News and Events

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LH*ub*: A new hub of Law and the Humanities at IALS

How is this fascinating scholar related to Law and the Humanities? What and where is "law" for them? Which areas of humanities do they work on? What are they trying to understand in their research?

At the beginning of this academic year, 10 LHub Visitors joined the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies (IALS) and were introduced in a group event that attempted to answer these questions. Our Visitors are a diverse group of scholars. Laurie Bashford is a writer and PhD candidate in Theatre and Performance at Columbia University engaged in ethnographic research of contemporary trans experience. Andrew Bricker is Associate Professor of English Literature at Ghent University, and an expert on humour, satire and law. Jess Connolly-Smith is a Senior Lecturer at the University of Lincoln, who explores how law engages in abstract and material practices of meaning-making to produce identities. Ogulcan Ekiz is a lecturer-in-law and artist at

Swansea University, and expert in copyright law, its theory and practice in relation to photography, film, fashion and visual arts. James Campbell is a DPhil Candidate at the University of Oxford who researches the significance of physical movement within legal spaces. Jonah Miller is a lecturer at King's College London and a research fellow at King's College, Cambridge. He is writing about legal and political responses to police violence in 19th-century Britain, especially campaigns for justice by radical groups. Jake Subryan Richards is Assistant Professor at the Department of International History at the LSE, whose research examines how enslaved and free people interacted with law in a world structured by Atlantic empires. Parashar Kulkarni studies religion, political economy and utopias, in colonial and contemporary India and the British empire, and is writing a new novella provisionally titled Cow and Court. Shekinah Vera-Cruz is a PhD student in the Department of Classics at the University of Warwick, studying rituals within the logic of Roman civil law, and the relationship between "form" and "substance" in law. Raghavi

Viswanath is a postdoctoral researcher at SOAS, who studies the impact of authoritarianism on the land claims of nomadic communities in India.

Read more about LHub Visitors on the LHub webpage.

This range of expertise and creativity is brought together in LHub to imagine exciting futures for law and the humanities.

The hub was established as Professor Anat Rosenberg joined IALS, to foster academic expertise, creativity, and intellectual leadership in the field.

LHub is conceived as a national resource within the remit of the School of Advanced Study. It collaborations with welcomes IALS fellows and associates, SLS members, as well as crossinstitutional and international collaborations. The hub's webpage operates a digital Ideas Box, open for proposals of initiatives in law and the humanities from researchers. artists, practitioners, librarians and more, in and outside the UK. Its message is: Imagine, and contact us!

For details of all LH*ub* events and activities, visit the LH*ub* webpage.

Library News

One-to-one advice appointments now available

From January 2025, the Library is running one-to-one advice appointments with IALS librarians. The appointments are open to all library members and can be held in person or online. At a one-to-one appointment, Library staff can support you with tasks such as finding resources in the library and online, using legal research databases, and referencing your work with OSCOLA. Book a one-to-one appointment.

Library of Things

The Library has recently been working to improve accessibility facilities and equipment so that services and collections are accessible without barriers to everyone. As part of this, a new Library of Things has been created. The Library of Things contains a range of objects and equipment that can be used by all library members to enhance and adapt the study space whilst in the library-see the full list on the Library of Things guide.

The Library of Things is housed at the Enquiry Desk on the second floor and is available when the Enquiry Desk is open: Monday to Friday 09.00am-7.45pm and Saturday 10.00am-5.15pm.

Selected Upcoming Events

LHub Seminar Series:
Re-orienting Punishment
towards Forgiveness—The role
of interpersonal concepts in
legal reconstruction

Date: 18 March 2025, 5.30-

7.00pm

Venue: IALS, 17 Russell Square,

London WC1B 5DR

Speakers: Professor Nicola Lacey, London School of Economics, Dr Galia Schneebaum, Reichman University and Dr Andrew Benjamin Bricker, Ghent University

See website for details.

WG Hart Workshop

Dates: 11-12 June 2025

Venue: IALS, 17 Russell Square,

London WC1B 5DR

Topic: Regulating the Global

Movement of Care

The topic for the 2025 Hart Workshop is 'Regulating the Global Movement of Care'. The Workshop will seek to consider the role of law in managing the global movement of care, broadly defined to include healthcare, social care, domestic care and unpaid care. Immigrant labour has long been the bedrock of the care systems of many countries in the world and law is intimately involved in ordering the movement of care and care workers. The

Workshop invites participants to explore the numerous distinct involvements of the law in this process of movement, such as by creating precarity through the imposition of stringent immigration or regulatory requirements, by providing migrant carers and their supporters with a tool to fight oppression, or by defining relationships between migrant carers and their broader kinship networks. The workshop will be organized around four themesprecarity, advocacy, protection and kinship networks-and will provide an opportunity to explore the legal regulation of care through the lens of a variety of disciplines, including history, anthropology, politics, sociology, criminology and creative arts.

2025 The Hart Workshop will feature two invited plenary speakers: Professor Majella Kilkey (University of Sheffield) Professor Eram Alam (Harvard University). There will also be a lived experiences panel, featuring care workers and individuals and organizations that support them, and a creative arts panel, featuring Dr Ella Parry-Davies (King's College London) and her collaborators on research in performance as method with migrant domestic workers. The organizers of the 2025 Hart Workshop are Priyasha Saksena (University of Leeds), Adrienne Yong (City University of London), Amanda Spalding (University of Leeds), Amrita Limbu (University of Leeds) and Marie-Andrée Jacob (University of Leeds).

The WG Hart Legal Workshop is a major annual legal research event organized and hosted by the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies.

Over the years this eponymous workshop series, subsidized by funds from the WG Hart Bequest, has focused on a wide range of comparative and international legal issues and topical interests.

SAS IALS YouTube Channel

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Podcasts

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