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DIRECTOR'S INTRODUCTION

This report covers the past three years of the life of the Centre for Socio-Legal Studies (CSLS). It coincides with the period in which I have had the privilege of serving as the CSLS Director, from October 2014 to December 2017 when I shall step down. Therefore, at the personal level, this report is a reflection on more than three years of holding an office that was simultaneously demanding and satisfying, frustrating at times yet ultimately fulfilling.

When I took over the Directorship there was a high level of uncertainty about the nature of the role that I was expected to perform and how long my tenure might last. I was presented with two contradictory tasks to carry out: on the one hand, I was to perform the role of caretaker until a new Oxford Chair in Socio-Legal Studies was appointed, probably within a year. On the other hand I was to take far reaching strategic measures to ensure that the Centre would strengthen its role as a vigorous and forward-looking research community.

However, my term of office has actually lasted even longer than its stipulated three years. Now, looking back and reviewing what has been achieved, it is clear that the Centre can be very proud of what we have accomplished together as a team. We have carried out cutting-edge research and made impactful policy contributions; we have supported a series of successful postdoctoral programmes; and we have spread our research findings and ideas widely across the socio-legal community, not only at conferences but also by means of numerous workshops and discussions hosted by the Centre. During the reporting period, CSLS has been steadily raising external funds equal to about one third of the total raised in the Law Faculty as a whole. We have also taken new initiatives, such as the inauguration



of the Annual Oxford Socio-Legal Lecture, which has become the epitome of the lively intellectual life of the Centre and Early Career Workshop.

The morale of the Centre was lifted to a new high in January 2017 when we were re-located to newly refurbished facilities in the Manor Road Building. In no time the space was turned into an elegant, socially comfortable environment both for work and for the get-together occasions that we enjoy at the Centre.

Our achievements would not have been possible without the Centre's spirit of collegiality and the care that my colleagues, students, and support staff have taken to maintain an intellectually challenging and socially enjoyable atmosphere.

Dr Marina Kurkchyan
CSLS Director, October
2014 - December 2017

Research at CSLS

The Oxford Centre for Socio-Legal Studies is at the forefront of research into the nature of law in society as a historical, transmuting, and culturally specific mode of social organisation. The Centre brings together scholars with diverse academic backgrounds to take on this challenging task.

In their projects, our evolving group of scholars address fundamental questions about the meaning and the role of law in a variety of social contexts, the social foundations of constitutions, economic and environmental regulation, the changing nature of civil justice, migration, developments in media law, historical legalism, and the distinctiveness of legal cultures.

The disciplinary diversity of the Centre means that the insights of sociologists, anthropologists, political scientists, economists, legal scholars, and others can be brought together in the pursuit of multi-faceted research projects. In planning their research the Centre's fellows have been successful in gaining awards through the most competitive selection processes, and our Programmes enable them to participate at high levels of policy making. The supportive environment of the Centre has enabled successive generations of young scholars to plant their feet on solid intellectual ground, and to develop the competence and confidence that equip them to launch careers in the academic world.

RESEARCHERS

Researchers at CSLS

Dr Jessie Blackburn

Research Fellow

Jessie's research interests lie broadly in the field of anti-terrorism law with a particular focus on oversight and review. She is currently engaged in research which evaluates the effectiveness of institutional mechanisms for review of anti-terrorism legislation, with a particular interest in the role of offices of independent review of terrorism legislation in Australia and the UK.



Professor Susan Bright

Professor of Land Law

Much of Sue's current research is in the area of environmental performance and the built environment. She is involved in a multi-disciplinary project exploring the challenges in making energy upgrades to multi-owned buildings and has particular expertise on 'green leases'. Sue is also a Tutorial Fellow at New College, Oxford, and teaches land law, contract law, and housing and human rights.



Dr Christopher Decker

Research Fellow

Chris is an economist who specialises in law and economics, and economic regulation. His core research interests include: regulation (broadly defined to cover utilities, professional services, financial institutions and the environment); industrial organization; law and economics, behavioural economics, institutional economics, and competition law. He is also interested in the law and economics of development.



Dr Kevin Grecksch

Researcher in the Regulation of Water Resources

Kevin is a social scientist who specialises in water governance and regulation, climate change adaptation, governance of societal transformation processes, property rights and the governance of natural resources, and sustainability issues in general. His work at the CSLS is part of the multidisciplinary MaRIUS (Governance of Water Scarcity and Drought in the UK) project. Kevin is also the PI of a project supported by the John Fell Fund on 'Managing Drought and Water Scarcity: Strategies and Options for the UK's Large Industrial Water Consumers' and in 2017 he received a British Academy postdoctoral fellowship entitled 'Out of sight - out of regulation? - Ensuring sustainable underground governance in the UK'. The project advances theoretical and practical perspectives to develop new governance modes for underground space use including increased recognition in land use planning.



RESEARCHERS



Professor Christopher Hodges

Professor of Justice Systems

Chris is Professor of Justice Systems and head of the Swiss Re/CMS Research Programme at the CSLS. He is a Supernumerary Fellow of Wolfson College Oxford. Christopher's principal research is focused on law and corporate behaviour with the intention of integrating regulation, enforcement, compliance and established norms of ethical behaviour into a coherent overall framework. This work covers systems and practice in many sectors, including financial services, aviation, healthcare, telecoms, energy, pharmaceuticals, consumer products, workplace health and safety, and environmental law.



Dr Livia Holden

Senior Research Fellow

Livia is an anthropologist with research interest in expert witnessing and cultural expertise in European courts, gender and judging, Islamic law, Hindu law, anthropology of human rights, documentary filmmaking, mixed research methods, and research ethics in unstable and politically volatile fieldwork settings. She is a holder of a large ERC award to conduct research on Cultural Expertise in Europe: What is it useful for? underground governance in the UK'.



Dr Marina Kurkchiyan

Senior Research Fellow

Marina is a sociologist who specialises in comparative legal cultures, the post-communist transition, and the impact of development issues on the rule of law. She has conducted research in many European and Central Asian countries, scrutinising the differences in the way people perceive, interpret and use law in their everyday life. Her empirical work by means of ethnographic observation, interviews and focus groups has been carried out in the UK, Norway, Poland, Bulgaria, Ukraine, and Russia. Currently Marina is examining the Russian socio-legal tradition from the medieval period to the present and the current state of professionalization of law in Russia.



Dr Bettina Lange

Associate Professor of Law and Regulation

Bettina is the team leader at CSLS of the large collaborative MaRIUS and 'Historic Droughts' projects, funded by the UK Natural Environment Research Council. She is interested in how the knowledge practices of environmental science and economics respectively inform the mobilization of key regulatory tools for dealing with drought, and how the legal regulation of drought in the UK has evolved over time. She has also recently published papers that develop an eco-socio-legal lens for understanding the role of private property rights in the regulation of natural resources, and is currently working on the second edition of her textbook Environmental Law: Text, Cases and Materials for Oxford University Press (OUP).

RESEARCHERS

Dr Sonia Macleod

Researcher in Civil Justice Systems

Sonia is a researcher in the Civil Justice Programme. She has been working on a major comparative project on personal injury compensation schemes, which can be viewed as the ADR (Alternative Dispute Resolution) equivalent for personal injuries. The project has analysed a variety of no-fault compensation schemes, and details the socio-legal factors which drive their creation and subsequent success or failure. In a different project Sonia is exploring over 40 case studies on major medicines and medical device injuries in Europe, examining how to amend the regulatory systems for medical devices and pharmaceuticals to improve patient safety.



Professor Fernanda Pirie

Professor of the Anthropology of Law

As an anthropologist, Fernanda uses the insights provided by detailed empirical studies to investigate the nature of law. Building on almost twenty years of research into Tibetan laws and legal practice, both contemporary and historical, she addresses the nature of law as a social form, relations between law and religion, and non-state law. Much of her work is comparative, drawing upon detailed case studies by both anthropologists and historians of law. Applying the concept of 'legalism' to an under-studied area of legal history, Fernanda has recently completed an AHRC-funded project on Legal Ideology in Tibet: Politics, Practice, and Religion.



Dr Nicole Stremlau

Head of the Programme in Comparative Media Law and Policy (PCMLP)

Nicole is Head of the Programme in Comparative Media Law and Policy (PCMLP) at the CSLS. Her research focuses on media and governance, particularly in areas of conflict and insecurity in Africa. Her most recent projects examine the role of new media in political participation and governance; media law and regulation in the absence of government or in weak states; the role of media in conflict, peacebuilding and the consolidation of political power; and how governments attempt to engage citizens and communicate law-making processes, particularly constitution making. She is the PI of a large ERC project on politics and the use of social media in a conflict environment.



Postdoctoral researchers, who launched their career from the Centre

Dr Agnieszka Kubal was a British Academy Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the Centre from May 2013 to September 2017. She is a sociologist with research interests at the intersection of legal and migration studies. Her projects have included a study of the legal consciousness of Polish migrants in the UK, migrants' everyday experiences of law in the various EU contexts, and, as a recipient of a British Academy award, migrants' and refugees' experiences of the legal environment in Russia. She left the Centre to take up a lectureship at University College London.



Dr Naomi Creutzfeldt was a Research Fellow of the CSLS from January 2010 to February 2016. Her research interests are civil and administrative justice systems, access to justice and consumer protection across Europe with a special interest in alternative dispute resolution and cultural patterns of disputing behaviour. While at the CSLS she researched European justice systems and her ESRC FRL Fellowship focused on ombudsmen and procedural justice in a large comparative project. Naomi left the CSLS to take up a senior lectureship in law at the University of Westminster.



Dr Iginio Gagliardone was Research Fellow at the Centre from November 2011 to January 2016. During that time his research was focused on the role of China in shaping information societies in Africa and globally. In close collaboration with the Programme in Comparative Media Law and Policy (PCMLP), based at CSLS, he also led a number of other projects that examined the shifting norms in freedom of expression and the proliferation of hate speech online. In 2016 Iginio was appointed Lecturer in the Media Department of the University of the Witwatersrand, in South Africa.



Dr Petra Mahy was a postdoctoral research fellow at the Centre for Socio-Legal Studies from October 2013 to August 2015. Her research interests are in comparative corporate law and comparative labour law in Southeast Asia, as well as in the interactions between formal and informal regulation. While at the Centre she worked on a project on the plural regulation of restaurant work in Indonesia. Petra left the Centre to take up a lectureship in law at the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS), University of London, and in July 2017 stepped up to a Senior Lectureship in the Department of Business Law and Taxation at Monash University in Melbourne, Australia.



Former researcher Officers

Charles Manson

Research Officer on a project funded by the AHRC, Legal Ideology in Tibet: Politics, Practice and Religion. (PI Professor Fernanda Pirie). Charles Manson is the Tibetan subject consultant librarian at the Bodleian Library and the Tibetan cataloguer at the British Library. He teaches Classical Tibetan at SOAS, University of London. In 2017, he completed a one-year contract as Research Officer for the CSLS translating old Tibetan legal texts.



Dr Christina Cook

Research Officer on the MaRIUS project funded by NERC (PI Dr Bettina Lange). Over two years (2014-2016) of working within the framework of the CSLS research on environmental governance, Cristina carried out three case studies: drought planning, the establishment of a sustainable abstraction programme, and the process of granting drought orders and drought permits.



Dr Rebecca Mooney (was Money-Kyrle)

Research Officer on Civil Justice Programme, (Head of the Programme Professor Chris Hodges) As a member of the CSLS Civil Justice Programme from 2010 to 2015, Rebecca conducted research on collective access to justice and regress focussing on EU measures for public and private collective enforcement of rights arising under European law, in comparison to national law and procedures across all the member states.



RETIREMENT

Professor Denis Galligan

Oxford Chair in Socio-Legal Studies

After 24 years of steering intellectual development at the Centre, Professor Denis Galligan formally retired in September 2017 to continue his academic connection with the Centre as an Associate Fellow and mentor. Professor Galligan was appointed to a Chair in Socio-Legal Studies in 1993 and served as Director of the Oxford Centre for Socio-Legal Studies from 1993 to 2008.



formation and development of key constitutional concepts; the place of the people within western constitutions with an emphasis on the meanings and understandings that are attributed to constitutional issues; and the notion of constitutional success and failure. His many publications include *Law and Modern Society* (2007), *Due Process and Fair Procedures* (1997), and *Discretionary Powers*, 1997.

Professor Galligan's research deals with the role of law in society, the relationship between law and justice in transitional societies, and the theory of administrative law. During recent years at the Centre, his work has followed two related lines of inquiry. One is to clarify the social explanation of law, drawing on and developing the classic Weberian interpretative approach to social understanding. The aim is to examine the relationship between legal theory and social explanation of law, and to show how empirical evidence is relevant to concept-formation and generalization. The other line of research is the social foundations of constitutions. Moving well beyond the assertion of normative ideals or the doctrinal analysis of constitutional texts, Denis examines the role that constitutions play in the social, economic, and political order; the historical

Throughout his career, Professor Galligan has combined academic work with making a solid contribution to practice and policymaking. In 2001-2002 he was commissioned to advise Pakistan on its constitution, working with a high-level team under government supervision. He has frequently been invited to advise on governance issues, both by organisations such as the OECD, the OSCE, the World Bank, the UK Department for International Development and the European Commission, and by individual governments including those of Albania, Bulgaria, Estonia, Hungary, Macedonia, Georgia, Poland, and Slovakia. He is Co-Founder and Director of Programmes at the Foundation for Law, Justice, and Society, an independent institution based at Wolfson College which brings the fruits of academic research to a wider professional audience.



Research Projects

To be able to conduct the cutting-edge research that is the hallmark of the Centre, our Fellows have successfully secured funding from a variety of sources. As shown in this report, we are currently home to two large ERC projects; we are a major contributor to an extensive cross-disciplinary project funded by NERC; we have been a recipient of ESRC, AHRC, and Leverhulme Trust funding, and we have been a regular participant in the British Academy postdoctoral scheme.



EUROPEAN RESEARCH COUNCIL (ERC) PROJECTS

Cultural Expertise in Europe: What is it useful for? (Dr Livia Holden)

The need to respect diversity has been a prominent issue in the European Union since 1993. In all the EU countries, legal systems have responded to that need by a strengthening of procedural fairness. In judicial and pre-judicial proceedings involving members of diasporic communities, specialists have been called upon with increasing frequency to provide advice. In some common law countries, the role of the expert witness has expanded to systematically assist the judge when litigants or defendants belong to minorities. In most civil law countries similar roles are played by translators and other cultural mediators.



However, in recent years scepticism and even disbelief have begun to develop around cultural expertise, and the increasing incidence of violence and counter-violence signals that the European majority is drifting apart from the numerous cultural minorities. Hence our question: Cultural Expertise in Europe: What is it useful for? This ERC project is designed to: (1) map the terms, conditions, and costs of cultural expertise in private and public law; (2) create a toolkit for measuring the impact of cultural expertise; (3) establish an open access searchable database so that the use of cultural expertise can be analysed in particular cases; (4) design a teaching and learning module using the cultural expertise impact toolkit; and (5) formulate policy-making guidelines which include tested solutions for a sustainable inclusiveness in Europe.

This project began in October 2017 and is expected to reach completion in 2021.

The Politics and Practice of Social Media in Conflict: ConflictNET (Dr Nicole Strelau)

Over the coming years an unprecedented number of initiatives will coalesce, contributing to an extension of the reach of the internet to the world's most remote regions. Current initiatives are leveraging new technologies, from drones to satellites, to provide access that is affordable for the world's poorest people, many of whom are in Africa and live in regions where the state is weak and where there is protracted violent conflict. This project focuses on a key puzzle that is often overlooked: how does increased access to social media affect the balance between peace-building efforts and attempts to perpetuate violence in conflict-affected communities?

With a focus on religious and political violence in Eastern Africa, this project will investigate the relationship between social media and conflict through three research questions at the macro, meso, and micro levels: how are social media altering the transnational dimensions of conflict and peacebuilding? How are public authorities reacting to, and appropriating social media either to encourage violence or to promote peace? And in what ways are social media changing the way people experience, participate in, and respond to violent conflict? This is a five-year project to be conducted by a team of postdoctoral scholars at CSLS under the leadership of Dr Strelau from 2017 to 2022.



NERC PROJECT

Governance of Water Scarcity and Drought in the UK (Dr Bettina Lange, Dr Kevin Grecksch, Dr Chris Decker)

In the context of the changing climate, water scarcity and episodes of drought are now a significant environmental challenge even in the UK where water is usually assumed to be plentiful. This raises fundamental questions about how law can mediate the interactions between nature and society. While the formal regulatory framework in relation to water resource management is committed to evidence based decision-making, we know little about how environmental science and expertise in economics actually inform the regulation of water resources in the UK.

'Governing water scarcity and drought' is thus a socio-legal contribution to the 'MaRIUS' and 'Historic Droughts' projects, two large cross-disciplinary research programmes funded by the UK Natural Environment Research Council and involving various British universities. The socio-legal contribution is led by Dr Bettina Lange and involves Dr Christopher Decker, Dr Kevin Grecksch, and, from 2014 to 2016, Dr Christina Cook.

The first strand of the research provides a critical analysis of the governance framework intended both to prevent and to manage drought and water scarcity in the UK. It maps the key institutional actors involved in governing drought and water scarcity, and examines how power relationships between them are shaped by legal resources, environmental science and expertise in economics. The second research strand develops a historical socio-legal analysis of five significant drought episodes in the UK between 1976 and 2012. The focus here is on generating a critical understanding of the evolution of the regulatory framework and of the political interests that have influenced it. The research has contributed to the work of the Expert Group of the UN Global Water Programme, and has also involved a scenario-building workshop to assist stakeholders in developing innovative drought management options.

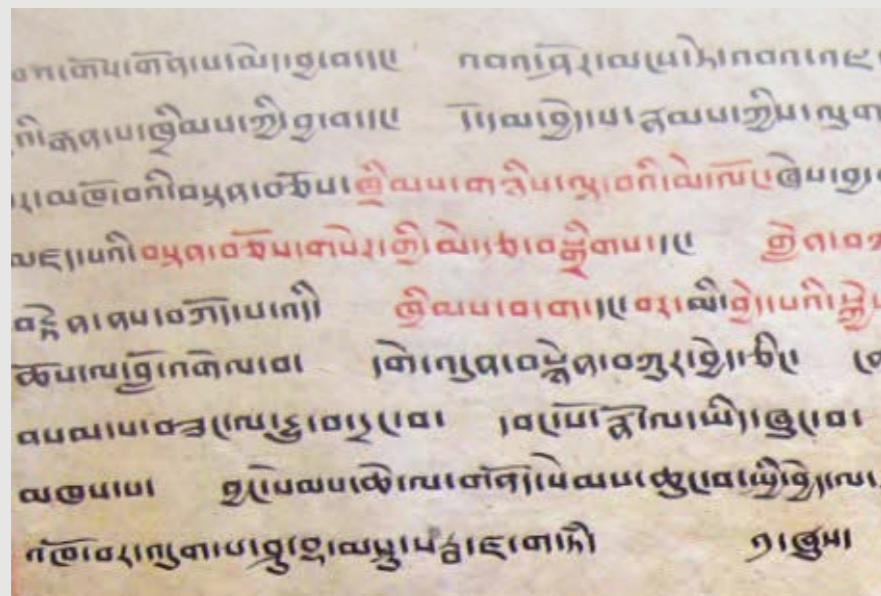
AHRC PROJECT

Legal Ideology in Tibet: Politics, Practice and Religion
(Professor Fernanda Pirie, Charles Manson)

his project aims to investigate the laws and legal ideology of medieval Tibet. Although the relationship between law and religion is one of the major themes of historical legal scholarship, the legal realm of Tibet's theocracy has barely been considered from a socio-historical perspective. The project's researchers have gathered together scattered textual sources in order to trace the different strands of legal thought during one of the formative periods of Tibetan history, the eleventh century to the seventeenth. Transliterating and translating these texts, they have been able to delineate and analyse developments in legal thinking, noting the ways in which many writers, as good Buddhists, struggled to reconcile religious, ethical, and jurisprudential ideals. The most important text is an influential legal treatise which laid the ground for the codes produced by the Dalai Lamas' government in the seventeenth century and which continued to be referred to into the twentieth. By examining the textual sources in detail and considering ideas in their social and political contexts, the researchers have created a foundation for a socio-historical account of Tibetan law.

The project has established a website (www.tibetanlaw.org) containing primary sources, in both transliteration and translation, thus making them available to a wide audience. These include the Tibetans, scattered throughout the world, who are keen to preserve and understand their history and culture on its own terms. Fernanda Pirie convened a workshop in January 2017 which brought together many of the foremost scholars of Tibetan law and which will lead to an edited volume and further collaborative research on Tibetan law.

To ensure the accuracy of translation of original medieval texts, Fernanda Pirie recruited the Bodleian Tibetan Subject Librarian, Charles Manson. The project was funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council and ran from 2015 to 2017.



Colophon of fifteenth-century Tibetan legal text.

JOHN FELL PROJECT

Managing drought and water scarcity: strategies and options for the UK's large industrial water consumers (Dr Kevin Grecksch)



This project is designed to shed light on a new and underexplored issue in water resource management: how large UK water consumers such as the horticultural trade, the hydropower industry and the food and drinks industries prepare for the water shortages which are becoming increasingly frequent as part of a changing climate. These abstractors are often overlooked in academic research and policy debates, which are usually focused on domestic consumption of water. This project aims to establish (i) whether these industries already apply any proactive measures to prevent potential disruptions from drought and water scarcity and (ii) whether they have strategies and plans to enable them to react to drought and water scarcity when they happen. The project therefore locates and analyses academic and grey literature, as well as industry positions on drought and water scarcity. Semi-structured expert interviews with relevant industry bodies round up the methodology.

This research was carried out from February 2017 to October 2017.



Country Case South Africa: Protesters Marching through Central Cape Town in Protest against Poor Service Delivery (Photo: Yazeed Kamaldien)

EUROPEAN COMMISSION PROJECT

Media, Conflict and Democratisation (MeCoDEM)
(Dr Nicole Stremlau)

The project 'Media, Conflict and Democratisation' investigates the role of traditional media and ICTs (information and communications technologies) in conflicts that accompany and follow transitions from authoritarian rule to more democratic forms of government.

In this project we argue that the media cannot be sufficiently understood in isolation, but have to be seen as part of an arena of public communication that is occupied by multiple actors, each of whom are trying to shape the interpretations and outcomes of ongoing conflicts. Therefore, the project also investigates how different conflict parties – governments, political parties, political activists – communicate during conflict situations and how and to what effect they use traditional media and new ICTs to achieve their goals.

This research was carried out from February 2014 to January 2017.

RESEARCH PROJECTS

UNESCO PROJECT

World Trends in Freedom of Expression (FoE) (Dr Nicole Strelau)

Across the world, journalism is under fire. While more individuals have access to content than ever before, the combination of political polarization and technological change has facilitated the rapid spread of hate speech, misogyny and unverified 'fake news', often leading to disproportionate restrictions on freedom of expression. In an ever-growing number of countries, journalists face physical and verbal attacks that threaten their ability to report news and information to the public.

In the face of such challenges, this new volume in the 'World Trends in Freedom of Expression and Media Development' series offers a critical analysis of new developments in media freedom, pluralism, independence and the safety of journalists. With a special focus on gender equality in the media, this study provides a global perspective that serves as an essential resource for UNESCO Member States, international organizations, civil society groups, academia and individuals seeking to understand the changing global media landscape. Researchers in this project have been leading an international research team to prepare UNESCO's flagship publication on freedom of expression. This report was recently launched at UNESCO's general assembly in Paris and regional reports for Asia, North America, Europe, the Middle East, Latin America and Africa will be published in early 2018 and launched regionally.

This research was carried out from January to December 2017.



RESEARCH PROJECTS

POSTDOCTORAL PROJECTS FUNDED BY:

BRITISH ACADEMY

Helots no more? Human Rights and Access to Justice for Migrants in Russia (2014-2017) (Dr Agnieszka Kubal)

This project examined the complex and ambiguous immigration law regime of Russia and the 'rules of the game' by which it operates, drawing upon an ethnographic study of migrants as they lived through the experience of coping with immigration law at first hand. Data were collected by means of court observations and from interviews with legal professionals and Central Asian migrants. The project considered whether the procedures involved are specific to Russia only, or are broadly similar to the way in which migrants are treated elsewhere. In conducting this research, Agnieszka developed a number of middle-range theoretical concepts (e.g. the spiral effect of the law, the technique of surreptitious deportation) in order to understand the image of Russian law that was formed by the experiences of migrants.

LEVERHULME TRUST

The international politics of a fragmenting internet: A view from Africa (2015-2018) (Dr Iginio Gagliardone)

Building on the results of his earlier BA-funded research, Iginio broadened his focus to investigate whether factors other than Chinese influence were having an impact on freedom of expression in Africa. He focussed in particular on the increasing securitization of development and foreign policy issues promoted by the United States, and on the way in which attempts to shape the internet were leading to its possible fragmentation.

ESRC

Trusting the middle-man: Impact and Legitimacy of Ombudsmen in Europe (2013-2016) (Dr Naomi Creutzfeldt)

An ESRC Future Research Leader grant was awarded to Dr Creutzfeldt to implement a project on 'Trusting the middleman: impact and legitimacy of ombudsmen in Europe'. The research objective was to compare levels of engagement with ombudsmen, and trust in them, in France, Germany and the UK. Naomi studied the relationship between decision-making practices on the part of the ombudsmen and perceptions of procedural justice and levels of trust on the part of users across different jurisdictions and cultures.

This project was followed by the University of Oxford's ESRC Impact Acceleration Account (IAA), with the Project Title: 'Critics of the ombudsman system: understanding and engaging online citizen activists'.



PROGRAMMES AT CSLS

For a number of years the Centre has been running two high profile research programmes on Civil Justice and on Comparative Media, Law and Policy. Funded by donations, they have both become vehicles for generating policy-orientated knowledge, making contributions to high level decision making. They also provide forums for communication and exchange of ideas between stakeholders in and across related industries.



The Swiss Re/CMS Research Programme on Civil Justice Systems

The **CMS/Swiss Re Research Programme on Civil Justice Systems**, led by Professor Chris Hodges, is in constant touch with EU governments, the European Commission, regulators, ombudsmen, judges, and arbitrators. Members of the programme provide advice and comments on policy ideas, hold annual conferences with ombudsmen, and speak at in-house events, as organised, for example, by the Association of British Healthcare Industries. They are often asked to brief or advise politicians, such as Members of the European Parliament and the two UK Houses of Parliament, either informally or at public hearings.

The programme aims to evaluate all options for dispute resolution, regulation and enforcement in a European state, and to propose new frameworks and solutions. The main themes of inquiry include ethical Business Regulation; Class Actions/Collective Redress; Civil Justice Systems and Access to Justice; Substantive law on Liability, Compensation, Consumer Protection and Trading; Alternative Dispute Resolution; and Pharmaceutical Safety: A Study in Public and Private Regulation.

Within the framework of the Programme, Professor Chris Hodges has reported on the advantages of consumer ombudsmen in meetings with the Secretary of State for Business, and the Scottish Government. He was keynote speaker at UNCTAD's Intergovernmental Group of Experts on Consumer Protection Law and Policy, where he highlighted the 'new technologies' of regulatory redress and consumer ombudsmen as being highly efficient in delivering collective redress, as well as delivering wider market regulatory functions. The approach to ethical business regulation suggested by Chris influenced policies of the Scottish Government, and is being piloted by the UK Department for Business across numerous business sectors.

A researcher in the Programme, Dr Sonia Macleod, has advised the Department of Health and the National Maternity Review on new redress mechanisms, following the findings of an extensive research project that was published in Sonia Macleod and Christopher Hodges, on *Redress Schemes for Personal Injuries* (Hart).

PROGRAMMES AT CSLS



The Programme in Comparative Media Law & poilicy

The **Programme in Comparative Media Law and Policy (PCMLP)**, led by Nicole Stremlau, is a research and policy programme that brings together scholars, policymakers and practitioners to discuss contemporary issues in global media law and policy. It has a particular interest in understanding media and governance in transitioning and fragile states. The PCMLP's research on hate speech online has brought together policymakers from international organisations and national governments to discuss the regulation of speech around elections in East African states; advice has been provided on the drafting of media and communications legislation in Somalia; and the Programme is engaged in training policy-makers through the annual Annenberg-Oxford Media Policy Summer Institute.

PCMLP explores the vast changes in media policy across the world from the perspectives of multiple disciplines – law, politics, international relations, economics and anthropology, among others. It is our view that today's substantial challenges in this field are best understood through solid empirical research that is grounded in historical context and emerges from a dialogue between all those involved and affected.

We achieve our objectives through three primary activities: conducting academic and policy relevant research; developing our network; and offering academic training and support. We have been hosting several annual events including the Monroe E. Price Media Law Moot Court Competition and the Annenberg-Oxford Summer Institute on global media policy. The Secretariat of the International Media Lawyers Association (IMLA) is also based at PCMLP.

The Monroe E. Price Media Law Moot Court has been an integral and cherished part of PCMLP's activities for almost two decades. However, with the inauguration of the Oxford Bonavero Institute of Human Rights in 2017 it was agreed that the new Institute will house the Monroe E. Price Media Law Moot Court from September 2017 onwards in close co-operation with PCMLP at CSLS.

The Comparative Media and Policy Programme at CSLS has developed a network of partners across the world. In particular, we have established a close relationship with the Centre for Global Communication Studies at the Annenberg School for Communication at the University of Pennsylvania, and the Center for Media and Communication Studies (CMCS) which is based at the Central European University (CEU) in Budapest.

POSTDOCTORAL PROGRAMMES



One of the core missions of the CSLS is to support postdoctoral scholars at the early stage of their careers. We pursue this calling through a variety of strategies and programmes. In particular, we aim at helping them to advance their research projects and to gain experience of presenting complex material in public forums, thus building up their confidence and enabling them to join the academic profession.

The Centre regularly offers fixed-term postdoctoral positions to give opportunity to inspired scholars from all corners of the broad socio-legal field to join the multidisciplinary team at the Centre to develop their projects, publish their ideas, and design follow-up research endeavours. In addition, the Centre hosts externally funded postdoctoral projects, thereby providing a rich intellectual environment and mentoring that allows award holders to benefit from working among senior scholars. As is evidenced by this report, two postdoctoral researchers are currently benefiting from this strategy and four other scholars have secured posts in prestigious universities in the UK, Australia, and South Africa during the reporting period.

The Centre frequently hosts targeted conferences and workshops to give encouragement to young scholars in the socio-legal community nationwide and beyond. For the last three years we have been running the highly acclaimed *Early Career Workshop*, hosted at the Centre and sponsored jointly by CSLS and *The International Journal of Law in Context*. In an open competition to take part, ten winners of the selection process have been invited to attend a two-day workshop at the Centre. They have been given a platform to present their research and gain in-depth feedback from group discussion, followed by face-to-face consultations with the Centre's senior staff and guest academics. They were also offered advice from the CUP journal editors on how to publish in peer-reviewed journals. In the course of running the workshop since 2014, the Centre has been pleased to welcome participants from across the UK and Northern Ireland, as well as from Holland, Denmark, Belgium, Australia, Canada, USA, South Africa, and Brazil.



Already, after just three years, successful applications to the British Academy Postdoctoral Scheme have followed the workshops and a number of workshop papers have been revised to incorporate feedback and eventually published in the journal.

The Early Career Workshop has been complemented by various other doctoral and postdoctoral meetings hosted and/or co-organised by CSLS, most notably the Socio-Legal Studies Association Annual Doctoral Workshop in 2016, and the prospective Masterclass for ESRC doctoral students led by Professor Linda Mulcahy (LSE) to be held in 2018.

Dia Dabby, Faculty of Law, McGill University: *'I wanted to extend a very warm thank you to you for the Socio-Legal studies workshop held...at Oxford. The format was great, as was the ratio of senior researchers to young scholars. The collegiality and mentorship was also truly appreciated, especially since I was presenting a piece of my thesis, which hadn't yet received much commentary aside from my thesis committee. Because of the workshop, I am seriously considering submitting my piece (once polished) for publication at the IJLC. Thank you again for this wonderful opportunity.'*



Research Students

Over the three years we have made a particular effort to continue and extend our most cherished commitment, which is to train new scholars in socio-legal studies and to support the early stages of their careers.

Within the reporting period the Centre admitted a total of 18 graduate students (14 DPhil and 4 MSt) and 24 have successfully completed their degrees and left the Centre (16 with DPhil and 8 with MSt degrees). In 2017 the Centre also launched a part-time DPhil Programme to provide an opportunity to those who are not able to commit themselves to fulltime study but have the qualifications and the aspiration to undertake a postgraduate research project.

The members of this growing community of research students have embarked on a rich variety of projects around the world, generating new knowledge about laws, constitutional orders, cultures, regulatory mechanisms, religious beliefs about legal order, and modes of delivery of justice. They have brought these findings and insights back to the Centre from contexts as diverse as the EU and its eastern neighbours, Colombia, Libya, Hong Kong, Russia, Africa, and other corners of the world.

As a body within the Centre, the CSLS students have in recent years become ever more vigorous and involved in the academic work. Since they initiated it in 2015, the students have run a peer-reviewed Journal of the Oxford Centre for Socio-Legal Studies (JoxCSLS) and since 2013 they have convened a weekly Discussion Group which has become a forum for debating ambitious ideas in socio-legal studies. At each of the Annual Meetings of the SLSA (Socio-Legal Studies Association) in recent years, academic panels that have been organised by Centre students have become an accepted convention.



Journal of The Oxford Centre for Socio-Legal Studies

The Journal of the Oxford Centre for Socio-Legal Studies is an independent journal published in e-format. It aims to provide a venue for early career scholars to test and publish new ideas. Since its establishment in its current form in late 2015, the Journal has published four issues. Two of these were published during 2017. CSLS associate, Pedro Fortes, co-convened a special issue on the theme of "Law and Popular Culture" which explored world perspectives on socio-legal issues found in TV series, cinema, photography, opera, science fiction, and literature. This year's second issue included articles on what judges think they do in court, advice for online intermediaries, family law jurisprudence in Brazil, as well as contributions about navigating sensitive fieldwork, and the recent Miller case in the UK Supreme Court. Also included were Emeritus Professor Denis Galligan's Socio-Legal Lecture on 'The Constitutional Crisis of 2016: An Historical Perspective', and reflections on what can and cannot be owned privately by current doctoral student, Cristina Golomoz.

Socio-Legal Discussion Groups

The Socio-Legal Discussion Group meets once weekly during term-time. It is an informal event in which students and researchers from different disciplines meet to discuss and present their work on issues relevant to law and society. Presentations, some of them by guest speakers, cover a great variety of topics, methods, and geographical areas. Along with this regular Discussion Group, students also convene seminars focused on specific areas of interest. For example, a 'Muslim Law and Society Discussion Group' was run throughout the 2015-2016 academic year.

Elena Butti, DPhil student: *'The Centre for Socio-Legal Studies has been a friendly, informal and supportive environment where to carry out my research. Its small size makes it extremely easy to interact with other doctoral students and faculty members, and it thus is a pleasure to use the CSLS facilities as my daily work space. Located in the Social Sciences building, it is also an ideal venue to connect to other departments and attend a variety of events taking place at MRB during term time. While there is great variety amongst research topics pursued at CSLS, this means that there is also scope for exploration, critical and less conventional research methods and topics. I have received excellent supervision, through which I have felt encouraged to pursue my own research interests and supported when deciding to make changes in my research project. The centre has been supportive of me conducting very long ethnographic fieldwork, which has been an asset to my research.'*

STUDENTS – POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH: NOTES FROM THE FIELD



Owain Johnstone: Staying Close to Home

When I told my friends that I'd be doing fieldwork – for a year! – as part of my DPhil, they inevitably asked where I was going. Would it be Africa? Asia? Did I have my pith helmet ready? When I told them I would be spending most of my time in London, reactions ranged from disappointment to ridicule. 'Why wouldn't you go somewhere exotic!?', they asked. Repeatedly.

Doing fieldwork on (nearly) your home turf has its advantages, however. Sometimes the things we're most familiar with are those we most take for granted, and the way law and policy are made in the UK is a good example. I had an opportunity to get behind the legislation and the headlines and find out what has driven changing ideas about human trafficking in the UK over the past fifteen years.

There was another advantage to staying close to home – logistics. The nature of my fieldwork meant I was talking to lots of different people from different organisations – and the more I learned, the more people I found I wanted to talk to. Being able to hop on a train or pick up the phone at short notice meant that I could be flexible and reactive as I gradually built up a picture of what was going on.

It just goes to prove you can do fieldwork anywhere (although if you do pick London, don't expect to come back with a tan).

Sajjad Khoshroo: Islamic finance - Halal Sausage

My research on the factors and actors shaping Islamic finance led me to interview Islamic finance lawyers, bankers, regulators and shariah scholars across the world. As my fieldwork progressed, I noticed a trend. Islamic finance is best described in metaphors. To say what Islamic finance is, it was easiest to say what it was like.

A Saudi regulator told me: 'Islamic finance is like wearing a long beard and thobe rather than being clean shaven and in a suit and tie. It's a reassertion of Islamic identity.' Asked about transaction costs, an Islamic banker said: 'It's cheaper to get married at the registry office, but many still prefer a religious wedding.'

Asked about the difference between Islamic and conventional banking products, a member of the Islamic Development Bank said: 'It's the difference between legitimate and illegitimate children. They are both children, but one is born of sin.' A shariah scholar told me: 'Islamic finance is like a permanent cure for cancer that is being ruined by the pharmaceutical industry so it can stay in business. The conventional finance industry's involvement in Islamic finance is the same.'

To me it seems Islamic finance is like paying a premium for a sausage that has been stamped as halal. You are relying on a label in an attempt to fulfill your religious obligation and don't really want to know how the sausage was made!

David Kwok: Serendipitous Fieldwork

How does law influence religion, and how does religion influence law? I travelled to various religious establishments in Hong Kong and China during my fieldwork. I had a list of the people that I wanted to interview. Top on the list was a person who was in charge of a religious organization, and so I wrote to her, and she kindly agreed to be interviewed. However, the data that she provided was, contrary to my expectation, of little help. On another occasion, I happened to talk to a gardener of a temple. This temple was not on my 'to go' list for I never knew that it existed, let alone the gardener. To my great surprise, he provided to me very important and useful information. So what's the moral of the story? You never know who will give you the best data. My fieldwork has certainly taught me what 'serendipity' means.





Elena Butti:

'Even walls have ears here' - Notes from Colombia

Anxiety builds up as I climb up the hill that takes me to one of the poorest and most violent neighbourhoods I have visited during my fieldwork in Colombia. About 200 families live here, in overcrowded houses, without running water or proper roads. This is just one of the many informal settlements where the 6 million internally displaced by the armed conflict live. Here, the daily reality is a cocktail of poverty, narcotraffic, and violence. It stands in striking contrast with the hopeful 'post-conflict' rhetoric promoted by the Colombian government. In my research I investigate how young people who grow up in these contexts experience the 'transition to peace' the country is supposedly undergoing.

'What are the main problems in your neighbourhood?' I ask a group of kids I meet.

'Drugs addiction and lack of water,' they say.

'And violence?'

'Not much. Domestic violence.'

'Nothing else?'

'Nothing else.'

Then, my gatekeeper calls apart two of the kids: 'Let's go for a walk with Elena,' he says. As soon as we leave the group, the kids start telling me powerful stories of threats, invisible frontiers, fear, and resilience. The dreadful picture of a conflict that is still alive. 'You know,' they tell me, 'when outsiders come here, we always tell them the same story: drugs, water and domestic violence. We never talk about the real problems. Because even walls have ears here.'

Felix-Anselm van Lier:

The Making of a Constitution in Libya

'Constitution making is a messy undertaking', a professor warned me, when I first presented my all too neat theoretical research proposal. After my fieldwork in Libya, I know he was right. In 2011, the 17th February Revolution led to the demise of Colonel Gaddafi, who had ruled the country for 42 years. Today, the Libyan constitution making process is taking place in the midst

of violent power struggles, a volatile political situation and in the absence of state governed law and order.

In this context, I set out for fieldwork in Libya to understand how the Libyan constitution would be drafted in practice. I conducted interviews with a broad range of national and international experts, members of the Constitution Making Assembly (CDA) but also with members of the Libyan society generally. I was able to witness nuanced debates on constitutional issues not only in official meeting rooms, but also on market squares. Numerous casual conversations with friends, taxi drivers, or coffee shop owners showed me that constitutional language is used not only by experts, but that it is also appropriated by people on the street. I discovered that in Libya, the making of a constitution is not a mere technical legal exercise, but that it touches the hopes and aspirations of the country's population. The Libyan constitution-making process is deeply embedded in an often chaotic and contingent social, political and historical context. I am currently reworking my all too neat theoretical framework.



Matilde Gawronski:

Notes from Uganda

Back in Gulu, the largest town in Northern Uganda and epicentre of the conflict, I conducted several interviews. One of them with the man responsible for running the Child Protection Unit, a unit attached to the Ugandan army and in charge of receiving 'returnees', i.e. men, women and children who had fought for the LRA, lived in the bush for years or had even been born there.

The CPU is located in a derelict villa on the outskirts of Gulu. Someone told me it used to be Idi Amin's summer villa that he used when he travelled to Gulu, but I was never able to verify this information. My interview, on a heavy rain day, proved to me how difficult it can be to conduct fieldwork in remote areas, where English is not the main language, where questions must be phrased at their simplest and when safety, especially for a woman, must be at the forefront of our thoughts.



CURRENT AND GRADUATED STUDENTS

Current DPhil and MSt Students

- Stergios Aidinlis (St Cross)
Data Protection Law - Impact of new EU data protection regulations (DPhil)
- Teresa Buchsel (Wolfson)
Procedures of Protection Status Attribution: The construction of bureaucratic identities in judicial asylum procedures - a Socio-Legal investigation (DPhil)
- Elena Butti (St Cross)
Between Legal Protection and Lived Experiences: Children in Transitional Justice (DPhil)
- Diana Dajer (Green Templeton)
Peacebuilding from the ground up: Collective action in Colombian transitional justice scenario (DPhil)
- Rebecca Elvin (University)
Judicial Vetting, Judicial Independence & Public Trust in Kenya and Bosnia-Herzegovina (DPhil)
- Elham Fakhro (St Antony's)
From Regulation to Abolition: Understanding the Evolution of Legal Policy Towards Sex Work in Bahrain (DPhil)
- Fernanda Farina (Lincoln)
From democracy to juristocracy: expansion of judicial power from the Brazilian perspective (DPhil)
- Mikolaj Firlej (St Cross)
What Are the Key Characteristics of the Lethal Autonomous Weapon Systems (Laws) and Whether Laws can be Subject of New Regulations (MSt)
- Matilde Gawronski (Nuffield)
Mass atrocities in the global justice system: A comparative study of multiple narratives and legal personas (DPhil)
- Cristina Golomoz (New College)
The Role of Museum Professionals in the Protection and Administration of Culturally-valuable Objects: an Ethnography of French Patrimoine Practices (DPhil)
- Ivo Gruev (Merton)
The limitations of the Bulgarian Constitutional Court with regard to the fundamental rights protection of citizens (DPhil)
- Mark Haskew (Wolfson)
Following Libor: Financial benchmarks, law, and the government of economic life (DPhil)
- Anneloes Hoff (St Antony's)
Local Voices in Colombian mining governance: An analysis of legal and non-legal public participation mechanisms (DPhil)
- Charlotte Kelly (Balliol)
A socio-legal exploration of legal transplantation in the field of children's rights laws in Indonesia and Singapore (late Colonial-modern day) (MSt)
- Sajjad Khoshroo (St Antony's)
Civil Compromise in Islamic Law: Case study of Islamic Finance and Women's Rights (DPhil)
- João Ilhão Moreira (Linacre)
Regulation of international commercial arbitration (DPhil)
- Madhavi Ramankutty (Oriental)
The Social and Political Foundations of European Human Rights Jurisprudence: Contextualizing the contemporary relationship between the Council of Europe and the European Union (MSt)
- Alice Schneider (Christ Church)
The Right of Privacy: A Genealogy (DPhil)
- Hannah Smith (St Cross)
Use and Governance of Data for Research (MSt)
- Claire Stockwell (Linacre)
Judging Carbon: The Significance of Greenhouse Gas Emissions in Litigation (DPhil)
- Stanislava Topouzova (St Cross)
Decision-making during Status Determination Proceedings in Bulgaria: The Discretion of Granting Asylum (DPhil)
- Felix-Anselm van Lier (Blackfriars)
An Ethnography of the Libyan Constituent Power (DPhil)
- Philip Williams (Balliol)
A Complex and Contested Regulatory Space: Student Protests and Government's Financing of Higher Education in South Africa (DPhil)
- Ling Zhou (St Peter's)
Consumers' Access to Justice: Consumption and Complaint in Post-Mao China (DPhil)

CSLS students graduated in:

2016-2017

- Varvara Andrianova (DPhil)
Perceptions of Institutions of Justice: Comparative Study in English and Russian Lower Courts
- Sebastian Castro (DPhil)
Do Courts Matter? The Role of Courts in Economic Regulation
- Pedro Rubim Borges Fortes (DPhil)
Collective Action in a Comparative and Empirical Perspective: Toward a Socio Legal Theory
- Nicolas Friedman (DPhil)
Explaining the concept of law: The respective roles of philosophy and the social sciences
- Andres Gonzalez-Watty (DPhil)
The Quest for Accountability of Transnational Regulatory Networks: The Case of the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision
- Friso Jansen (DPhil)
Medical Guidelines in Healthcare Systems in England and the Netherlands
- Owain Johnstone (DPhil)
Constructing Human Trafficking as a Social Problem: Definitions and Solutions
- David Kwok (DPhil)
Underworld Justice in Imperial China and its Continuing Influence in Hong Kong
- Heather McRobie (DPhil)
Legal Mosaics: The Post-Mubarak Egyptian Constitutions, their Legal Legacies and Constitutional Heritages
- Andrew Tickell (DPhil)
The bureaucratic court? Administrative justice and the admissibility decision-making of the European Court of Human Rights
- Arthur Choo (MSt)
A socio-legal analysis of North Korean Refugee Resettlement
- Ivo Gruev (MSt)
The limitations of the Bulgarian Constitutional Court with regard to the fundamental rights protection of citizens
- Anneloes Hoff (MSt)
Mobilising an Aspirational Constitution: The Case of Colombia's Mining Consultations
- Michael Kebede (MSt)
Misrecognition in Recognition: Islam in the Ethiopian State

- João Ilhão Moreira (Linacre)
'Regulation' of International Commercial Arbitrators (MSt)
- Katarina Sipulova (MSt)
The role of constitutional courts in decomunization process in the Czech Republic and Slovakia
- Philip Williams (MPhil)
A Complex and Contested Regulatory Space: Student Protests and Government's Financing of Higher Education in South Africa

2015-2016

- Po-Hsiang Ou (DPhil)
Climate Change v Eurozone Crisis: Social and economic views of risk in inter-expert risk communication
- Julian Sempill (DPhil)
Making Law About Power
- Michael C. Leach (MSt)
From Recklessness to Prudence: A Study of Regulatory Space Change in Indonesian Banking from 1997 to 2008
- Mayaan Ravid (MSt)
Crossing Borders. From Exceptional to Criminal Understanding Asylum Rights in Ethno-National States: A Socio-Legal Case Study of Israeli Discourse on African Asylum Seekers

2014-2015

- Caitlin Goss (DPhil)
The Nature of Interim Constitutions: A Comparative Analysis
- Sinisa Milatovic (DPhil)
The Role of International Law in Establishing Corporate Accountability Through Codes of Conduct
- Blessed Ngwenya (DPhil)
The Post-Apartheid South African Broadcasting Corporation (SABC) and its Crisis of 'Independence'
- Katherine Saunders-Hastings (DPhil)
Order and insecurity under the Mara: Violence, Coping and Community in Guatemala City
- Victoria Baltrusch (MSt)
The Citizen-Consumer and Sustainable Consumption: The French Affichage Environmental

ACADEMIC EVENTS AT THE CENTRE

ANNUAL SOCIO-LEGAL LECTURES

One highlight of the Centre's intellectual life is the Socio-Legal Annual Lecture. Each year we invite a leading scholar in the worldwide field of Law and Society to visit Oxford and share with us their ideas on whatever topic currently excites them in socio-legal studies. In addition to the Lecture itself, our guests engage in academic debate with Oxford scholars and students, socialise for a day or two and thereby build a foundation for further co-operation. Launched in 2015, the Annual Lecture is already a well-established and well-attended highlight of the busy events calendar of the Centre for Socio-Legal Studies. The event attracts not only scholars from various departments in Oxford, but also from other disciplines, and other universities.

2017 'Lawyering, Professionalism & Struggle in Conflict & Transition'

Professor Kieran McEvoy from the Law School of Belfast University delivered the 2017 Annual Socio-Legal Lecture on 'Lawyering, Professionalism and Struggle in Conflict and Transition'. Cause-lawyers throughout the world have to interact with politically motivated clients. Sometimes they share the political objectives of their clients, but in other cases they do not. They are regularly faced with questions about whether and how to share information between politically motivated prisoners and those on the outside, whether to recognise the court at all, which lines of argumentation to adopt, and how legality might be 'performed' in highly politicised settings.

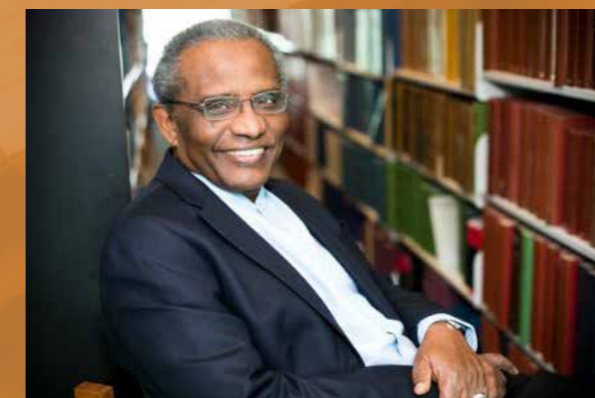
Based on over 170 interviews with lawyers and political activists in a range of conflicted and transitional societies - South Africa, Israel/Palestine, Cambodia, Chile, Tunisia, and Northern Ireland - this presentation explored the challenges faced by cause lawyers in these complex and conflicting situations.



2016 'Who owns the world? Landscapes of Sovereignty, Property, Dispossession'

In the 2016 Annual Socio-Legal Lecture, **Professor Eve Darian-Smith**, from the University of California, Santa Barbara, engaged with the question of global property possession in the early decades of the 21st century. Against a backdrop of decreasing natural resources, growing food insecurity, and mass movements of people fleeing conflict and persecution, the lecture explored the issue of the mass buying up of land by a global elite around the world; and in what ways the concentration of land possession into the hands of a few is shifting debates about national sovereignty, individual rights to property, and the global commons.

The lecture picked up a theme that has ever increasing urgency in our contemporary era – who has the capacity and authority to determine, protect, resist or modify the dominant legal concepts of "property" and "ownership"?



2015 'Sharia and Constitutionalism in Islamic Societies: Dialectics of Legality and Normativity'

Professor Abdullahi A. An-Na'im of Emory University led the Centre's first Annual Socio-Legal Lecture, demonstrating that traditional

formulations of Sharia are inconsistent with the modern imperatives of constitutionalism, human rights, democratization, economic development and even basic political stability. Yet, in Professor An-Na'im's view, a total and categorical exclusion of Sharia from the public domain is neither possible nor desirable for Islamic societies. To mediate this tension, he argued that an internally transformed interpretation of Sharia is consistent with people-centred normativity, instead of futile efforts to impose it through state-centric legality. This approach calls on Muslims to transcend the present hegemony of colonial epistemology to facilitate the necessary paradigm shift from state-centric legality to people-centred normativity. They should seek to develop and implement their own original theory of religion, state and society.

ONGOING CENTRE EVENTS

SEMINAR SERIES

- The CSLS Weekly Seminar Series, MT, Convenor: M. Kurkchiyan
- Regulation Discussion Group, HT and TT, Convenor: B. Lange
- Legalism Seminars, weekly, HT, Convenor: F. Pirie
- PCMLP Seminars, MT14 and HT15, Convenor: N. Stremiau
- Students' Discussion Group, weekly, MT/HT/TT, Convenor: Student Representative.

DEBATES

Two concepts of Jurisprudence: interplay between theory building and empirical evidence - 12 June 2015
Professor Denis Galligan (CSLS) and Professor William Twining (UCL)

Law as a Social Institution: The Implications for Legal Theory 29 February 2016
Professor John Gardner (Oxford) and Professor Nicola Lacey (LSE)

The Putney Debates 2017
2-3 February 2017
Organised together with the Foundation for Law, Justice and Society (FLJS)

PUBLIC LECTURES

The New Regulatory Space: Reframing Democratic Governance
Frank Vibert (LSE),
20 November 2014

Concepts: the Currency of Social Understanding
Denis Galligan (CSLS),
19 January 2015

Can the Referendum Be Democratic?: Reflections on the Brexit Process
Stephen Tierney (University of Edinburgh), with FLJS, 2 March 2016

Valedictory Lecture: The Social Foundations of Constitutional Authority
Denis Galligan (CSLS),
9 October 2017

CONFERENCES, WORKSHOPS AND BOOK COLLOQUIUMS

2016-2017

Resilient Drought Management in England & Wales – Scenario Building Workshop
Organised by K. Grecksch.
15 September 2016

Corruption in Developing Countries
Organised by F. Farina and M. Kurkchiyan. 16 September 2016

Empirical Evidence on Collective Redress in Europe
Organised by Civil Justice Programme. 12 December 2016

Cultural Expertise in Socio-Legal Studies and History
Organised by L. Holden.
15 December 2016

Law and Legalism in Tibet
Organised by F. Pirie.
20 January 2017



ONGOING CENTRE EVENTS

The Impact of Terrorism Law on Law and Legal Processes
Organised by J. Blackbourn.
1 March 2017

Anti-Terrorism Law Reform: An Academic/Practitioner Workshop
Organised by J. Blackbourn.
1 March 2017

Online Markets and Offline Welfare Effects – The Internet, Competition, Society and Democracy
Organised by PCMLP. 22 May 2017

From Collective Legal Consciousness to Legal Consciousness of Collective Dissent?
Organised by A. Kubal. 4 July 2017

Beyond evidence: how do knowledge practices inform the governance of environmental challenges?
Organised by B. Lange.
21 June 2017

2015-2016
Media, Elections and Conflicts in Africa
Organised by PCMLP.
16 November 2015

Arcs in Internet Regulation: Assessing New Directions
Organised by PCMLP.
3 November 2015

The Intellectual Life of Edmund Burke: From the Sublime and Beautiful to American Independence
Co-organised with FLJS.
1 December 2015



Sociology of Justice in Russia
Organised by M. Kurkchiyan and A. Kubal. 17 December 2015

What are Socio-Legal studies for? A roundtable discussion
Organised by B. Lange.
15 February 2016

Environmental Implications of the Laudato Si: Past, Present and Future
Organised by M. Allena.
10 March 2016

The Socio-Legal and Islam: Intersections Between Shari'a and State Law
Organised by M. Erie and M. Kurkchiyan. 14 March 2016

ADR and Justice in Consumer Disputes in the EU
Organised by Civil Justice Programme. 18-20 Apr. 2016
Legal Records at Risk (LRAR) 1914-2014: The use of unpublished data in Socio-Legal research
Organised by W. Twining and M. Kurkchiyan. 25 Apr. 2016

CSLS Workshop on Global Property
Organised by M. Kurkchiyan.
3 May 2016

2014-2015
Consumer Dispute Resolution- Implementing the Directive
Organised by Civil Justice Programme. 30-31 Oct. 2014

Inner Asian Law and Society: Religion and Justice
Organised by E. Khohchahar and M. Kurkchiyan, 14 November 2014

Balancing Business Innovation with Personal Data Protection
Organised by B. Lange, A. Vranaki, and X. Hue. 26 January 2015

Legalism: Property and Ownership
Organised by G. Kantor, T. Lambert, and H. Skoda. 28- 29 January 2015

Capitalism v. Democracy: Money in Politics and the Free Market Constitution
Organised with FLJS.
25 February 2015

Magna Carta in Context
Organised by P. Yowell, P. Fortes, and M. Kurkchiyan. 10 June 2015



SOCIAL LIFE AT THE CENTRE



The Centre organises a number of regular social events for all of its members – students, all levels of staff, and visitors – which adds to the lively and friendly spirit of the community. The events usually include a welcoming lunch for the incoming students at the beginning of each academic year, a Christmas party at the end of the first term, once-termly pub outings, a weekly tea, coffee and cake reception which is held in the Centre every Thursday afternoon and is extremely popular, and in June an afternoon of punting along the waterways of Oxford to mark the end of the academic year.

VISITORS' PROGRAMME

Our Visitors' Programme represents the diversity of the boundaries of socio-legal studies; attracting a range of scholars and interests with global experience helps us to understand and build upon socio-legal issues.

The Visitors' Programme is an important part of CSLS activity. At any one time we are host to a number of guest academics and practitioners who for a specified period are fully engaged in the intellectual and social life of both the Centre and of the University. They conduct their own research while also participating in our research programmes and bringing new perspectives to seminars and other forums for debate among students and academics. The programme fosters ongoing links between the Centre and numerous institutions around the world, and a number of collaborative projects and publications have been generated as a result.



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