Application was by internal interview, and an extremely competitive field resulted in the selection of our most impressive and able law students.

Professional Mentoring Scheme

Our flagship employability offering is the Professional Mentoring Scheme which is open to all second year students achieving 60% or above in their first year. Professional mentors (ranging from solicitors, barristers, international lawyers, in-house practitioners, judges, third sector professionals) commit to meeting students a minimum of twice each semester, either in person, over Skype, telephone or email. The scheme provides students with a unique experience to become informed, inspired and engaged by practising lawyers and other professionals. We are very proud to announce that the number of professional mentors recruited in the 2015-2016 academic year more than doubled from the previous year, from just over 50 to 120, and the feedback from both students and mentors has been extremely positive.

Placement Scheme

A further major employability offering for our law students is the Placement Scheme. Generally open to any students (though some placements may only be for third years), application is by written application and short interview.

Placements take place in the summer vacation for between 1-4 weeks. We have been delighted that the number of placements has risen significantly, from just over 60 in 2014-2015 to nearly 180 individual placements for students in the 2015-2016 academic year. Exciting placement opportunities are offered both in the UK and abroad, ranging from local firms of solicitors, legal departments and Citizens Advice to international law firms (in China, Malaysia, Norway, Singapore and Bermuda). Once again, feedback has been excellent, with students relishing the opportunity to work in another culture.

Streetlaw

The very popular Streetlaw programme has expanded under the guidance of Ollie Bartlett and other academic staff. The initiative trains small groups of students to give presentations and workshops on law and other civic issues to school students.

Law Extra

A further development for the 2016-17 academic year has been Law Extra, a timetabled session in which employability events, skills sessions and master classes are run. We have hosted a broad range of legal professionals to provide insight into practice, and to encourage wider participation in a career in the law. We have been encouraged by student attendance at these events, no doubt assisted by the more streamlined communication of all employability events in a weekly UG Bulletin posted (and later archived) on the student Intranet.

Alex Batesmith, Director of Employability

Liverpool Law Clinic

The Liverpool Law Clinic is a fully functioning pro bono legal practice embedded in the Liverpool Law School.

Through modules and volunteer projects, students gain practical legal experience and employability skills in a wide range of practice areas by giving legal advice and assisting directly on live cases. In 2016, more than 300 students contributed to the Clinic through our modules and projects and we increased our staffing, with a further three solicitors, with years of experience in a range of legal practice areas and clinical legal education, joining the team.

In 2017 we are looking forward to contributing to what we believe to be a unique higher education experience; combining teaching by world-leading legal researchers and practice with the highly experienced lawyers in the Law Clinic.

Jared Ficklin, Co-Director, Liverpool Law Clinic
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The School is working to reinforce its foothold in new markets, particularly Canada and Hong Kong at postgraduate and undergraduate levels and continues to develop national and international internships to expand the student experience. If anybody is willing, and able to offer a placement to any of our students please do get in touch: arora@liverpool.ac.uk.

Professor Anu Arora, Director of International Recruitment

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Brexit was a major theme of our work this year, with colleagues in many areas engaging with the challenges posed before and after the referendum in June. Michael Dougan’s outstanding contribution to public engagement – most prominently through his online videos which have been viewed millions of times – was recognised in the University Awards.

Our work has also received coverage in the national media, such as Sean Columb’s work on the Egyptian organ trade. And our research has had extensive impact in 2016, with Helen Stafford acting as special advisor to the House of Lords’ EU Committee inquiry into unaccompanied migrant children.

Dr Michael Gordon, Senior Lecturer in Law and Director of Research

The Development of World Trade Organization Law, Examining Change in International Law by Dr Gregory Messenger, Lecturer in Law

My main area of research is public international law and, in particular, international economic law. I am interested in the different ways that international law influences social relations within States and between the States. For example, resolving border disputes often involves deciding over competing historical claims, a court or arbitral tribunal choosing one story that forms part of the national consciousness over another – or writing their own – which in turn shapes that country’s historical narrative. Similarly, international law plays a role in creating and policing divisions between internal State structures, such rules on immunities for officials or subsidies for industry, which involve determining what constitutes governmental or public activity and what falls within the private sphere.

The broad reach of international economic law, in both how and what it regulates, makes it especially interesting from this perspective. The breadth of my research focusses on the WTO for this reason. Regulating the vast majority of global trade, the WTO is an ideal laboratory in which to examine many issues in international law. It has a more compulsory system for resolving disputes between members of the organization and it has a comparatively comprehensive set of rules – all of which resolve weaknesses found in the international legal system elsewhere. When the WTO came into force in 1995, a number of the key players (the US most notably) had very clear ideas about what it was going to do and how it was going to encourage free trade. Since then, however, the (quasi) judicial arm of the WTO has confounded expectations by developing interpretations of the legal texts against what many of the principal founding members had anticipated. This disjoint between expectation and outcomes is a fertile area for investigation. In the US, for example, there is consternation that it might lose so many cases at the WTO, given that it wrote large swathes of the applicable law and even used its own legislation as the model. This is the focus of The Development of World Trade Organization Law, where I look at the WTO and how its law has changed over the years. I take three different areas of trade regulation: protection from import surges, limitations on the grant of subsidies, and restrictions on goods to protect human health. In each of these cases, the development of the law does not fit neatly into expectations that tribunals interpret the law as it is ‘widely understood’, or that the law acts as a mere instrument of the powerful. Instead, competing and interrelated influences stemming from individuals and the institutions they create shepherd the law in a direction, without determining a set path. Here the WTO serves as a forum and battleground for competing ideas, interests, and ideologies in trade regulation, as well as an actor in its own right. The book identifies the complexities of how WTO law develops over time and calls for caution when assuming that new institutions imbued with autonomy will act as expected, no matter the strictures set out for them.

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Research Clusters

Liverpool Law School currently hosts eight Research Clusters; Charity Law and Policy; Critical Approaches International Criminal Law; European Children’s Rights; Health Law and Regulation; International and Human Rights; Law and Non-Communicable Diseases; Liverpool Economic Governance; EU Law; Liverpool International Criminological Research Units, and are crucial in supporting the building of external partnerships, providing a platform for knowledge exchange, and coordinating timely responses to current legal and policy developments. Each Unit hosts regular conferences and events to showcase our research and impact. For more information see our website or contact lawnews@liverpool.ac.uk.

Research in Focus

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Liverpool Law School and its Research Clusters held events throughout the year such as the Annual Law School and Alumni Association Lecture; conferences, seminars and guest lectures, which are open to all.

For details of events taking place throughout 2017 visit www.liverpool.ac.uk/law/conferences-and-events.

Conference “From UK Renegotiation to EU Referendum – A Critical Assessment”

The conference, organised by the Liverpool European Law Unit, as part of the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC) ‘The UK in a Changing Europe’ Programme, focused on the results of the European Council meeting held back in December 2015, after the then Prime Minister, David Cameron, published his long-awaited demands for the UK’s renegotiation of its membership of the EU – an exercise that paved the way for the subsequent referendum on whether the UK should remain within or withdraw from the European Union.

Speakers and guests, which included EU lawyers and scholars, academics, postgraduate researchers, policymakers and practitioners, critically assessed the terms of the UK’s renegotiation exercise, the outcome of the discussions to date, and the relevance of any deal for the national plebiscite to follow – as well as the implications of new terms of membership for the constitutional framework of both the UK and the EU as a whole.

Academic lead: Professor Michael O’Donoghue, Professor of European Law and Jean Monnet Chair in EU Law

Conference “Democratic Participation in a Citizen’s Europe: What Next for the EU?”

Practitioner experience and academic research was brought together by the aim of this collaborative conference to assess, discover and develop citizen involvement in EU public policy. With the focus on learning, from diverse approaches to participation including citizens’ initiatives and petitions, deliberative forums, referendums, campaigning and citizen lobbying, stakeholder consultation, protest movements and more, participants, including European democracy activists, campaigners, academics and policy makers, joined together to explore challenges and future opportunities for enhancing the participation of citizens in shaping the policies and direction of the EU.

Academic lead: Dr. James Organ, Lecturer


Our research units, Liverpool Economic Governance and International Law and Human Rights, held a conference in June at The Bluecoat, with the aim to shed light on crucial aspects of TTIP closely connected to citizen welfare, including its effects on trade, healthcare, employment rights, gender equality, global justice, state sovereignty and democracy.

The event, which encouraged public debate around TTIP, included keynote speaker Fabio de Masi (Member of the European Parliament, Economic and Monetary Affairs Committee, Die Linke, European United Left/Nordic Green Left) with other speakers including John Hilary (War on Want), Rob Howse (NYLS), Nick Dearden (Global Justice Now), Gabriel Siles-Brugge (Manchester University), Ntina Tzouvala (Durham University), Korina Raptopoulou (University of London), Paul O’Connell (SOAS), Keith Ewing (King’s College London).

Academic lead: Dr First Cengiz, Senior Lecturer in Law

“International Conference on “Minority Rights, Self-Government and the Law”

Our International Law and Human Rights Unit, in partnership with the Minority Rights Working Group (MRWG) in Turkey and the Raoul Wallenberg Institute (RWI) in Lund, held an international conference in May to consider aspects of group protection in Turkey in light of human rights standards, international law categories, constitutional law models, and regional political dynamics.

The conference brought together a range of international experts from a variety of disciplines to discuss conceptual and practical issues relating to autonomy arrangements in Europe and beyond, as well as wider questions of minority protection and self-determination. Delegates included academics and practitioners from Britain, Turkey, Finland, Sweden, Iceland, Austria and The Netherlands.

The event generated lively debates over the nature of the state and the role of human rights in relation to sovereign authority, and offered an opportunity to reflect on the institutional experience in conflict management and resolution provided by current and former experts and practitioners from the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe and the Council of Europe.

Academic lead: Dr Goetano Pentassuglia, Reader in International Law

“Ending Childhood Obesity: A Challenge at the Crossroads of International Trade and Human Rights Law” Conference and Launch Event of the Law and Non-Communicable Diseases Unit

Childhood obesity, the prevalence of which has increased at alarming rates over the last 30 years in many countries worldwide, has become one of the most significant public health challenges for the 21st century. Member States adopted the World Health Organization (WHO) Global Action Plan on the Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases (NCDs) for 2013-2020, and agreed a voluntary target to halt the rise in diabetes and obesity by 2025. The conference followed a final report from the Commission on Ending Childhood Obesity (ECHO Commission), published in January 2016, which proposes a range of recommendations for governments to reverse current childhood obesity trends.

Aimed at a mixed audience of stakeholders from a legal or public health background, the conference, held at the University of Liverpool in London campus in July with Olivier De Schutter, University of Louvain, delivering the keynote lecture, explored the extent to which international trade and human rights law should interact to allow Member States to effectively protect children from growing obesity rates, with the aim to provide a clearer picture of the role of law in the fight against childhood obesity, and the ways of maximising its beneficial effects.

Academic lead: Professor Amandine Garde, Professor of Law
Our academic staff and research clusters are active in their research, engaging directly with a broad range of audiences. Below is a selection of 2016 publications by staff and research clusters:

**Books**


Staff Publications (continued)


Media - a selection of our online contributions

Staff Awards

LawCareers.Net Law Lecturer of the Year
Dr Mike Gordon was shortlisted for LawCareers.Net Law Lecturer of the Year at the LawCareers.Net Training & Recruitment Awards event held in London on 19th May. The Law Lecturer of the Year award is designed to highlight and recognise the contribution made by those who teach law in an inspiring and engaging way. Mike was nominated by his students to be one of seven individuals shortlisted for the prize title.

Our staff are regularly recognised by the University Staff Awards for their contributions to both the student experience and the wider role of influencing society through our research. We have increased our academic staff over the past twelve months, allowing our research expertise to develop further, and our students to gain wider knowledge as part of their learning experience.

Staff Awards

A number of staff from Liverpool Law School made the shortlist for the annual University Celebrating Success Awards ceremony which took place in December. The awards recognise and reward staff contribution towards the success of the University. Congratulations to all involved!
Alumni Association

Liverpool Law School Alumni Association aims to keep our global community of nearly 5000 law graduates in touch with the University, Liverpool Law School and fellow alumni. The Association, launched with well attended events at our Liverpool campus in November 2015 and in London in March 2016, provides graduates with further benefits such as career development and opportunities to open up new connections with like-minded professionals.

Events in both Liverpool and London take place throughout the year, including informal drinks receptions, guest lectures, networking events and reunions.

If you are thinking of holding a Class Reunion or would like to find out more about our networking events, please contact our Alumni team. Stay connected with details of events taking place in 2017.

Debra Morris, Head of School of Law and Social Justice

The University of Liverpool has a thriving alumni association and membership brings some excellent benefits and services:

- Access to a social and professional network of over 100,000 University of Liverpool alumni around the world
- Alumni events and reunions around the world
- News updates on the University and your department
- Discounts on University and third party services
- Opportunities to get involved, by hosting or mentoring students, acting as an Alumni ambassador or supporting the University financially

Today our graduates are following in the footsteps of some of our most prestigious Law alumni:

1906 Professor Walter Lyon Blease, Custom of the Constitution at Liverpool University in 1910, Queen Victoria Professor of Law at Liverpool University 1919-49, supporter of the Women’s Suffrage Movement, Orator, Liberal Politician and active supporter of the arts on Merseyside. He served with hospital units in Serbia 1915, Russia and Romania 1916-18. Assistant Editor of The New East, Tokyo in 1918

1935 Dame Rose Heilbron, Judge in the High Court family division 1974-1988 and member of the Home Secretary’s Advisory Group on Law of Rape 1975. She was the first woman to win a scholarship to Gray’s Inn, the first woman to be appointed King’s Counsel in England, the first to lead in a murder case, the first woman Recorder, the first woman judge to sit at the Old Bailey and the first woman Treasurer of Gray’s Inn

1956 Lord Donald Nicholls (of Birkenhead) PC, retired Law Lord (Lord of Appeal in Ordinary)

1962 Dame Heather Steel DBE, former Judge of the Court of Appeal in Jersey, former High Court Judge in England and Wales (Queen’s Bench Division)

1969 Michael Bray, Partner at Grimaldi Studio Legale, former Managing Partner and CEO of Clifford Chance LLP

1974 Brian Bodek, Chairman of Novabiotics Ltd, former Chairman of The Medical House, former Managing Director of Airline Services Ltd, former Director of Manchester City Football Club

1981 Beverley Bell, Senior Traffic Commissioner for Great Britain and the Traffic Commissioner for the North West of England

As Head of School and a proud member of the alumni community myself, I am always delighted to hear from law graduates and to participate in alumni events. Many of our alumni support our current students through offering placements, being involved in our mentoring programme, working with our students in the Liverpool Law Clinic or delivering talks through our employability programme. Many are also generous financial supporters to the University and we are very grateful for all the support that we receive from our alumni. If you would like to contribute in any way to our student experience, please feel free to contact me.

Debra Morris, Head of School of Law and Social Justice

Class of 1969 50 year reunion

Class of 1969 law graduates were welcomed back to campus to celebrate 50 years since they started studying at the University of Liverpool in 1966. The reunion was organised by His Honour Judge Nick Coleman and His Honour Judge Nigel Gilmour QC. Reflecting on the reunion, Nick said “It was great to catch up with our former contemporaries and to reminisce about our student days. Those who attended the dinner enjoyed themselves immensely. Professor Morris gave a very entertaining outline of the current Law course, which is quite different now compared to the Class of 1966. We look forward to reuniting again to celebrate 50 years since graduation in 2019.”

“Colonel James Graeme ‘Paddy’ Bryson OBE graduated from the Faculty in 1932 and recounted later that the entire student cohort at the time consisted of fewer than three dozen students. Bryson went on to become the Senior District Registrar of the High Court of Liverpool and holds the curious honour of being awarded the Queen’s Commendation for Brave Conduct, having been shot at by a bankrupt nightclub owner whose case he was hearing in the court. The shot missed. Since then many things have changed but some things have stayed the same.”

Jez Marshall, Lecturer in Law
Meet the Team - Academic Law Staff

Morris, Professor Debra  
Professor, Head of School of Law and Social Justice

Dougan, Professor Michael  
Professor of European Law and Jean Monnet Chair in EU Law Head of Department

Alghrani, Dr Amel  
Senior Lecturer

Araor, Professor Anu  
Professor and Director of International Recruitment

Barr, Professor Warren  
Professor

Bartlett, Mr Oliver  
Lecturer

Batesmith, Mr Alexander  
Lecturer

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Brennan, Dr Anna-Marie  
Lecturer

Bostyn, Dr Sven J.R  
Senior Lecturer

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Cengiz, Dr Firat  
Senior Lecturer

Columb, Dr Sean  
Lecturer

Currie, Dr Samantha  
Senior Lecturer

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