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# Introduction



## Welcome

It is with great pleasure that I introduce this publication, which aims to give a snapshot of key activity taking place in the Law School during the academic year 2018-19. At the time of writing this message, the Law Department has just moved into our new home, the School of Law & Social Justice building, alongside our sister Department, Sociology, Social Policy and Sociology. This impressive new home brings all staff in the School together, and houses our state of the art clinic teaching facilities, as well as housing our friends from the University of Law, who are offering the LPC and GDL from our premises in Liverpool, and, soon, will be offering SQE provision as well. It also provides a student support hub and gives a heart and soul to our centre of operations. You will see from this publication that we have had numerous high profile events, both in terms of research seminars, conferences and symposia, as well as many student-facing events. Most of these, going forward, will take place in our new building, with its many meeting rooms and purpose built, configurable event space

Enough of the future. It is with great pride that I look back through this volume at the extent and excellence of the work that is undertaken at Liverpool Law School. I am immensely proud of my colleagues and our students – the work they do on policy, the community and, most importantly, to improve people’s lives is incredible. The pace of modern life is so fast, and the demands on our collective time so great, that there is often not enough time to reflect on what has been achieved – this publication provides that opportunity. I am sure that anyone flicking through the pages will agree with me that there is much to celebrate and I invite you, the reader, to enjoy this set of edited highlights of our collective activity.

Happy reading

*Professor Warren Barr (PFHEA)  
Head of Department*

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## Our Future

### The New Home for the School of Law and Social Justice

In January 2020, the new School of Law and Social Justice Building opened to staff and students. For the first time in the School's history, all staff and students from across the School will be together in one building, unifying the School and nurturing collaborative working and learning.

The new Building forms part of the University's investment into the South Campus. The former Cypress Building has undergone major renovation that includes the construction of a new wing and a large central atrium, along with new social and breakout spaces and a multi-purpose event space and a coffee shop.

With a range of innovative and adaptable environments, the building will house the majority of the Law School's research and collaboration events. The new 100-seater events space paired with the multi-purpose atrium, provides the perfect place for workshops, symposiums, meetings, book launches and public lectures.

The new School of Law and Social Justice Building opens up a new chapter for the Liverpool Law School and we look forward to the exciting opportunities that it offers.



School of Law and Social Justice Building, Law Clinic.



School of Law and Social Justice Building.



School of Law and Social Justice Building, Atrium.

## Student Successes

### Law Extra

Thanks to contributions from alumni and friends of the Law School, our students have enjoyed a spectacular series of inspiring talks within our 'Law Extra' guest speaker programme.

Law Extra celebrated its third anniversary in 2018-19. The programme was developed to provide our students with an insight into the experiences, challenges, and successes of people who have already completed their academic legal studies and who are now applying their skills and knowledge in the real world. It is also an important opportunity for students to understand the real-world impact of the law on those in need of legal advice and representation.

If you would like to contribute to a future Law Extra event, we would be happy to talk to you. You can email

**LawExtra@liv.ac.uk** or reach out to any of the staff in the Law School.

### The Law Extra team



Deborah Tyfield, Senior Lecturer, Law Clinic.



Jeremy Marshall, Lecturer.



Lucy Yeatman, Director, Law Clinic.



Rebecca Green, Administrative Assistant, Student Experience Team.



Sally Russell, Student Placement and Employability Officer, Student Experience Team.

### Law Extra Key Speakers

We hosted 26 events this year, with almost 1500 seats filled by students from across all years of our programmes.

**Martyn Rodmell** and **Nicola Fox** from Princes joined our own Jim Fox to talk to students about the work of the in-house lawyer. The option of qualifying and working in-house was a revelation to our students, many of whom left the talk with wistful thoughts of venturing off to exotic lands on behalf of their future employer. **Stuart Whittle** and **Catriona Wolfenden** joined us from Weightmans to talk about the way in which technology is disrupting legal services, the possibilities and limitations of what is often referred to as artificial intelligence in law, and what students can do to prepare themselves for an increasingly data-driven legal sector. One student graciously contributed 'why can't all of our lectures be like this?'. Thank you to Stuart and Catriona, we hope to see you back soon.

Thanks also to: **David Owen** (Investec Wealth Management); **Phil McCourt** (Wirral Council); **Cedric Oulai** (Liverpool Law School graduate); **Jo Hickman** and **Jo Tomlinson** (The Public Law Project); the **Women Breaking Barriers Team**, **Shabina Begum** (Dawson Cornwell); **Alice Stevens** (Broudie Jackson Canter); **Dr Cathal Doyle** (Middlesex University), **Emma Carey** (MSB Solicitors), **Judge Spano** (the European Court of Human Rights), and **Christopher Grayson** and **Rebecca Ridin** (Squire Patton Boggs); **James Turner QC**; **Captain John Brown** (Army Legal Services); **Stephen Elliot** (Stepien Lake); **Kate Little** (Lime Pictures); **Joe Moorcroft-Morgan** and **Joshua Ryan** (Herbert Smith Freehills); **Nicola Braganza** (Refugee Legal Support-Athens); **Erena Pilliteri** (Addleshaw Goddard); **Charles Ashie** (Aspiring Solicitors); **The Merseyside Junior Lawyers Division**; and **Raphael Rowe** (journalist and presenter of the Netflix show 'Inside the World's Toughest Prisons').



Stuart Whittle, Weightmans.



Image Credit: SLSJ Student Placements and Employability team, University of Liverpool.

## Student Successes

### Placements

There have been many different placements on offer to our law students, and in academic year 2018/19 over 700 students had the opportunity to take part in employability-related activities. These initiatives have included:

- Five students selected, after a competitive interview process, to take up mini-pupillages with Exchange chambers in Liverpool.
- Over 50 second year students were selected to attend short-term extra-curricular work placements with both UK and International law firms and organisations. All students experienced a formal recruitment process to get these positions, giving them an insight in to the kind of recruitment processes they will face when they leave university.
- Over 50 undergraduate students took part in mediation taster sessions, run by Solution Talk. The taster sessions consisted of a full day learning about mediation techniques and getting an insight into the importance of using this during disputes. Ten of these students then went on to successfully complete a foundation training course in mediation, accredited by the College of Mediators. We look forward to opening up this fantastic opportunity to more students in the future.

In a joint venture with the Internationalisation team, a number of undergraduate and postgraduate students attended two International Summer Schools, one in Vilnius in Lithuania and one in Budapest. Both focussed on criminology and human rights subjects.

### McLean Wickham Overview

McLean spent four weeks at BW Group in Singapore in the summer of 2019.

"I thoroughly enjoyed my time at BW to say the least. I appreciated the support the University was able to provide especially in regards to the financial support provided, which allowed me to undertake the placement in the first place.

I was able to work on a range of commercial and confidentiality agreements, which allowed me to work on my legal reviewing and editing.

I was also able to draft Letters of Demand as well as Statutory Demands for certain business units. I found this to be most valuable as it gave me the opportunity to work on my drafting, editing and proofreading skills, all of which I anticipate are vital for a career in law.

Lastly, I was given research projects pertaining to sanctions, arbitration and compliance technology. These not only allowed me to enhance my research abilities but also showed me how to structure research in a visual format, something that proves valuable when presenting research to non-legal personnel.

My time at BW gave me a practical understanding of the functions of an in-house legal team while also giving me an appreciation for the importance of consistency in your work and a keen eye for detail.

I want to express a large amount of gratitude and thanks for helping organise the placement. It was an opportunity I did not think I would have at University. I can say with absolute confidence that it was by far my favourite work experience undertaken.

Aside from my enjoyment of the placement and the obvious employability skills I developed through the placement, it also showed me the world of shipping law, an area of law I never had any experience with. Having spent a month with the legal team at BW and having conducted some of my own research, I believe I will attempt to pursue a career in shipping law and for that, I am grateful."



Image Credit: McLean Wickham.

### Law Professional Mentoring Programme

The Professional Mentoring Scheme helps to equip students with practical advice, relevant experience and skills appropriate for a demanding and competitive marketplace. The Mentors comprise members from the legal profession and related professions, giving students an insight into the multitude of employment opportunities that they can thrive in with a Law degree.

*At the beginning of my second year at University, I was fortunate enough to be accepted onto the student mentoring scheme. The scheme was always something I'd been interested in since first year after hearing about it from friends so I felt very grateful for the opportunity! Chris, my mentor, has been nothing but amazing, from face to face meet ups to e-mailing and staying in regular contact, Chris has helped me throughout my second and third year at University. He offers me general advice about the legal profession (which as all students who want to pursue a legal career know, can be very scary and intimidating), proof reads my essays for grammatical imperfections and even secured me a work placement at the firm he works for, SBW Law. I completed two weeks of work experience here and absolutely loved it! It is a relatively newly established firm with a small team which I found to be more beneficial for me as I got the hands-on experience of life as a solicitor's assistant. Since summer, I have been in contact with Chris many times and he has since asked me if I would like to return to SBW Law in the New Year (and of course I will!). The scheme is an amazing opportunity that I would really recommend. Chris's own journey from graduating from the University of Liverpool and qualifying as a solicitor has helped guide and inspire me to do the same. To all people thinking of applying for the scheme - go for it!*



### Partners

Weightmans continues to support the Law School, with many of their Solicitors engaging with our Professional Mentoring Scheme and offering an 'open evening' for our students to visit their offices and see what life is like with their firm. Over the last year, we have worked with many other key stakeholders, including several placement opportunities at UK and International firms like Aaron and Partners LLP, ABB Ltd, Glenville Walker and Partners, Linskills and Wirral Council to name but a few.

Alumnus Nigel Taylor, who founded the UK operations of SPG Law, also provided a work placement for over 30 students helping to work on a major case for the firm. See full story on page xx.

As part of Access to Justice and Welfare Rights Advice Placements (an optional final year module), Law students have worked with local Citizens Advice Bureaux, Law Centres, and other advice agencies across Merseyside, supporting members of the public who contact the services. These placements bring substantial benefits to our students in their professional and personal development and offer opportunities for students to apply their knowledge to real-life situations.

We worked with third sector organisations, through a project led by Jennifer Sigafos and Lucy Yeatman, to see how Law students can adapt their knowledge and practices to support these types of organisations. We held a very successful volunteer marketplace event as part of this project to enable these organisations to network with our students. We will continue to develop links with other non-legal organisations to broaden awareness of different career paths for Law students.



## Student Successes

### Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition

In February 2019, a group of Liverpool Law School students represented the University in the Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition 2019.

Jessup is the world's largest moot court competition with participants from over 680 law schools in 100 countries and jurisdictions. The Competition is a simulation of a fictional dispute between countries before the International Court of Justice, the judicial organ of the United Nations. Teams prepare oral and written pleadings arguing both the applicant and respondent positions of the case, this also includes a 20,000 word written memorial.

Liverpool Law Students, Thomas Jenkins, Erin Sexton and Jin Rong Koo successfully competed against a number of law schools from across the country. The team came 9th overall, just missing out on a quarterfinal spot; a very impressive achievement. Liverpool Law School Jessup Moot team member, Thomas Jenkins reflected:

*'It was a privilege to represent the university, and compete alongside and against the best and brightest law students from across the UK. The competition has allowed us to refine and practice our mooting skills, to explore the breadth and complexity of international law, and gain an appreciation for the standard which is required to excel within both the Jessup competition and within the legal profession more broadly.'*

Jin Rong also commented:

*'This was one of the most rewarding experiences during my time in university and I am extremely excited for the future of this endeavour which will be led by Tom. I am sure it is in great hands and he will be able to lead the university to progressive success in the competition'*

*The students thanked the Law School for their support, in particular, Dr Ben Murphy and Davide D'Aleo who both helped to prepare the students for the competition.*



Liverpool Law School Jessup Moot team.

### UoL Facts

**Top 25**  
UK universities most targeted by **graduate employers**  
(High Fliers Research, 2018)

**97%**  
of UK undergraduates in **employment** or in **further study** six months after graduation  
(High fliers Research and QS Rankings 2018/DLHE 2016/17)

Liverpool Law School enjoys a number of international partnerships in many countries. These range from formal partnerships, the foremost of which is with the Truman Bodden Law School, to placement opportunities for our students.

#### Cayman Islands (Truman Bodden Law School)



The Truman Bodden Law School of the Cayman Islands (TBLS) (previously known as the Cayman Islands Law School) has been affiliated with the University of Liverpool (UoL) since the mid-1980s and is believed to be the longest standing international affiliate partner of the University. Situated in the centre of the capital, George Town, opposite the Courthouse and in view of the Legislative Assembly, TBLS has been at the heart of the provision of legal education in the Cayman Islands since its creation in 1982. The Law School has been located in its existing premises since January 2005, its relocation prompted by Hurricane Ivan, which struck in September 2004, rendering its former premises uninhabitable.

The original mandate of TBLS was to provide access to the legal profession for Caymanians, but it quickly expanded its reach to include all local residents and, more recently, international students. A roll call of TBLS alumni illustrates that the TBLS has undoubtedly been successful in fulfilling its remit of providing wide-ranging career opportunities both within and without the legal profession to its graduates. Indeed, TBLS alumni include the Premier of the Cayman Islands, former Cabinet Ministers, the Deputy Governor and many partners and members of the local and international legal professions. In addition, TBLS alumni include numerous members of the Legislative Assembly (the Cayman Islands Parliament) as well as the holders of other senior positions in the Civil Service including the Royal Cayman Islands Police Service and

Customs and Immigration Departments.

The success of TBLS is predicated upon a strict adherence to internationally recognised educational standards. By closely adhering to UoL standards (as reflected in the Quality Assurance Agency Quality Code for Higher Education) TBLS has, for over thirty-five years, established an international reputation for excellence in the provision of legal education.

#### Malaysian Study Partners: UK Transfer Degree Programme



The UK Transfer Degree Programme allows students to undertake either their final (2+1) or second and final year (1+2) with us at Liverpool. All programmes are overseen by rigorous quality assurance processes, both through consortia of UK Universities working with partners and through Liverpool University's internal quality assurance processes for international partners.

We currently have 4 partners: Brickfields Asia College, HELP University, INTI University and Taylor's University.

Law academics and Professional Services Staff travel out to our partners in Malaysia 5-6 times a year to give lectures to their students, conduct staff development sessions and undertake extensive recruitment activity. This activity has developed a strong relationship between staff and students even before students transfer to the Liverpool Campus. It helps students to understand the demands of the programme during their time here and in readiness to transfer to Liverpool.

#### Singapore Institute of Technology



The BA (Hons) Criminology & Security course was launched in 2013 and is the first criminology degree in Singapore. It is a full time, three-year

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undergraduate degree and is based on the same degree structure followed by students based in Liverpool, although it is additionally tailored to be relevant to the Singapore and broader South East Asian contexts. Its quality and depth are identical to the undergraduate degrees offered at our home campus.

#### Overseas immersion programme

Students are required to undertake a four-week summer school in the UK, based at the University of Liverpool campus. This takes place in the summer between the second and third years of studies. Students engage in a range of activities during this unique opportunity, including a programme of lectures and seminars on criminological topics, visits to key criminal justice institutions and other notable locations, engagement sessions with local criminal justice system practitioners and NGOs, and opportunities to utilise the research and library resources at the home campus. Students benefit from our first-class facilities on campus, including our excellent library, and our sports centre, which has recently undergone a £5 million renovation.

Although the overseas immersion programme is primarily a study trip, social activities and tours are also arranged, and students are given space in the programme to plan their own excursions too. Being located within the University of Liverpool this programme is set against the backdrop of one of the most creative, energetic cities in the UK. With history, dynamism, diversity, modernity and creativity influencing every part of the city, there is something to suit everyone's tastes. Built on an illustrious heritage that stretches back 800 years, Liverpool has a global reputation for sport, music, architecture and a wealth of culture for students to explore.

## Law With a Year Abroad

2018 saw our second cohort of Law with a Year Abroad students embark on their yearlong international exchange at one of our partner universities worldwide. This programme continues to grow in popularity every year. Starting with eight students in the programme's first academic year 2017/18, it's projected that 59 will go abroad during the 2020/21 academic year. The number of places abroad has increased with every year and spans across 22 institutions worldwide, listed below. The School looks forward to supporting these students and to the programme's continuing success in future years.

### Destinations 2020/21

Aarhus University	Denmark
City University of Hong Kong	Hong Kong
Comillas Pontifical University	Spain
Curtin University	Australia
Deakin University	Australia
Griffith University	Australia
Hong Kong Baptist University	Hong Kong
Leiden University College (The Hague campus)	The Netherlands
Maastricht University	The Netherlands
Monash University (Australia),	Australia
National University of Singapore	Singapore
Northern Arizona University	United States of America
Pompeu Fabra University,	Spain
Taylor's University	Malaysia
University of Bologna	Italy
University of Mannheim	Germany
University of Saskatchewan	Canada
University of Texas at San Antonio	United States of America
University of Waikato	New Zealand
Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam	The Netherlands
Waseda University	Japan
Western Sydney University	Australia

### Student testimony

*'Choosing to go on a year abroad was the best decision I have made during my time at University. I chose to go to the National University of Singapore because I had never been to Asia and I had heard it was a good place to start (also English is their first language so that made it easier). I absolutely loved my time there, meeting new friends from all over the world, relaxing in the NUS campus infinity pool and travelling to 7 South-East Asian countries! My favourite things about Singapore are the amazing variation of food and the Gardens By the Bay light show; it is truly magical. I really recommend doing a year abroad. I have gained so much more confidence and now have loads to talk about to law firms and in interviews as it showcases so many skills, such as adaptability.'*

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**Leah Rutley**, Law with a Year Abroad, 2018/19 at National University of Singapore



Image Credit: University of Liverpool, Study Abroad.

The Law Clinic aims to provide students with the opportunities to learn about different areas of law and justice by assisting practicing lawyers to provide free legal services to members of the public. Students can either volunteer for the Clinic on one of our projects, or they can take the Law Clinic module as one of their final year options.

From September 2018 to September 2019 the Clinic provided legal services to 375 clients in immigration law, family law and special educational needs.

### The Module

In 2018/19 just over 200 final year students took the Law Clinic module. Working in small groups of six, students assist lawyers to provide advice and representation to clients in immigration, family and education law. The module is taught through experiential and enquiry based learning, and students are required to research the law, maintain case files and to draft letters of advice to clients. Students are also required to reflect on how their work with clients, many of whom are very vulnerable, informs their understanding of access to justice.

### Projects

In 2018/19 the Law Clinic developed more opportunities for first and second year students to gain practical experience through volunteering. In total 111 students participated in 11 projects that required them to make a regular commitment to working with solicitors in the Law Clinic providing legal services to members of the public. Projects included:

#### The Refugee Fresh Claims Project

Run with the support of Peter Simm – a solicitor from GMIAU, a local charity – the project helps those who have already had their asylum claims rejected, and are in many cases destitute and homeless. The project gives advice about making a new asylum claim to resolve their

immigration status. Students assist in analysing the legal issues in the case, carry out legal and country research and assemble an ordered file of papers for submission, and take a legal note in client interviews. Through this process, they learn important skills; legal and factual analysis, research, file management and legal note taking.

#### The Family Court Project

The Law Clinic runs a weekly outreach advice project in Liverpool Family Court for litigants in person involved in cases concerning children. Students work with court ushers to identify litigants who may need support. Students take initial instructions, assist a solicitor in an advice meeting, and accompany clients into court to provide support and take notes in their hearings.

#### Law Clinic and Red Cross Trafficking Advice Project

Working in partnership with the Red Cross, the Law Clinic provides advice and representation to victims of trafficking. Students attend client interviews with a solicitor to take notes as well as assisting with research and drafting of letters and statements. Family Reunion Project. This project assists refugees who have leave to remain in the UK to apply for permission for their families to join them. Working with a solicitor, students attend client interviews, conduct practical research, draft statements and prepare bundles of documents.

#### MPs Advice Clinic and Caseworker Project

It is common for people attending MPs' surgeries to have legal problems that could be resolved with relevant expert advice. The Law Clinic provides a legal advice service at the constituency office of a local MP providing advice in particular on questions relating to children with disabilities. Students assist with the advice service by attending interviews to take notes and conducting research. Three students also volunteered on a regular basis in

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the MP's office assisting caseworkers with constituent enquiries.

#### Children with Disabilities Projects

Students have been involved in a range of projects aimed at providing support to parents of children with disabilities. Students have worked with Mencap to help develop a chatbot to provide information about legal rights to parents. Students also train to help parents with grounds of appeal for the Special Educational Needs and Disability Tribunal, assisting parents trying to secure appropriate education for their children. In the coming year this service will be expanding.

#### Interpreting

We could not provide some of the advice and representation to immigration clients without the work of our committed team of student interpreters.

## Liverpool Law Clinic

### Successes

The annual Law Works Attorney General's Student Pro Bono Awards recognised the excellent work done by the Clinic, with the Trafficking Project winning in the Best New Project category in 2019. In 2018, the Alder Hey Social Care project was highly commended for the Best New Student Pro Bono Activity 2018 and the Family Court Project was shortlisted for the same award in both 2018 and 2019.

The Clinic team were recognised for their teaching excellence in 2018-19 with Lucy Yeatman and Deborah Tyfield winning Lecturer of the Year at the University annual awards in November. Lucy was also shortlisted as one of five finalists for the prestigious national award Law Teacher of the Year.

Two of our lawyers were appointed as part time judges this year: Deborah Tyfield in the Special Educational Needs and Disability Tribunal and Jared Ficklin in the Immigration Tribunal.

We could not provide as many services as we do without the help of lawyers who volunteer their time to work with us. One of the ways that we recognise this support is through presenting an annual Pro Bono award to our volunteer lawyers. This year the award was shared between Peter Simm for his work on the Refugees Fresh Claims Project and Darren White for his regular support at the Family Court Project.

### Clinic Community

The Law Clinic is part of a wide national and international network of university law clinics and we work with other clinics to share good practice in relation to both teaching and legal practice. This year Deborah Tyfield and Lucy Yeatman have given talks at two international clinical legal education conferences and in June Liverpool Law Clinic hosted a round table gathering of immigration clinics at our London campus. Lucy is also part of a national working group looking at the implications of the new routes to qualification for law clinics..

### Research

The Law Clinic is committed to improving access to justice in Liverpool and legal practitioners in the Law Clinic are working with academic colleagues outside the clinic to develop research projects in our areas of expertise. Deborah Tyfield is working with Amel Alghrani and Seamus Byrne on an empirical research project exploring the impact of Local Authority decision-making about provision of services for children with special educational needs. Jo Bezzano is working with Samantha Currie on research into the effectiveness of anti-trafficking legislation.

### Looking ahead

The Law Clinic has expanded rapidly in the last few years and we have outgrown our premises in the Eleanor Rathbone Building. We are looking forward to moving into our new and spacious accommodation in January 2020 and welcoming a new member of staff to the team, Helenor Birt, a family lawyer, who is joining us from the legal team at Liverpool City Council.

### Student comments:

*"You get good feedback." "It's very engaging" "I enjoy how practical it is" "It helps you develop skills you wouldn't on other modules" "You gain an understanding of issues with access to justice; it is an eye opener"*

*"The best thing about the Family Court Project is helping litigants in person and feeling as though you are making a positive impact on their lives"*

*"The court experience is helpful to litigants in person because they have someone there to support them emotionally. I have been told by clients that me being there gives them confidence and makes the court experience a little easier."*

*"Since volunteering at the Family Court I have noticed that I am more confident when talking to others, especially strangers, and more likely to say yes to an opportunity"*

### Case Study:

ND has been in the UK for 12 years. She has served a prison sentence and spent time in immigration detention. Her children are in care. She was brought to the UK by a man who controlled her. This control included involving her in criminal acts from which he benefited. ND remained under his control and the control of his associates until she made contact with the Red Cross in autumn 2018. At that time she was part way through a criminal trial for fraud and, if found guilty, faced the possibility of a further prison sentence. The Red Cross referred her to us. We obtained her extensive case papers from the Home Office and took very detailed instructions from her. We put her case to the National Referral Mechanism through which she was identified as a victim of trafficking. As a result, the CPS offered no evidence against her in the criminal trial and the Judge recorded a verdict of not guilty. She may also be able to appeal against the existing conviction. ND has now been recognised as a refugee and granted leave to remain in the UK.

### Research Clusters

Liverpool Law School currently hosts nine Research Clusters;

- Charity Law and Policy Unit
- Critical Approaches to International Criminal Law
- EU Law@Liverpool
- European Children's Rights Unit
- Health Law and Regulation Unit
- International Criminological Research Unit
- International Law and Human Rights Unit
- Law & Non-Communicable Diseases Unit
- Liverpool Economic Governance Unit

Each Unit hosts regular conferences and events to showcase our research and impact. For more information visit our website:

[www.liverpool.ac.uk/law/events/](http://www.liverpool.ac.uk/law/events/)

The following pages showcase some selected highlights from our research clusters.

For more information on all of our cluster and their research activities and events visit: [www.liverpool.ac.uk/law/research/](http://www.liverpool.ac.uk/law/research/)

## Research Activities

### Charity law and policy unit (CLPU)

Over recent years, charities have been in the headlines for the wrong reasons on a number of occasions. Scandals have arisen around sexual abuse and exploitation, aggressive fundraising methods, and the very public collapse of large charities.

In February 2019, CLPU hosted a panel event at the University of Liverpool in London; 'Charity Governance: Looking Backwards to Move Forwards', focusing on how the charitable sector can gain important lessons from previous mistakes, and move forward to support better charity governance. Chaired by Professor Debra Morris, our expert panel consisted of Rosie Chapman (Chair of the Charity Governance Code Steering Group), Rebecca Fry (Head of Legal Policy, Charity Commission), Philip Kirkpatrick (Head of Charity & Social Enterprise Department, Bates Wells Braithwaite), Joss Saunders (General Counsel, Oxfam). The panel were invited to reflect on three key lessons they have learned or observed from recent events about charity governance, leadership, regulation and transparency, and their suggestions for better practice among the sector. Key aspects of the panellists' comments included improvement of culture and ways of working for charities and their trustees, and more focus on their main purposes. For a more detailed summary of the panellists' comments, visit the CLPU webpage.



Charity Governance: Looking Backwards to Move Forward panellists from left to right, Professor Debra Morris, Phillip Kirkpatrick, Rebecca Fry, Joss Saunders and Rosie Chapman.

### Law & Non-Communicable Diseases Unit (Law & NCD)

In April 2019, Dr Emma Boyland (Department of Psychological Sciences) and Professor Amandine Garde (School of Law and Social Justice) convened an interdisciplinary workshop at the University of Liverpool London campus to support and coordinate the public health community's response to the government's Food Marketing Consultation. The workshop followed the launch, on 18 March 2019 by the UK Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) and the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS), of a joint consultation on the introduction of more robust restrictions on the marketing of unhealthy food to children. This policy consultation was announced as part of the UK Childhood Obesity Action Plan published on 25 June 2018, following extensive pressure from various public health actors to protect children effectively from the harmful impact that unhealthy food marketing has on their diets and therefore their health.

The workshop comprised of three main sessions. After an introduction to the consultation by DHSC and DCMS representatives, the first session discussed the evidence supporting the introduction of 9pm watershed on TV and equivalent rules online. The workshop then focused on the challenges that the introduction of such measures are likely to face from food and advertising industries. The third and final session allowed for an open discussion on key consultation questions, and discussed the way forward for participants to work together.

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### International Law and Human Rights Unit (ILHRU)

In 2018/19 academic year the International Law and Human Rights Unit organised fifteen events that included staff seminars, guest speakers, PhD conferences, workshops, and the international judge in residence programme. We tried to facilitate the discussion of the most pressing issues in international law and human rights and encourage research in these areas.

#### Guest Seminars Series:

The ILHRU Guest Seminar Series of 2018/19 consisted of seven external speakers from a diverse range of sectors within International Human Rights Law. We welcomed established academics, such as Professor Colm O'Conneide from UCL and Professor Aoife Nolan from the University of Nottingham, practitioners such as Dr Daniel Rietiker – a senior lawyer at the European Court of Human Rights, along with younger academics such as Vernokia Fikfak from the University of Cambridge, and speakers from abroad such as Andreas Follesdal, University of Oslo. The series covered a broad spectrum of topics. You can watch these on the ILHRU YouTube channel.

Read more about the ILHRU 2018/19 Guest Speaker Series at:

[www.liverpool.ac.uk/law/research/international-law-and-human-rights-unit/speaker-series/previous-guest-speakers/](http://www.liverpool.ac.uk/law/research/international-law-and-human-rights-unit/speaker-series/previous-guest-speakers/)

### European children's rights unit (ECRU)

In February 2019, the European Children's Rights Unit convened a public forum to discuss Shamima Begum's renewed pleas to return to the UK before her baby Jarrah died and the Home Office resisted all attempts to return her. The meeting heard from a number of Law School staff. Chaired by Professor Pádraig McAuliffe, the evening featured short presentations from a variety of researchers from the School of Law & Social Justice, including Dr Rob Knox, Jo Bezzano, Dr Anne Neylon, Dr Ellie Drywood, Dr Michelle Farrell, Dr Harriet Gray, Dr Aoife Daly and Professor Helen Stalford. Each offering their perspectives on the Shamima Begum case while drawing on international criminal law, human rights law, the law on statelessness and citizenship, children's rights law and media studies.



Judge Robert Spano

#### Judge Robert Spano launched the International Law in Residence programme of the International Law and Human Rights Unit

The international law and human rights unit has launched a new programme aimed at bringing international judiciary closer to the staff and students of the School of Law and Social Justice of the University of Liverpool. Judge Robert Spano, one of the senior judges of the European Court of Human Rights in Strasbourg launched this programme. He was involved in a number of activities organised by the Unit, including the delivery of a guest lecture for the third year students who took the module on the European Convention on Human Rights, explaining the Court's approach to the right to private and family life.

Judge Spano also delivered a public lecture on the challenges that the European Court of Human Rights is currently facing. An engaging discussion followed, lasting almost two hours, with staff and students asking many insightful and complex questions, and receiving the most comprehensive answers.

Judge Spano also gave a short address to students who are thinking of pursuing a career in international law as part of the Law Extra programme. He explained the advantages and challenges of an international career and gave students some tips on how to be effective in pursuing their dream.

The programme will continue in 2020/21, where our International Judge in Residence is Judge Rosario Salvatore Aitala of the International Criminal Court.

#### Workshops and conferences

The Unit has organised three workshops and conferences. These included a workshop where PhD students, young researchers and well-established academics were invited to Liverpool to present their research, with a judge of the European Court of Human Rights delivering a keynote address dedicated to 'Loyal Co-operation within the System of the European Convention on Human Rights'. There were also two doctoral conferences assisting PhD students with their legal research and giving them a forum to present their ideas.

#### Staff seminars

We organised seminars for Unit members during which research ideas were discussed, and new seminars and conferences planned. A number of workshops and conferences in 2019/20 are the direct outcome of these discussions.

We are looking forward to making the Unit even more active and effective in 2019/20.

### Liverpool Economic Governance Unit (LEGU)

The Liverpool Economic Governance Unit hosted a workshop on 'International law, the "left behinds" and the populism fatigue' (2 May, University of Liverpool in London). Rising populism has been the focus of a growing number of scholarly events and publications. A shared feature of these debates is that they often feature the caveats: does a populist "backlash" present a threat to the "global liberal" legal order? Are we witnessing the anger of the "real" people disenchanted with ghastly "leaders"? Should there be a meaningful "pushback" from Western states whose international legal institution-building project is being increasingly threatened by the "left behinds"? In this workshop, Rob Howse (New York University School of Law) presented his case for populism as disruptive democracy. Christine Schwoebel-Patel (University of Warwick) discussed one of the positive aspects of populism -its repoliticisation of the economy. Maria Varaki (King's College London) explored the role and responsibility of new technologies, especially that of social media. Michelle Farrell (UoL) critiqued the idea that populism is the predator threat to human rights and questioned how we could respond to anti-rights Tories and Daily Mail bots, and whether populism is the problem. John Linarelli (Durham University) shared his thoughts on the psychology of populism and concerns about justice and inequality. Zoe Williams (London School of Economics) highlighted the impact of international investment law on the left-behind communities, with focus on how investment arbitration affects domestic civil society organizing in developing states. Paul O'Connell (SOAS), Rob Knox and Mavluda Sattorova (UoL) acted as discussants.

On 23 May 2019 Liverpool Economic Governance Unit (LEGU) also convened a workshop 'Teaching International Economic Law'. The workshop was dedicated to exploring cutting-edge

pedagogy in teaching international economic law (IEL) subjects, from world trade law, to investment law and investment arbitration. Drawing on our own expertise and with the contribution of leading UK and overseas IEL scholars with an established track record of innovative teaching, the participants discussed issues relating to IEL and clinical legal education; IEL and technology; skills-focused IEL teaching; critical pedagogy and IEL. Speakers included Professor Joost Pauwelyn (University of Geneva), Professor Fiona Smith (University of Leeds), Dr Wolfgang Alschner (University of Ottawa), Dr Celine Tan (University of Warwick), Dr Akbar Rasulov (University of Glasgow), Dr Theresa Squatrito (UoL), and many others. The workshop was enabled by the University of Liverpool SLSJ Teaching Development Fund, and it is our hope we make this workshop a regular event.

Dr Mavluda Sattorova acted as an expert facilitator at a high-level capacity building workshop convened by the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) in Casablanca (December 2018). The workshop brought together over 50 government officials from close to 30 countries. It was aimed at supporting investment policymakers and negotiators to enhance their knowledge of the opportunities offered by regional investment agreements for reforming the international investment agreements (IIA) regime, with a stronger emphasis on sustainable development.

Dr Mavluda Sattorova presented at the Oxford Public International Law Forum (May 2019), was invited to speak at the International Law Association Committee on the Rule of Law workshop (Paris, June 2019); and contributed to a conference of the Columbia Centre for Sustainable Investment (NY, September 2018). She also presented her research at conferences in Beijing, Oslo, Gothenburg, Copenhagen, Bristol and

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Warwick. Together with Dr Jean Ho, she was awarded S\$58,197 in funding from the Singapore Ministry for Education Academic Research Fund for a project involving a workshop, publication of a policy paper and an edited book dedicated to issues of investor accountability in international law. The workshop convened in January 2019 at the National University of Singapore and a book contract signed with Hart Publishing for the edited collection to go in print in 2020.

Dr Sattorova has been awarded a competitive Arts & Humanities Research Council (AHRC) - Economic & Social Research Council (ESRC) Knowledge Exchange Fellowship and is now working with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office on trade and investment policy issues.

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### Research Funding and Impact:

In line with the School's commitment to social justice, we aim for our research to be socially relevant and to have impact beyond the University. Some examples of these initiatives are the following projects, which have attracted external funding.

In May 2019 the Law School had its first success in the North West Social Science Doctoral Training Partnership Postdoctoral Fellowship Competition. The successful applicant Dr Carol Gray will be a part of the Health Law and Regulation Unit and mentored by Professor Marie Fox. Carol is a qualified veterinary surgeon who has worked in private practice and with the PDSA, previously lectured in the Veterinary School at Liverpool and completed her doctorate at the Law School, University of Birmingham. Her ESRC-funded research project will focus on informed consent and shared decision-making between clients and veterinary professionals.

### Critical Approaches to Competition Conference

This workshop, held on 7 and 8 September in The Bluecoat, originated from the assumption that the 2008 economic and financial crisis, with its devastating effects on many societies, opened a new window of opportunity for the reappraisal of neoclassical economic principles. Critical researchers increasingly question the ideological underpinnings of neoclassical economics to offer an alternative research agenda driven by principles of equality and solidarity. Despite the growing popularity of critical research, it does not always enjoy the same sounding platforms and publication outlets as the mainstream research that takes advantage of established communities and power structures.

This workshop brought together researchers from different disciplines who aim to offer alternative and critical views on competition, market regulation and economic governance. Papers were presented from different disciplines that aimed to adopt an alternative and critical view to neoliberal models in their field. The workshop had a scientific as well as a social aim. In terms of the former, it was hoped that the workshop would help researchers from different disciplines who engage in critical research to start (or continue) an interdisciplinary scientific dialogue. In terms of the latter, the workshop also aimed to contribute towards community building between critical researchers who at times face an isolating and demoralising task despite the exciting and fulfilling nature of the research.

### Citizens Assemblies to Renew Engagement (CARE) for the Future of Europe

*CARE for the Future of Europe* was led by Dr James Organ in 2018. With £130,000 of funding provided by the Education, Audio-visual and Culture Executive Agency, it has designed, run and evaluated an innovative form of decentralised EU Citizens Assembly and online deliberation. At eight meetings led by partners in four Member States (Hungary, Italy, Romania and Germany), representative groups of citizens were asked: how can we increase effective citizen engagement in debates about the future of Europe, and influence EU policy? In a structured, informed process, participants examined different options for a more democratic and participatory EU. Participants recommended that an EU Citizens' Assembly, closely followed by a referendum, was the best option to enhance EU democratic participation. This recommendation was presented to EU institutions and leading civil society organisations at an event in the European Parliament in November 2018. The project then concluded with a major conference in Liverpool on 5 December 2018 titled Citizens Assemblies: Time to Renew European Democracy with attendees from twelve Member States.

An edited collection – Democratic Participation in a Citizens' Europe - involving a number of the participants is due for publication early 2020. CARE has contributed to the important debate on EU democracy with citizens and a

range of political actors. It demonstrated that there is a real appetite for 'doing politics differently', and that citizens want to participate in informed, reasoned deliberation about the complex questions facing Europe. The project's innovative approach also showed that the Citizens' Assembly method is an excellent way of providing the space for flexible, inter-societal engagement in a geographically and culturally diverse polity such as the EU.



### Provocations on Charity

Research on donation naturally lends itself to interdisciplinarity. It is a social phenomenon with legal, ethical, economic, political and sociological aspects. However, despite the centrality of donation in a large and growing body of academic research, there is no national or international network of donation researchers. This leaves the subject siloed within particular disciplines. A 'Provocations Day', led by John Picton of the Charity Law & Policy Unit, took a step towards developing that network. As a starting point, eleven different interdisciplinary presenters gave a ten-minute talk about something controversial relating to charity in their discipline. The subject topics ranged from neo-colonialism in the transfer of funds across borders, to the Sacklers and the 'whitewashing' of charitable wealth through art donations.

### Public spending and intersecting inequalities

At this one-day conference, a number of scholars and policy-makers discussed public investment in the shadow of austerity and how it affects multiple and intersecting inequalities. Panels addressed how austerity affects our legal system and the social fabric of our society and its most vulnerable members. The conference also saw discussion on whether and how participatory budgeting initiatives can empower people so that public resources are invested in a way that benefits all members of society, particularly the most vulnerable.

### School of Law and Social Justice Building Topping Out Ceremony

March 2019 saw the Topping Out ceremony take place for the new £25m School of Law and Social Justice building at the University of Liverpool.

Invited guests braved Storm Gareth to attend the event, which marked the point at which construction work for the new building – an extensive renovation of the former Cypress Building – reached its uppermost point. The School of Law and Social Justice building will provide the first home for all School of Law and Social Justice students and staff, who have previously been located across three buildings. The building is now open.

The ceremony was conducted by Executive Pro Vice Chancellor (Humanities & Social Sciences) Professor Fiona Beveridge along with Dean of the School of Law and Social Justice Debra Morris, University of Law Campus Dean (Chester & Liverpool) Carol Draycott, Head of Department (Law) Professor Warren Barr and Head of Department (Sociology, Social Policy & Criminology) Professor Ross Coomber.



Professor Ross Coomber, Professor Warren Barr, Professor Debra Morris, Carol Draycott and Exec Pro-VC Professor Fiona Beveridge.

### High Court Chancellor speaks on smart legal contracts and English Law at Liverpool Law School

Sir Geoffrey Vos, Chancellor of the High Court, gave a speech at the Liverpool Law School in May 2019 on how English law can boost the confidence of would-be parties to smart legal contracts. In his view, English law is in a good position to provide the legal infrastructure needed to facilitate smart legal contracts, but only if any necessary reforms are kept simple. The lecture was hosted in conjunction with the Northern Chancery Bar Association.

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### Public lectures

#### 'From Lecture Hall to Court Room'

In February 2019, His Honour Judge David Hodge QC, Specialist Civil Judge, Business & Property Courts in Liverpool & Manchester, gave the annual Property Law Lecture that the Liverpool Law School hosts in partnership with the Chancery & Commercial Practice Group at Atlantic Chambers.

In his lecture, 'From Lecture Hall to Court Room' Judge Hodge QC gave the rapt audience of students, academics and practitioners a step by step account of two cases that he had heard, both of which concerned the right to shoot game on a rural estate in West Yorkshire. With a focus less upon the substantive law than upon the dynamics of hostile litigation, he explored how a dispute about the nature and extent of sporting rights and ancillary rights of way may arise and be resolved in practice. In this way, he was able to put into context what is taught to law students at University.

The next lecture in this series will be given in 2020 by Susan Bright, Professor of Land Law and McGregor Fellow at New College Oxford.

#### A Lecture on the Ethics of Law and Justice with Louis E. Wolcher, Professor of Law Emeritus

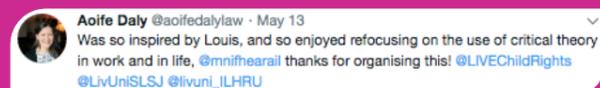
##### Professor Louis E. Wolcher's Recent Visit to the School of Law and Social Justice

From 29 April to 14 May, we had the honour of welcoming Professor Louis E. Wolcher as an International Visiting Fellow to the School of Law and Social Justice. Professor Wolcher is Professor Emeritus at the University of Washington. He is the author of numerous books and articles with a particular focus on legal philosophy. His books include *The Ethics of Justice without Illusions* (2016) and *Law's Task: The Tragic Circle of Law, Justice and Human Suffering* (2008). The aim of Professor Wolcher's visit was both to provide him with an opportunity to share, and receive feedback on, his new research and to engage with us on our research. With regard to the latter, Professor Wolcher generously participated in a number of events that were organised in conjunction with the Critical Approaches to International Law Unit.



Dr Michelle Farrell, Professor Louis E. Wolcher and Dr Robert Knox

During his visit to the School, Professor Wolcher delivered a stunning lecture 'on the Ethics of Law and Justice' to a completely engrossed audience. Professor Wolcher shared some of the central ideas of his forthcoming book on justice and took the audience on an extraordinary theoretical journey from Ancient Greece to the Enlightenment to the Frankfurter school to the present.



The following day, he hosted a day-long seminar entitled 'the Gritty Reality of Suffering'. There were a number of participants at the seminar: Angus McDonald, independent researcher, based in Manchester, John Reynolds, National University of Ireland Maynooth and Kathleen Cavanaugh, National University of Ireland, Galway. Along with Michelle Farrell, Rob Knox, Anne Neylon, John Picton and Katy Sowers, all participants delivered presentations connecting their own ongoing research projects to Professor Wolcher's ideas on ethics, law and justice. Professor Wolcher provided extensive feedback on each paper.

On 13 May, Professor Wolcher delivered a workshop to staff and PhD students on Theoretical Approaches to Legal Research. He explored the theory of theory, discussed fear of theory, busted some myths about use of theory in research and fielded questions about individuals' use of theory in their own research.



During his visit, Professor Wolcher also took time to meet many staff and students at an individual level, sharing his invaluable experience, encouraging us in our research and listening intently to our ideas, plans and woes. Apart from the exciting schedule of events, Professor Wolcher, throughout his visit, inspired staff and students and reminded us to appreciate our passion for research and for social justice.

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### Health Law and Regulation Unit Annual Public Lecture (with European Children's Rights Unit)

On July 3, Professor Jo Bridgeman delivered a lecture entitled 'Our legal responsibility ... to intervene on behalf of the child: Public Responsibilities in relation to Children's Medical Treatment.' She spoke on the phenomenon of cases concerning children's medical treatment being largely understood as judicial resolution of disagreements between a child's parents and clinicians over the child's best interests. When these cases occur, they tend to be high profile and attract much academic attention. However, many cases, including some of the leading cases such as *Re B* (1981), *Re J* (1990) and *Re W* (1992), were not disputes but occasions when the court was asked not only to determine the child's best interests but also to clarify the applicable law and the roles of the local authority, Trust, court and child's parents. Professor Bridgeman argued that to ensure that the interests of vulnerable children are protected it is crucial that decisions are made in the public forum of the court and that the interests, or welfare, of the child are the paramount consideration. This places cases concerning children's medical treatment within the context of public obligations and requires a re-conceptualisation of the private nature of decisions concerning children's medical treatment.

### The Role for the Coroner in Investigating Stillbirths

On 4 June 2019 Professor Marie Fox and Dr Sheelagh McGuinness (University of Bristol) co-organised an SLSA-funded, invitation-only workshop entitled 'The Role for the Coroner in Investigating Stillbirths' at the Bluecoat Chamber. The workshop, introduced by EPVC Professor Louise Kenny, brought together an interdisciplinary range of practitioners and academics, including Mr Andre Rebello, Senior

Coroner for Liverpool and Professor Phil Scraton with others working in the areas of patient safety, maternal and child health, and reproductive health to consider the role for coroners in investigating stillbirth. The workshop offered a forum to address key issues raised in a consultation launched in March 2019 by the Ministry of Justice and Department of Health and Social Welfare on whether stillbirth should fall within the remit of the coroner's court in England and Wales.

### Book Launch Events

#### 'Regulating Assisted Reproductive Technologies: New Horizons' with Cambridge University Press (2018)

Dr Amel Alghrani, Reader in Law, chased away the winter blues by launching her new book entitled *Regulating Assisted Reproductive Technologies: New Horizons* at Frederick's on Hope Street in January 2019. The book examines how reproductive science continues to revolutionise reproduction and propel us further into uncharted territories. The revolution signalled by the birth of Louise Brown after IVF in 1978, prompted governments across Europe and beyond into regulatory action. Forty years on, there are now dramatic and controversial developments in new reproductive technologies. Technologies such as uterus transplantation may enable unisex gestation and babies gestated by dad. Artificial wombs that will completely divorce reproduction from the human body and allow babies to be gestated by machines, may usher in a different set of legal, ethical and social questions to those that arose from IVF. This book revisits the regulation of assisted reproduction and advances the debate on from the now much-discussed issues that arose from IVF, offering a critical analysis of the regulatory challenges raised by new reproductive technologies on the horizon.

#### 'The Court of Justice of the European Union as an Institutional Actor.'

In March 2019, the Law School held a book launch for Dr Thomas Horsley on the release of his long-awaited monograph *The Court of Justice of the European Union as an Institutional Actor: Judicial Lawmaking and Its Limits*. The author was joined by guest speaker Dr Floris de Witte (Assistant Professor, London School of Economics) for a drinks reception and short introductory talk. This book interrogates fundamental and underexplored questions about judicial lawmaking within the EU legal order at a critical juncture in European integration. It argues that the EU Treaties should be considered to function as the principal touchstones for assessing the internal constitutionality, and hence legitimacy, of all Union institutional activity - including the work of the Court. It then examines how far the Court of Justice complies with the EU Treaty framework in the exercise of its interpretative functions. The results of that analysis are striking and offer scholars powerful new insights into the nature and limits of the Court's role within the EU legal order.

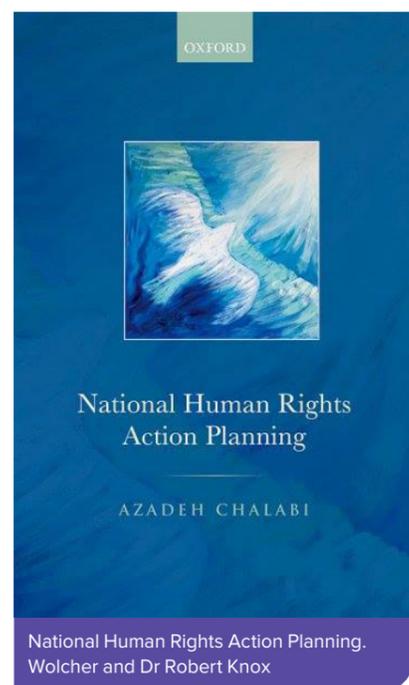
#### National Human Rights Action Planning by Azadeh Chalabi

Dr Azadeh Chalabi, Lecturer in the School of Law and Social Justice, published her second book, entitled *National Human Rights Action Planning*, by Oxford University Press in 2018. Liverpool School of Law and Social Justice organised a book launch on 6 December 2018. The event consisted of a panel discussion of the book with Professor Marie Fox, Professor Rory O'Connell, Dr Gaetano Pentassuglia, Professor Pádraig McAuliffe and the author.

This book deals with human rights action planning, as a largely under-researched area, from theoretical, doctrinal, empirical, and practical perspectives in order to put forward a new account of such planning. As such, the present work provides one of the most comprehensive studies of human

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rights planning to date. Offering a mix of theoretical, doctrinal, empirical, and practical perspectives and bridging the gap between human rights theory and human right practice, this book goes well beyond a technical book on planning and opens a new strand to the Human Rights and International Law Unit in the School and facilitates its engagement with communities and practitioners in the field. Advancing new contextual, substantive, procedural and analytical theories of human rights planning from interfaces of law, sociology, social policy, political science and philosophy, and drawing on a cross-case study of NHRAPs of 53 countries, this book appeals to a varied audience across the Faculty of Humanities & Social Sciences and provides a platform to generate a genuinely interdisciplinary collaboration in the human rights field between the Law School and other schools across the Faculty.



### Dame Rose Heilbron: England's First Female Judge

#### How Trailblazer and University Of Liverpool Alumna Dame Rose Heilbron Changed the Face of the Legal Profession

Born and raised in Liverpool, Rose Heilbron attended the University of Liverpool between 1932 and 1937. She graduated with a First Class LLB degree, "the first of many subsequent firsts in her life," says Dr John Tribe, a lecturer in Law at the University of Liverpool. An exceptional student by all accounts, Rose exhibited during her time at University the work ethic that she would become known for throughout her career. Upon gaining an LLM she went on to the Honourable Society of Gray's Inn. In 1936 she became the first woman to be awarded the Lord Justice Holker scholarship.

Three years later, Rose was called to the Bar before being elected to the Northern Circuit. Her practice focused on criminal defence work and personal injury work. Despite institutional sexism (Rose was prohibited from taking part in 'bar mess' at the time), she achieved a great deal of success during her career. Involved in defending many of the causes célèbres of her day, Rose was the first woman to lead in an English murder case and the first female to sit as a judge at the Old Bailey. Later, she became the second female High Court judge and eventually the first female leader of the Northern Circuit. Rose retired in 1988 – but not before culminating with a final first: being elected the Treasurer of Gray's Inn, the first female Treasurer of any of the four Inns of Court. She passed away in 2005, survived by her daughter Hilary, herself a silk and author of Rose's biography. The next generation of women in the legal profession, from Cherie Booth to President of the Supreme Court Baroness Brenda Hale, have credited their success to Rose's work, life and legacy. "It should be of no surprise that Rose has had a lasting and profound influence on women in the legal profession," says John. "This is because of both her undoubted professional success and excellence, but also because of her trailblazing activity in balancing the heavy demands of professional life with the equally heavy demands of family life. She combined both with great success."



Dame Rose Heilbron

Photo: University of Liverpool – Alumni.

## Alumni Association

### Supporting students through the Liverpool Law School Alumni Association

Our Law graduates are closely connected to the School of Law and Social Justice. Since its launch in 2015, the Liverpool Law School Alumni Association (LLSAA) has brought together alumni, students and staff from all over the world to network, develop and support each other.

In 2018/19, 127 members of the Law alumni community donated their time and expertise to supporting students and enhancing the experience they have whilst studying at the University of Liverpool.

Alumni gave more than 2,500 hours to champion the development of the next generation of Liverpool Law School graduates through their commitment to supporting the Law Professional Mentoring programme, delivering inspiring talks through our popular Law Extra speaker series as well as offering placements and work experience opportunities.

*"I had a professional mentor as a 2nd year undergraduate who gave me some really useful advice about my career options. Ultimately I followed in his footsteps and am now also an employment lawyer. Given how much I benefitted from the scheme I wanted to volunteer to give something back and try to help students in the same way that my mentor helped me but I wasn't expecting it enjoy the experience as much as I did. Getting involved is a great way to keep in touch with the University, find out what's going on and what has (or hasn't) changed."*

Clare Taylor (LLB Hons 2011) Associate, Brahams Dutt Badrick French LLP

If you are a Liverpool Law School graduate and would like to get more involved with the LLSAA, update your details or undertake a volunteering opportunity within the school you can register your interest via: [alumni@liverpool.ac.uk](mailto:alumni@liverpool.ac.uk)

### Liverpool Law School celebrates honorary graduates in summer 2019

During summer graduation ceremonies in July 2019, US District Judge Wendy Beetlestone (BA Hons Philosophy 1984) and leading High Court Judge Sir Stephen Cobb (LLB Hons Law 1984) were among nine esteemed figures to receive honorary degrees from the University of Liverpool.

Both are highly respected alumni of the University and strong supporters of the Liverpool Law School, having each in recent years delivered the Liverpool Law School and Alumni Association Annual Lecture.

University of Liverpool Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dame Janet Beer, said: "I am delighted to be honouring these nine brilliant individuals who have all made significant contributions in their respective fields, making a positive difference to society in a wide variety of ways."



#### Wendy Beetlestone

Wendy Beetlestone is a Judge in the United States District Court of the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. After graduating from the University of Liverpool with a bachelor's degree in Philosophy in 1984, she forged a successful career in broadcast journalism before entering the legal world. She was nominated to the bench by President Barack Obama in 2014 and was notably instrumental in issuing an injunction to block a controversial change to women's reproductive healthcare rights by the Trump administration.



#### Sir Stephen Cobb

Sir Stephen Cobb is a Justice of the High Court and a University of Liverpool alumnus (LLB Hons Law 1984). After earning a reputation as one of the UK's leading Family Law silks he was appointed a Judge of the High Court in 2013 and assigned to the Family Division. In his judicial role, he has taken responsibility for leading reform of the procedures for determining parental disputes concerning children, and for the resolution of family cases which involve domestic abuse.

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### Liverpool Law School Alumni Association Events

Throughout the year, the Liverpool Law School Alumni Association (LLSAA) has held a number of successful events that help to connect graduates from across the country. From the Annual Liverpool School and Alumni Association lecture in Liverpool, to informal social quiz nights and talks in London, the LLSAA has worked to ensure the lifelong connection between our graduates and the University.

The Association met in London in October 2018 for a special event sponsored by Weightmans and featuring the Right Honourable Lord Hunt of Wirral MBE, Member of the House of Lords, Chairman, Financial Services Division, DAC Beachcroft LLP.

In a Q&A session, hosted by the Chair of LLSAA, Ian Evans (LLB 1972), Lord Hunt reflected on his legal career journey and experiences of his life in the House of Lords, providing a unique insight into opportunities and challenges facing the legal sector. Lord Hunt has had a long and illustrious career encompassing the law, business and politics, with previous roles including Secretary of State for Employment, Secretary of State for Wales, Chair of the Association of Independent Financial Advisers and chairing the review of the Financial Ombudsman Service, all while remaining a practising solicitor.

You can view photographs of the event on the Association's webpages:

[www.liverpool.ac.uk/alumni/llsaa](http://www.liverpool.ac.uk/alumni/llsaa).



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### Liverpool Law School alumnus provides placement opportunities for more than 30 students

SPG Law firm recently recruited more than 30 students to work at their Liverpool offices.

Founder of SPG's operations outside the US and alumnus, Nigel Taylor (LLB Hons 1973) contacted the University seeking exceptional Law students to join the company on a part-time basis.

Since graduating, Nigel has kept in touch with the Development and Alumni Relations team, and worked with them alongside the Careers and Employability team to provide this opportunity, as a way to not only source talented Law students, but also to give back to the University.

Nigel said: *"The placements benefit both the firm and the students. The opportunity for students to do some temporary work for SPG also acts as an opportunity for the firm to take a look at potential future recruits."*

SPG Law represents claimants in the Volkswagen NOx emissions group litigation. In the capacity of paralegals, the students have helped SPG prepare Schedules of Information to support each claim. This has involved direct client contact and the recording of claim details in preparing the Court documents.

Whilst the students remain on a part-time basis alongside their studies, there are opportunities for continued employment in the future, including graduate placements.

Melissa Ferrari, Attorney at Law, Law Student trainer and consultant to SPG Law said: *"The students have helped us tremendously. They have been enthusiastic, engaged, and hard-working. Having them as part of our professional team has been a true pleasure."*

Student, Arzoo Naz, said: *"The practicality of working at SPG Law is not something that can be taught in a textbook. During my time at SPG Law, I have been responsible for dealing with clients, as well as handling confidential documents."*  
 Suhail Ilyas, second-year student said: *"I chose to apply for this placement to gain an insight into the operation of a law firm. It was an opportunity to work on large scale group litigations which isn't common. I read up on the partner of the firm, Nigel Taylor, who mentioned his aims of implementing the 'US approach' to UK clients which made it a unique and attractive opportunity."*

SPG Law are involved in environmental, medical and data breach claims. The firm combines the knowledge of large cases in the US with top lawyers in the UK, to create one of the world's most powerful legal teams entirely dedicated to the representation of the people against the powerful.

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### 50 years on: Class of 1968 Law reunion

The Law Class of 1968 marked 50 years since graduating from the University of Liverpool by returning to the city for their milestone reunion.

Meeting in the historical Victoria Gallery and Museum, the graduates reminisced and reconnected over tea and coffee before embarking on a campus walk. Fond memories of concerts and dances that took place in the 1960s in Mountford Hall were shared as the group passed through the Guild of Students.

The graduates were then welcomed back to campus by Professor Debra Morris, Dean of the School of Law and Social Justice, at the Liverpool Law Clinic – the University's in-house legal practice, which opened in 2007. The Director of the Liverpool Law Clinic and in-house barrister, Jared Ficklin, presented the group with an overview of how the clinic works and how today's students can gain practical experience through providing legal advice to the public.

Reunion organiser, Nigel Griffiths (LLB Law, 1968) said:

*"Meeting up again in Liverpool with those who were fellow law students 50 years ago was a fantastic experience. We were so impressed by the changes which have taken place in the way law is taught. Back in 1968, all the teaching was theoretical and we had no experience of law in action. Today's law students can, within the Liverpool Law Clinic, handle real cases with real clients which makes it so much more meaningful."*



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### Awards

Liverpool Law School's Dr Aoife Daly was shortlisted for the category 'PHD Supervisor of the Year' in the 2019 Postgrad Awards. Chosen from more than 140 nominations, Aoife was among just the 13 people to have been shortlisted.

At the SLSA conference in April, Professor Marie Fox and Professor Michael Thomson (University of Leeds) were joint winners of the 2019 Socio-Legal Studies Association Article Prize for the 'most outstanding piece of socio-legal scholarship in the award year' for their article Bodily Integrity, Embodiment and the Regulation of Parental Choice' (2017) 44(4) Journal of Law & Society 501-30. First year doctoral researcher, Jessica Randall, won second prize in the SLSA poster competition for her poster "Queering trans families: the recognition of transgender relationships in the EU and its impact on trans families'.

At the University of Liverpool Staff Awards 2018-19, Liverpool Law Clinic's Deborah Tyfield and Lucy Yeatman received recognition for their teaching excellence and were joint winners of the 'Lecturer of the Year' award.

In 2019, Lucy Yeatman was also shortlisted for the prestigious national award Law Teacher of the Year'. Lucy was among just five finalists who were shortlisted for their exceptional depth and breadth of teaching talent.



Deborah Tyfield and Lucy Yeatman, Liverpool Law Clinic

## Staff Publications

**Our academic staff and research clusters are active in their research, engaging directly with a broad range of audiences. Below is a selection of 2018/19 publications by staff and research clusters:**

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