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Welcome

From the head of school



Dear Colleagues,
It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to the first issue of the School of Law's internal research newsletter. The newsletter provides a platform for sharing academic information in our department and also facilitates familiarisation with the research activities and outputs of one another. This will certainly bolster our research activities and encourage further enhancement of our research profile as we prepare for the next Research Excellence Framework (REF). While thanking you for all your support, I urge you to put all hands on deck to make the newsletter a success. Happy reading. Mashood A. Baderin.

From the compiler

Welcome to the School of Law's new research newsletter. The newsletter is designed to share ongoing work and updates from and about research activities in the School. This first newsletter covers the Academic Year 2010-2011; the newsletter will be produced on a quarterly basis hereafter. Please send any future items with relevant headings and hyperlinks to cs79@soas.ac.uk. Chandra Lekha Sriram.

New Colleagues



Diamond Ashiagbor
Diamond joined SOAS in September 2010 as Professor of Labour Law. Prior to SOAS, she was Reader in Law at University College London; Research Fellow in the Institute of European and Comparative Law, University of Oxford; and Lecturer in Law at the University of Hull. She has held visiting positions at Columbia Law School, New York (2000, 2007) and the European University Institute, Florence (2011), and has been the recipient of a US-EU Fulbright Research Award, as well as British Academy and ESRC Postdoctoral Fellowship awards. Her monograph was winner of the 2006 Society of Legal Scholars Prize for Outstanding Legal Scholarship. Diamond's main areas of research interest are labour

law, human rights, equality and multiculturalism; social and labour rights under conditions of trade liberalization; labour law, trade and development. More recent work has involved collaboration with the Labour Law and Development Research Network, to publish a special issue of the *Comparative Labor Law & Policy Journal* (Winter 2011) on *Labor Law and Development: Perspectives on Labor Regulation in Africa and the African Diaspora*.



Amanda Perry-Kessariss
Amanda joined SOAS as a Professor of International Economic Law in September 2010. Her first contract with SOAS was in 1995 when she assisted with the Bangalore case study for an ESRC-funded empirical investigation of Access to Environmental Justice across seven cities in Africa and Asia that drew together expertise from across the School of Law. She then worked at the Universities of Sussex and Dundee, followed by Queen Mary and Birkbeck Colleges in London; and conducted empirical research on the Sri Lankan legal system as a determinant of foreign direct investment, and the Indian legal system as a mediator of foreign investment-government civil society relations. More recently she has been exploring the impact of economic approaches (analytical, normative and empirical) on our understanding of law's role as a means, end, obstacle or irrelevance to improving the lives of the relatively poor.



Chandra Lekha Sriram
Chandra joined SOAS as a Professor of Law in September 2010. Prior to SOAS, she was Professor of Human Rights at the University of East London School of Law, where she founded and directed the Centre on Human Rights in Conflict (www.uel.ac.uk/chrc), an interdisciplinary, policy-oriented research centre. She has received numerous grants and awards, and has held a British Academy large grant on rule of law promotion in African countries emerging from conflict

(2007-2009), and has been a workpackage leader as part of a larger European Union Framework VII project on building a just and durable peace in the Middle East and Western Balkans (2008-2011; www.justpeace.eu). She is currently the principal investigator on a United States Institute of Peace grant on transitional justice and peacebuilding (2010-2012) and co-investigator on a Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada grant on the International Criminal Court and Kenya (2009-2012). She is the author of three monographs: *Peace as governance* (2008), *Globalizing Justice for Mass Atrocities* (2005) and *Confronting past human rights violations* (2004).

New PhD Students

Mimi Ajibadé, thesis working title: 'Corporate Governance in Emerging Economies: A Case Study of Domestic Small and Medium Sized Enterprises Listed on the Shenzhen Stock Exchange of the People's Republic of China'.

Emilio Ramos Calzon Antonia Mulvey

Thesis topic: 'International Justice: Solution or Obstacle to Peace in Housing, Land and Property Conflicts'. She is currently Senior Justice Expert for the Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC) based in New York.

Jiaqi Xie

New Research Associates

Deval Desai joins SOAS from a major international institution, where he spent two years working on justice and equity for the poor and jointly establishing a justice and conflict program. He received his LL.M. from Harvard Law School, his MA in History and French from Trinity College, Oxford, and was called to the Bar by Inner Temple.

Vanessa Ruegger is a PhD candidate at the University of Fribourg, Switzerland and Visiting Research Student in the Law, Environment and Development Centre, working on the right to water, from January-December 2011.

New Publications

Mashood Baderin

'Religion and Human Rights: Towards a Better Understanding,' vol. 3 (2010) *TAFHIM: IKIM Journal of Islam and the Contemporary World*, pp. 75-101.

With M. Ssenyonjo, eds., *International Human Rights Law: Six Decades after the UDHR and Beyond* (Ashgate Publishing Ltd., 2010).

Ed., *Islam and Human Rights: Selected Essays of Abdullahi An-Na'im* (Ashgate Publishing Ltd, 2010).

With M. Ssenyonjo, 'The Development of International Human Rights Law before and after the UDHR,' in M. Baderin & M. Ssenyonjo, eds., *International Human Rights Law: Six Decades after the UDHR and Beyond* (Ashgate Publishing Ltd., 2010) pp. 3-27.

'Islamic Law and the Implementation of International Human Rights Law: A Case Study of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights,' in M. Baderin & M. Ssenyonjo, eds., *International Human Rights Law: Six Decades after the UDHR and Beyond* (Ashgate Publishing Ltd., 2010) pp. 337-357.

'Abdullahi An-Na'im's Philosophy on Islam and Human Rights,' in M. A. Baderin, ed., *Islam and Human Rights: Selected Essays of Abdullahi An-Na'im* (Ashgate Publishing Ltd, 2010) pp xiii - xxxix.

'Islam and Human Rights in the Constitutions of African States: Agenda for Good Governance,' in H. Elliesie, ed., *Islam and Human Rights* (Peter Lang Publishers Ltd., 2010) pp. 123-153.

'Islam and the Realization of Human Rights in the Muslim World,' in S. Joseph, ed., *Research Handbook on International Human Rights Law* (Edward Elgar Publishing, 2010) pp. 440-466.

Law and Development in Africa: Towards a New Approach (Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, 2010).

'Review of V. Popovski, et al., *World Religions and Norms of War, United Nations University Press, 2009*,' *International Humanitarian Legal Studies*, vol. 1 (2010) pp. 233-235.



Gunnar Beck

Gunnar Beck has been working on his book entitled the European Court of Justice and Legal Reasoning. Gunnar is due to finish his research by the end of the calendar year when his Leverhulme Fellowship terminates. Gunnar is currently dividing his time between London and Duesseldorf and has of late been travelling to Brussels, Berlin and Luxembourg in connection with his work. The book will be published by Springer in Heidelberg.



Philippe Cullet

'Common but Differentiated Responsibilities', in Malgosia Fitzmaurice, David M. Ong & Panos Merkouris, eds, *Research Handbook on International Environmental Law* (Cheltenham: Edward Elgar, 2010), pp. 161-81.

'Environment and Development – The Missing Link', in Julio Faundez & Celine Tan, eds, *International Law, Economic Globalization and Developing Countries* (Cheltenham: Edward Elgar, 2010), pp. 354-78.

'Realisation of the Fundamental Right to Water in Rural Areas – Implications of the Evolving Policy Framework for Drinking Water,' *Economic and Political Weekly* 46/12 (2011), pp. 56-62.

'Water Sector Reforms and Courts in India – Lessons from the Evolving Case Law', *Review of European Community & International Environmental Law* 19/3 (2010), pp. 328-38.



Nick Foster

'Islamic Perspectives on the Law of Business Organisations I: An Overview of the Classical Sharia and a Brief Comparison of the Sharia Regimes with Western-Style Law,' *European Business Organization Law Review* (2010) pp. 3-34,
<http://journals.cambridge.org/action/displayAbstract?fromPage=online&aid=7572196&fulltextType=RA&fileId=S1566752910100020>.

'Islamic Perspectives on the Law of Business Organisations II: The Sharia and Western-style Business Organisations' (2010) *European Business Organization Law Review* (2010), pp. 273-307,

<http://journals.cambridge.org/action/displayAbstract?fromPage=online&aid=7849181&fulltextType=RA&fileId=S1566752910200058>.



Gina Heathcote

The Law on the use of Force: A Feminist Analysis, (Routledge Research in International Law Series, forthcoming September 2011), <http://www.routledge.com/books/details/9780415492874/>.

'Feminist Reflections on the End of the War on Terror,' *Melbourne Journal of International Law* vol. 11 (2010), <http://mjil.law.unimelb.edu.au/go/issues/current-issue>.



Prabha Kotiswaran

Dangerous Sex, Invisible Labor, (Princeton: Princeton University Press, July 2011), <http://press.princeton.edu/titles/9467.html>.

Reader on Sex Work (Women Unlimited, New Delhi, India) <http://www.swb.co.in/store/book/sex-work>.

'Labours in Vice or Virtue? Neo-Liberalism, Sexual Commerce and the Case of Indian Bar Dancing,' in Jane Scoular and Teela L. M. Sanders, eds., special issue, *Journal of Law & Society*, no. 1 (March 2010), pp. 105-124 (reprinted in book form by Blackwell).

'Review of *Gay Rights and Lefts* by Libby Adler,' *Harvard Civil Rights-Civil Liberties Law Review* (March 2011) Online Colloquium.

'Review of *Stages of Capital: Law, Culture, and Market Governance in Late Colonial India* (2009) and of *Global business, local law: the Indian Legal System as a communal resource* (2009),' *Law & Society Review* vol. 45, no. 2 (2011).



Makeen F. Makeen

'The Controversy of Simultaneous Cable Retransmission to Hotel Rooms Under International and European Copyright Laws,' *Journal of the Copyright Society of the USA* vol. 57, nos. 1-2 (2010), pp. 59-105.

'The Protection of Musical Works Under the UAE Copyright Law,' *Journal of the Copyright Society of the USA* vol. 57, no. 4 (2010), pp. 743-797.

'The Right of Paternity under the Copyright Laws of Egypt and Israel,' *European Intellectual Property Review* vol. 33, no. 1 (2011), p. 26.



Werner Menski

'Islamic law in British courts: Do we not know or do we not want to know?' in Jane Mair and Esin Örüćü, eds., *The place of religion in family law: A comparative search* (Mortsel: Intersentia, 2011), pp. 15-36.

'Life and law: Advocacy and expert witnessing in the UK,' in Livia Holden, ed., *Cultural Expertise and Litigation: Patterns, Conflicts*, (London and New York: Routledge, May 2011), pp. 151-172.

'Foreword,' in Ridwanul Hoque, ed., *Judicial activism in Bangladesh: Golden mean approach* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press).

'Flying kites: Managing family laws and gender issues in Bangladesh,' *Stamford Journal of Law* (Dhaka) No. 2 (March 2011), pp. 109-134.

With Alberto Neidhardt, 'Author and subject index to IANL Vol 24 (2010),' *Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Law*, vol. 25, no.1 (February 2011), pp. 96-136.

'Assessing communal conflicts and Hindu fascism in India,' *European Yearbook of Minority Issues. Special Focus South Asia*, vol. 8 (Leiden: Brill, 2009), pp. 313-335.

'Flying kites in Pakistan: Turbulences in theory and practice,' *Journal of Law and Social Research* (Multan, Pakistan) vol.1, no. 1 (2009-10), pp. 41-57.

'Fuzzy Law and the Boundaries of Secularism,' *Potchefstroom Electronic Law Journal*, (3 December 2010) vol. 13, no. 3 (2010), <http://ssrn.com/abstract=1752910>.

'Hindu law,' *Law & Justice. The Christian Law Review*, no. 164 (Hilary/Easter 2010), pp. 45-62.

'Sanskrit law. Excavating Vedic legal pluralism,' *SOAS School of Law Research Paper* No. 05-2010, <http://ssrn.com/abstract=1621384>.

'Monsters, legal pluralism and human rights in Africa,' in Manfred O. Hinz and Clever Mapaure, eds., *In search of justice and peace. Traditional and informal justice systems in Africa* (Windhoek: Namibia Scientific Society), pp. 443-456.

'Law, state and culture: How countries accommodate religious, cultural and ethnic diversity. The British and Indian experiences,' in Marie-Claire Foblets, Jean-François Gaudreault-Desbiens and Alison Dundes Renteln, eds., *Cultural diversity and the law. State responses from around the world* (Brussels: Bruylant and Éditions Yvon Blais, 2010), pp. 403-446.

With Jilna Shah, 'Author and subject index to IANL Vol 23 (2009),' *Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Law*, vol. 24, no.1 (February 2010), pp. 66-106.

'Slumdog law, colonial tummy aches and the redefinition of family law in India,' Review article, *South Asia Research*, vol. 30, no.1 (February 2010), pp. 67-80.



Lutz Oette

Editor, *Transitional Justice and Criminal Law Reform: Human Rights Perspectives for Sudan* (Arabic version was published by REDRESS in March 2011; English version will be published later 2011 by Ashgate. The Arabic version was launched in London on 11 June 2011, at an event hosted by REDRESS and Open Themes).

'Accountability and justice in Sri Lanka: A new chapter at last,' *openDemocracy*, (19 May 2011) <http://www.opendemocracy.net/lutz-oette/accountability-and-justice-in-sri-lanka-new-chapter-at-last>.

'Bridging the Enforcement Gap: Compliance of States Parties with Decisions of Human Rights Treaty Bodies,' *Interights Bulletin*, vol. 16, no. 2, pp. 51-54.

Amanda Perry-Kessaris

Ed., *Law in Pursuit of Development: Principles into practice?* (Routledge, 2009, 2010).

'Indications of India's investment climate: Who cares?' *East Asia Forum Quarterly* (forthcoming 2011).

'Reading the Story of Law and Embeddedness Through a Community Lens: A Polanyi-Meets-Cotterrell Economic Sociology of Law?' *Northern Ireland Legal Quarterly* (forthcoming 2011), <http://ssrn.com/abstract=1825743>.

With Elin Cohen, Kevin J. Fandl, Cohen, and Veronica Taylor, 'Truth and Consequences in Rule of Law: Inferences, Attribution and Evaluation,' *Hague Journal on the Rule of Law*, Vol. 3, No. 1 (2011), <http://ssrn.com/abstract=1757977>.

'Prepare Your Indicators: Economics Imperialism on the Shores of Law and Development,' *International Journal of Law in Context* (30 November 2010), <http://ssrn.com/abstract=1717726>.

'Corporate liability for environmental harm,' in M. Fitzmaurice and D. Ong, eds, *Research Handbook on International Environmental Law* (Cheltenham: Edward Elgar, 2010).

'Book review: *Rules of Law and Laws of Ruling: On the Governance of Law*,' *International Journal of Law in Context* 6:SI3 (2010), pp. 318-321.

Chandra Lekha Sriram

Peacebuilding and rule of law in Africa: Just Peace? co-editor with Olga Martin-Ortega and Johanna Herman (London: Routledge, 2011).

Human Rights, co-editor of section entries, with Kurt Mills, in Robert Denmark, et. al., eds., *The ISA Compendium Project* (Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell, 2010).

Peace versus Justice? The Dilemma of Transitional Justice in Africa co-editor with Suren Pillay (Durban: University of KwaZulu-Natal Press, 2009, and Oxford: James Currey, 2010).

'Power-sharing and transitional justice: A clash of paradigms?' with Stef Vandeginste *Global Governance* vol. 17, no. 4 (forthcoming October 2011).

'Justice delayed? Internationalized criminal tribunals and peacebuilding in Lebanon, Bosnia, and Cambodia,' with Olga Martin-Ortega and Johanna Herman, *Conflict, security, and development* vol. 11, no. 3 (July 2011).

'International vs. domestic norms and actors' and 'Zone of Impunity' in Lavinia Stan, ed., *Encyclopedia of Transitional Justice* (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, forthcoming 2011).

'The Special Tribunal for Lebanon in Context: Internationalized Criminal Justice and International Politics,' in Fady Fadel and Cynthia Eid, eds., *Justice internationale et/ou maintien de la paix et de la securite internationales*, (Brussels: Brill Publishing, forthcoming 2011).

'Achieving accountability for non-state armed groups: use of domestic mechanisms for international crimes,' in Pablo Policzer and David Capie, eds., *After Leviathan: Restraining Violence by Non-State Armed Groups* (Philadelphia, PA: University of Pennsylvania Press, forthcoming 2011).

'Post-conflict justice and hybridity in peacebuilding: Resistance or cooptation?' in Oliver Richmond and Audra Mitchell, eds., *Hybrid Forms of Peace* (London: Palgrave Macmillan, forthcoming 2011).

'Review essay of *The Gender of Reparations. Unsettling Sexual Hierarchies while Redressing Human Rights Violations*,' *European Journal of International Law* vol. 21, no. 2 (2010).

'Introduction: Human Rights Essays,' with Kurt Mills in Robert Denemark, et. al., eds., *The ISA Compendium Project* (Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell, 2010).

'War, conflict, and Human Rights,' with Olga Martin-Ortega and Johanna Herman, in Robert Denemark, et. al., eds., *The ISA Compendium Project* (Oxford: Wiley-Blackwell, 2010).

'Perspectives on International Law in International Relations,' with Fiona B. Adamson, in Basak Cali, ed., *International Law for International Relations* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2010).

Carol Tan

I was invited to write the Foreword to Shiona Airlie, *Thistle and Bamboo: the life and times of Sir James Stewart Lockhart* (HK: HKUP, 2010), iv-viii (series information: Echoes: Classics of Hong Kong Culture and History).

I edited and prepared for publication in the Working Papers series of the South East Asia Research Centre (SEARC), City University of Hong Kong the essays of two SOAS postgraduate students who took my class on Migration, Gender and the Law in South East Asia - <http://www6.cityu.edu.hk/searc/index.aspx> (papers by Lotta Kivinen and Elizabeth Nehrling).

Lynn Welchman

'Women, Family and the Law: The Muslim personal status law debate in Arab states,' in Robert W. Hefner, ed., *New Cambridge History of Islam* Vol. 6 (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2010) pp. 411-437.

'A Husband's Authority: Emerging Formulations in Muslim Family Laws,' *International Journal of Law, Policy and the Family* vol. 25, no. 1 (2011), pp. 1-23.

Ronnie R.F. Yearwood

The Constrained Openness of World Trade Organisation (WTO) Law (Routledge-Cavendish, 2011)

<http://www.tandf.net/books/details/9780415565165/>

Book Review, *European Journal of International Law*, <http://www.ejil.org/pdfs/21/4/2105.pdf>.



Sanzhu Zhu

Editor, *Law and Institutions of Modern China*. (London and New York: Routledge, 2011) 4 Volume Set, 1,616 pages)

<http://www.routledge.com/books/details/9780415565455/>.

'[Case Study: Post-WTO Financial Market Development](#),' in Linda Yueh, ed., *Enterprising China: Business, Economic, and Law Developments since 1979, Case Study 11*. (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2011)
<http://ukcatalogue.oup.com/product/9780199205820.do?keyword=linda+yueh&sortby=bestMatches>.

'[Modern Chinese Law and Institutions Sixty Years On](#),' in Sanzhu Zhu, ed., *Law and Institutions of Modern China* (London; New York: Routledge, 2011).

'[The Role of Law and Governance in Financial Market: The Case of Emerging Chinese Securities Market](#),' in Kern Alexander and Niamh Money, eds. *Law Reform and Financial Markets* (Cheltenham: Edward Elgar, Forthcoming July 2011).

With F. C. Hsu Berry and Pu Lifan, eds., '[Derivative Markets in China: Guest Editors' Introduction](#),' *Chinese Law and Government*, vol. 43, no. 4 (July-August 2010) (The Guest Editors' Introduction is at pp. 3-11.)
[parent&backto=journal,1,38;linkingpublicationresults,1:110903,1](#) (then click "Issue" for Number 4, an issue of collection and translation of regulations and rules concerning derivative markets in China).

Grants and Projects



Matthew Craven

With Sundhya Pahuja (Melbourne) and Susan Marks (LSE), £15,000 from the Modern Law Review, for a conference entitled 'Towards a Radical International Law'. Funding will be sought for a second, follow-up conference in the coming year.

Nick Foster

Law of Islamic Finance Bibliography Project. This project aims to alleviate the sometimes acute bibliographic problems in the Law of Islamic Finance by creating and making electronically available a communal, continuously growing, multi-script bibliographic resource which can be accessed, and to which contributions can be made, by the very scattered community of Islamic Finance scholars and practitioners. This is a joint project with Professor Shaheen Sardar Ali of Warwick University. I am being assisted by **Jonathan Ercanbrack**, whose PhD is in this area.

Gina Heathcote

British Academy / ACU Grant for International Collaboration - to host with the Asia-Pacific Centre for Military Law a symposium titled: *Gender Perspectives in Peacekeeping Law and Practice: Perspectives from Asia and the Pacific* 19-20th April 2012. Any inquiries should be directed gh21@soas.ac.uk (call for papers to follow at end of the summer).

Amanda Perry-Kessaris

British Academy Research Development Award 'The Economic Approach to Law and Development: Principles, effects defects' 2009-2011, £85,144; Overseas Conference Grant 2011, £500.

Chandra Lekha Sriram

United States Institute of Peace Grant 'Transitional justice as peacebuilding?' 2010-2012, \$95,447; European Union Framework VII grant, workpackage leader as part of 'A just and durable peace by piece,' 2008-2011, €164,000; Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada, Research Development Initiatives grant, co-investigator (Stephen Brown of University of Ottawa, PI) on 'The Special Tribunal for Kenya: Waki Times Ahead?' 2009-2012, \$40,000 CAD; Nuffield Foundation grant 'Accountability for post-election violence in Kenya: What next?' 2009-2011, £7210.

Research-related Events

Mimi Ajibadé (first year research student)

7-8 April 2011, 'Post-financial crises: a theoretical examination of recent developments in corporate governance in Contemporary China,' International Graduate Legal Research Conference, King's College, London.

Diamond Ashiagbor

November 2011 (forthcoming), 'Appropriation: Taking of and by law' London International Development Centre Workshop. (With Amanda Perry-Kessaris).

Mashood Baderin

4 August 2010, Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, University of Lagos Campus, Nigeria. Delivered the maiden Diaspora's Scholars Lecture on "Law and Development in Africa: Towards a New Approach".

29 June 2010, British Institute of International and Comparative Law (BIICL) International Workshop on Criminal Law and Rights of the Child, London. Delivered Keynote Address on "Criminal Law and Rights of the Child: Between Human Rights Law and Islamic Law".

23 June 2010, Institute of Islamic Understanding Conference on Religion and Human Rights, in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Delivered Keynote Address on "Religion and Human Rights: Towards a Better Understanding" at the

Matthew Craven

23 June 2010, London School of Economics: "Effective Dispute Resolution in the Middle Kingdom", organized by China Britain Law Institute in association with the 48 Group Club and the Confucius Institute for Business at the LSE; Panel speaker. <http://www.cbli.org/events/london-effective-dispute-resolution-middle-kingdom/>.

28 June – 5 July 2010, Visiting and delivering lectures at School of Law, Xi'an Jiaotong University, invited under their Excellent Overseas Scholars Exchange and Cooperation Programme. <http://xjtunews.xjtu.edu.cn/yxdt/2010-01/1264468294d25877.shtml>

19 November 2010, Visiting and delivering lectures at Erasmus School of Law, Erasmus University Rotterdam. http://www.esl.eur.nl/home/education/practical_information/newsletter/llm_newsletter_november_2010/.

26 February 2011, China Forum, Warwick University; Guest speaker. <http://thechinaforum.webs.com/>.

6-7 May 2010, Co-organizer, together with Sundhya Pahuja (Melbourne) and Susan Marks (LSE), of a conference entitled 'Towards a Radical International Law' LSE.

1-10 June 2011, Participated in two 'pro-seminar' programmes at the Harvard-based Institute for Global Law and Policy Workshop. The workshop was organised by David Kennedy and attended by 150 doctoral and post-doctoral students from around the world including a number from SOAS (**Rose Parfitt, John Haskell, Mohammad Shahabudeen, Siavash Eshghi, Owen Taylor**). SOAS was also an official sponsor of the event. (See also event noted under **Prabha Kotiswaran**). The pro-seminars were organised for purposes of developing new collaborative research projects in a variety of different fields, and some initial papers for the 'Centre-Periphery' pro-seminar will be presented at a Conference in Oregon in October 2011. <http://www.harvardiglp.org/iglp-the-workshop/>

Philippe Cullet

27-28 January 2011, Geneva, Switzerland, Organisation of a Workshop on The Right to Sanitation – Lessons from India.

Nick Foster

10 November 2010, 'The Dangers of Kryptonite: Living with Imperfection in the Teaching of Islamic Law', lead presentation at the inaugural meeting of the UK Centre for Legal Education's Islamic Law Special Interest Group, Warwick University.

24 February 2010, 'Some Thoughts from Legal Academia on "Reappraising The Islamic Financial Industry After The Downturn: Introspective Reflections"', fifth Harvard-LSE Workshop, , London School of Economics.

12–13 March 2011, 'The Financial Sharia and its Interaction with Local Law: Examples from England, France and Malaysia', 2nd OCIS–SC [Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies-Securities Commission Malaysia] Roundtable 'Islamic Finance and the Public Good', Ditchley House, Oxfordshire.

21 April 2011, 'The Law of Islamic Finance: Adapting the Sharia to the Needs of Today', Leids Universitair Centrum voor de studie van Islam en Samenleving (Leiden University Centre for the Study of Islam and Society).

15 June 2011, presentation of bibliographic project at 'Sharing and building bibliographic capacity in Islamic Studies: law and finance,' University of Warwick.

6 July 2011, 'Islamic Law special interest group meeting,' University of Warwick.

Prabha Kotiswaran

4-5 February 2011, Invited Speaker, Radcliffe Exploratory Seminar, Beyond Ideology: Interdisciplinary Research on Trafficking, Forced Labor and Migration, Harvard University, Cambridge *Paper Title: A Legal Realist Critique of Anti-Trafficking Law*.

15 February 2011, Invited Speaker, The Radical Readers Series, organized by Pascale Fournier, Faculty of Law, University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Canada *Book discussed: Dangerous Sex, Invisible Labor*.

16 March 2011, Panel Speaker, SOAS School of Law Research Seminar on Trafficking, London.

14 May 2011, Speaker, Seminar on Dr. Binayak Sen and the use of 'Sedition' Laws to Persecute Human Rights Activists in India, organised by the Release Binayak Sen Now Campaign (UK), London.

2-5 June 2011, Speaker, Roundtable on Interviews and Surveys in Legal Research, sponsored by the Realist and Empirical Legal Methods Collaborative Research Network; Discussant, Panel on Gender, Law, Liminality, sponsored by the South Asia Collaborative Research Network; Discussant of Individual Paper, Panel on The Future of Fatherhood, sponsored by the Feminist Legal Theory Collaborative Research Network; Annual Meeting of the Law and Society Association, San Francisco.

6-10 June 2011, Invited Resource Person, Pro-Seminar on Gender in Postcolonial Legal Orders, as part of the Summer Workshop of the Institute for Global Law and Policy at Harvard Law School, Cambridge (see also event noted under **Matthew Craven**).

Makeen F. Makeen

29 September 2010, The Royal Geographical Society, London. "Intellectual Property Will Save the British Economy". Open meeting of the Cultural Industries of the UK, organised by the Copyright Licensing Agency [CLA], http://www.cla.co.uk/data/pdfs/open_meeting/open_meeting_2010.pdf, Panelist. Was described by Making Knowledge Work as "The most interesting contributor of the second session was Dr Makeen F Makeen from SOAS." <http://virginiahenry.co.uk/2010/10/08/the-copyright-conundrum/>.

23 March 2010 Strategic Advisory Board for Intellectual Property Policy (SABIP), International Perspectives on Moral Rights Policy Panel. <http://www.ipo.gov.uk/ipresearch-international-2010.pdf> Panelist. <http://the1709blog.blogspot.com/2010/04/developing-countries-moral-rights-and.html>.

Werner Menski

24 June 2010, Lecture for RELIGARE, London. [See <http://www.religareproject.eu/workingplace>]. [24 pp.]. podcast at: <http://www.law.qmul.ac.uk/podcast/index.html#religare>

27 May 2011, Lecture, Chief Judges' Annual Conference, Trondheim, Norway, 'Flying kites in courts and skilled legal navigation'. 'Fuzzy law and the boundaries of secularism'.

28 April 2011, Lecture, IALS Experts Meeting, London, 'Law as a kite and expert evidence in courts'.

7 April 2011, Lecture, Baku State University, Baku, 'Law as a kite: New models of jurisprudence in today's global world'.

28 March 2011, Lecture, Centre for Transnational Legal Studies, London, 'Law as a kite. Plural worlds of law, the search for 'the right law' and skilful legal navigation'.

22 March 2011, Workshop on 'Parallel Legal Systems' at the British Academy, London.

13-28 January 2011, Cochin University of Science and Technology, Cochin, India, Series of lectures on jurisprudence and family law under the ERUDITE Programme.

26 November 2010, Lecture, Centre for Transnational Legal Studies, London, 'Law as a kite. Plural worlds of law, the search for 'the right law' and skilful legal navigation'.

18 November 2010, Lecture, Aga Khan University, London, 'Flying kites in a global sky: New models of jurisprudence'.

CEMS Book launches

3 February 2011, Janusz Balicki and Anne Wells, *The Pendulum Culture? Integration of Young Muslim Immigrants in East London*. (Trafford Publishing, 2011).

17 June 2011, Meena K. Bhamra, *The Challenges of Justice in Diverse Societies. Constitutionalism and Pluralism*. Farnham: (Ashgate, 2011).

Aeyal Gross and Diana Otto

On 13 May 2011, Diana Otto, Visiting Fellow, and Aeyal Gross, Visiting Reader, organized the workshop, *Queer Perspectives on Law*: Interest in engaging queer theory in the context of law, domestically and internationally, has grown in recent years despite, or perhaps in response to, an intensification of hostility to critical legal thinking in a world dominated by crisis law-making and governance. While the imperatives and dilemmas associated with recognizing diverse and fluid gender identities and sexual orientations in human rights law have dominated these scholarly developments, there is an emerging body of critical legal

scholarship that is using queer theory to re-examine the orthodoxies and assumptions that underpin the law, and to open new imaginaries aimed at producing global conditions that are less crisis-driven and more egalitarian, cooperative, democratic and free. The workshop provided an opportunity for participants to share reflections on these hopeful developments and to strengthen their own contributions to this field through discussion and networking. SOAS SoL participants included **Matthew Craven, Gina Heathcote, Marica Moscati** and several visiting fellows. The conference was organized under the auspices of the Centre for the study of Colonialism, Empire and International Law, with special thanks to **Catriona Drew** and **Rose Parfitt**.

Amanda Perry-Kessaris

Events

Forthcoming November 2011 'Appropriation: Taking of and by law' London International Development Centre Workshop. (With Diamond Ashiagbor).

April 2011 Theme 'Socio-Legal Approaches to International Economic Law: Text, context subtext' Socio-Legal Studies Association Conference, Sussex, April (19 papers, 5 Sessions).

June 2012 Law and Society Association annual conference in Honolulu planning committee member.

Presentations

'From law as society to law as commodity: Shifting visions of law in economic development' LSA, San Francisco, June 2011.

'What does it mean to take a socio-legal approach to law and development?' SLSA, Sussex, April 2011.

'Marketisation, mathematisation, quantification', Panel: What are economists doing to law? SOAS 2011.

'Disciplining rule of law work: Law, economics, sociology' Folke Bernadotte Academy, Stockholm, December 2010.

'Prepare your indicators: Economics imperialism on the shores of law and development' Conference on 'Indicators as a Technology of Global Governance' NYU, New York 2010.

'Knowing me, knowing you: Transparency and responsiveness about the 'why' underlying rule of law activities' invitational workshop Responsive Rule of Law, HiIL, The Hague 2010.

Roundtable 'Success in law and development: Evaluating the conventional wisdom using evidence from the field', Law and Society Association, Chicago 2010.

Chandra Lekha Sriram



Event

6-7 May 2011, 'Transitional justice as peacebuilding?' authors' workshop convened at SOAS for USIP-funded project to discuss chapters for forthcoming edited volume.

Presentations

11-12 September 2011, Chr. Michelsen Institute, Norway, Workshop on 'Reconceptualizing transitional justice: The Latin American Experience,' resource person.

25-27 August 2011, European Consortium for Political Research, Reykjavik, invited to organize a panel on transitional justice and democratization, and present on a panel on just and durable peace.

20-21 June 2011, Griffith University, Brisbane, workshop on transitional justice in the Asia-Pacific region, invited speaker on Sri Lanka.

18 May 2011, Toops Chambers, London, invited speaker on "Peace vs justice?"

4 April 2011, Trinity College Dublin, Centre for Post-conflict justice, invited speaker on "Surviving field research".

8-9 December 2010, Universite Antonin , Beirut, conference on *Justice internationale et/ou maintien de la paix et de la securite internationales*, presented paper entitled "The Special Tribunal for Lebanon in Context: Internationalized Criminal Justice and International Politics."

29 November 2010, Bard College, Annandale, NY, Human Rights Project, presentation on “Responses to the post-election violence in Kenya”.

18-19 July 2010, University of the Witwatersrand and the American Society of International Law, Johannesburg, conference on *Africa and the future of international criminal justice*, to present paper on Kenya, the International Criminal Court, and gravity and complementarity.



Carol Tan

As Chair of the Centre of East Asian Law, I organised a successful and stimulating two day workshop on the theme of Law and Orientalism. Professor Teemu Ruskola (Emory Law School) delivered the keynote paper. Sponsorship was provided by Notre Dame University in London and the *Journal of Comparative Law*. Papers from the workshop will be published in a special issue (volume 6:2) of the *Journal of Comparative Law* of which I shall be guest editor. Funding from Shantou University Law School will cover the costs of sub-editing the volume. Aside from scholars with established reputations from the UK and abroad, the workshop also included papers from emerging scholars who are either still completing their PhD dissertations or in their first appointments. 4 members of the School of Law gave papers (Huxley, Lau, Tan, Palmer); CEAL and several other School of Law members were in attendance (Foster, Kotiswaran, Zhu, Edge) as were a few School of Law PhD students.

I was elected Chair of the SOAS Centre for South East Asian Studies as of January 2011 and have in that capacity organised a series of research seminars including two touching on law (Professor Andrew Harding, *The Malaysian Development State: Law, Political Economy and the Social Contract?* and Emeritus Professor Raj Brown spoke on *Flying Money: Legal Pluralism, Comparisons of Cash Waqf, Hawala and the Chinese Tong in South East Asia*). Seminar speakers have come from the UK and abroad and the seminars have drawn in scholars and research students from London and the South East. The seminar series is also an opportunity for research students, particularly advanced SOAS PhD students to present their work.

As an Exco member of ASEASUK (Association of South East Asian Studies) I have this year been convening panels for ASEASUK conference, Magdalene College, Cambridge, 9-11 September 2011 and have also been organising my own panel on Migration Law and Policy for the same conference.

Lynn Welchman

Columbia's Middle East Center in Amman, Jordan: invited to present a paper to a workshop convened by Lila Abu-Lughod and Anupama Rao of the Center for the Critical Analysis of Social Difference (Columbia) under the title 'Women's Rights, Muslim Family Law and the Politics of Consent'. The workshop took place in Amman 8-10 April 2011 and included scholars from Jordan, Iran, Palestine, India, Bangladesh, East Timor, Lebanon. My paper (entitled 'Consent: does the law means what it says?') is one of four from the workshop selected for a working paper series for web-publication as the inaugural publication of the website of the Columbia Center (CCASD) later this summer.

In April 2011 I chaired the opening panel in a **Discussion Seminar on Democratic Change in the Arab Region: State Policy and the Dynamics of Civil Society**. The seminar was convened in Brussels 1-2 April by the Board of the EMHRF (Euro-Mediterranean Foundation for the Support of Human Rights Defenders). The seminar brought together some 60 human rights activists and scholars mostly from MENA (Middle East North Africa) who have been and are involved in the struggle for rights and freedoms on the ground in different MENA states.

Ronnie R.F. Yearwood

Speaking at the 'Human Rights, The Corporation and the Environment' Seminar on 28-29 June 2011 at Queen's University Belfast. <http://blogs.qub.ac.uk/corpgov/>.

Presented a seminar titled 'The Interaction between World Trade Organisation Law and External International Law: The Constrained Openness of WTO Law (A Prologue to a Theory)' at UCL Scholar's Forum, 16 March 2011. <http://wto-yearwood.eventbrite.com/>.

Research Findings and Impact

Philippe Cullet

Convenor, Sub-group (of the Working group on water governance for the twelfth Five Year Plan) on legal issues related to groundwater management and regulation, Government of India – Planning Commission (April 2011-)

Member, Sub-group (of the Working group on water governance for the twelfth Five Year Plan) on national water framework law, Government of India – Planning Commission (March 2011).

Gina Heathcote

Her article 'Feminist Reflections on the End of the War on Terror' (published in the *Melbourne Journal of International Law* Nov 2011) was featured for discussion on the law blog *Opinio Juris* on May 17th, 2011 - see: <http://opiniojuris.org/2011/05/17/feminist-reflections-on-the-end-of-the-war-on-terror/>.

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28th March-1st April 2011. United Arab Emirates, Judicial Academy. Training junior Abu Dhabi judges: "Copyright and International Trade".

Chandra Lekha Sriram

Policy paper based on Kenya research, with Stephen Brown 'A breakthrough in justice?' published and disseminated August 2010 <http://www.uel.ac.uk/chrc/publications/documents/TheICCandKenyaPolicyPaper2010.pdf>.

'Comment: Justice vs peace or restorative vs retributive justice: The cases of Kenya and Sudan,' *Peace: Forum for Peacebuilding Ethics* (PRIO: July 2010) at <http://www.prio.no/Peaceethics/PeacE-Discussions/>.

'ICC hypocrisy over war crimes,' Comment is Free, *The Guardian* (June 2010) at <http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2010/jun/22/icc-hypocrisy-article-124-war-crimes>.

"The ICC review conference: the forgotten issues," *The Jurist* (June 2010) at <http://jurist.org/forum/2010/06/icc-first-major-review-conference.php>.

'State aggression is finally a crime: But how is it punished?' Comment is Free, *The Guardian* (June 2010) at <http://www.guardian.co.uk/commentisfree/2010/jun/14/state-aggression-international-criminal-court>.

Research Seminars

The **School of Law Research Seminar Series** is an informal forum in which we share, engage with, and build upon our research--whether in progress, press or print. Sessions tend to last for one hour, and to take four forms:

- * Author Meets Reader: a SOAS colleague (and a discussant if desired) discusses a piece of their own writing which has been circulated in advance. (NEW)
- * Impact: one or more SOAS colleagues details the '[impact](#)' of their research as defined for the purposes of the REF (NEW)
- * Panels: at least two presenters, at least one from SOAS, speaking on a common theme.
- * Engaging with Law: in which a leading thinker explores their journey through law.

All are most welcome to attend--whether, faculty, students, or non-academics; whether specialists in law or any other discipline. For more information please click on individual events or contact our Academic Support Officer [Matt Jaggar](#).

Organisers: [Diamond Ashiagbor](#) and [Amanda Perry-Kessarlis](#)

The **School of Law Research Student Seminar Series** will be an informal forum in which second and third year postgraduate students present a portion of their work in progress, and as appropriate, can deliver practice job talks. All faculty members are strongly encouraged to attend. More details coming soon. Organiser: Chandra Lekha Sriram

Reading Groups

Economic Sociology of Law This is an informal gathering of faculty and students from across disciplines and institutions who are interested in the idea of an economic sociology of law—that is, the use of sociological approaches (empirical, normative, analytical) to investigate relationships between law and economy. For further information about the reading group, including requests to join, please contact the organisers: [Amanda Perry-Kessarlis](#) and [Diamond Ashiagbor](#)

Post-atrocity Justice This is an informal reading group of faculty and students across SOAS interested in debates in post-atrocity justice, both empirical and conceptual, to begin running term 1 2011. We will consider ongoing debates about various modes of accountability, the interaction between accountability and peacemaking, and challenges in specific countries. For further information including requests to join and suggested topics and readings, please contact the organiser **Chandra** at cs79@soas.ac.uk.

Inquiries and Calls for Collaboration

Mashood Baderin

The School of Law signed MoUs for collaborative academic engagements with the following 2 institutions:

1. The Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies.
2. The Faculty of Law, University of Ilorin, Nigeria.

Chandra Lekha Sriram

As part of my ongoing research on informal justice processes in Sierra Leone, I have become increasingly interested in the use and abuse of the concept of victim-centred justice in post-conflict situations. This is likely to form one topic of the post-atrocity justice reading group, but anyone interested in pursuing the subject more extensively, please do let me know.

Lynn Welchman

My own work on the Board of Euro-Mediterranean Foundation for the Support of Human Rights Defenders has broadened my familiarity with the human rights movement in MENA states; my discussions at this seminar with various interested participants – as well as an earlier human rights-related visit to Tunisia at the start of February 2011 - encouraged me to think further of a research project leading off from the events in Tunisia and Egypt and tentatively entitled 'Is this a Human Rights Revolution?' (I am in the process of listening to other responses and am in cooperation here with Lutz, if others have ideas do get in touch!).

News from the Research Committee

The committee is focusing on two main tasks:

1. Implementing the SoL's research strategy, as developed by colleagues at the research away day in February 2011, and strengthening the SoL's substantive research infrastructure. This will include activities and new initiatives such as:
 - expanding the research seminar series, with additional formats: Author Meets Reader; Impact seminars; Panels; 'Engaging with Law'
 - convening workshops to advise and support researchers, in particular early career researchers, on publishing, grants, etc.
 - establishing small groups – research partnering – to support colleagues in developing and fulfilling their personal research plans (partly linked to the workshops).
2. The more instrumental process, directed at planning for the REF. The research committee decided to set up a smaller REF working group, to comprise MB, MC, AP-K and DA, which will: read and discuss potential outputs with colleagues; evaluate colleagues' work in order to make recommendations on submission; develop impact case studies; draft the 'narrative' to present the department's research environment and culture for the purposes of the REF submission.

Update on the REF

Hefce has confirmed (March 2011) that the weightings to be given to elements of the submission for REF 2014 will be as follows:

- research outputs 65 %
- research environment 15 %
- impact for 20%

This contrasts to the RAE 2008 where the Law and other related panels used the following weighting: outputs 75%; environment 20%; esteem 5%. So, effectively, 'esteem' will be rolled into environment - and that will count for less next time. Hefce has revised the REF timetable (19 May 2011): guidance on submissions and the draft panel criteria and working methods will be published in July, with consultation taking place over the summer on the panel criteria and working methods. Hefce will also be holding workshops over the summer for 'research users' to make an input into the impact criteria.

Dates for your Diary

Professor Leti Volpp, University of California, Berkeley, Boalt Hall School of Law, "Legal Imaginings of Space in Immigration Law," 8 July 2011, G50, time TBC.

SOAS School of Law Annual Inception Lecture 2011:

"Direct Action: A Necessary Prescription for Democracy?"

Rt Hon. David Lammy, MP

5 October 2011, 5:00-7:00 PM

Brunei Gallery Lecture Theatre

Chair: Professor Nirmala Rao, OBE

<http://www.soas.ac.uk/law/events/05oct2011-soas-school-of-law-annual-inception-lecture-2011-direct-action-a-necessary-prescription-fo.html>.

Cause for celebration

The following passed their PhD examinations this academic year:

Xiao Huang, 'Cross-listing of Chinese Companies in Hong Kong: A Critical and Comparative Analysis of the Motivations for China/Hong Kong Cross-listing and its Role in the Integration of the Chinese and Hong Kong Stock Markets' (joint supervision with Sanzhu Zhu). Dr. Huang is now a lecturer in the Law School at the University of Hull.

http://www2.hull.ac.uk/fass/law/people/index/huang_flora.aspx>.

Emir Kaya, 'Balancing interlegality through realist altruism: Diyanet mediation in Turkey'.

Rose Parfitt, who defended her thesis in November 2010, will be joining the staff at the American University in Cairo.

Rupa Reddy, funded by the AHRC passed her viva with no corrections in December 2010: title 'Honour-Related Violence in the English Courts.'

Mohammed Shahabudeen successfully defended his thesis whilst in Harvard in June and was awarded a pass with no corrections by his two examiners Profs Tony Anghie and David Kennedy. He is due to return to Bangladesh this summer to take up a position at the University of Dhaka.

Xiangdong Tang, 'How Far Will Imagination Reach? Shaping the Chinese Foreign Bank Regulatory Regime'.

Matthias Vanhullebusch successfully passed, without corrections, his PhD thesis titled: "On Identity, Power and Change: Reading International Humanitarian Law and Islamic Law of War" on 26th April 2011 (Supervisors: Prof. Mashood Baderin & Prof. Matthew Craven). The examiners praised the intellectual quality, boldness and meticulousness of his work.

All were complimented by their examiners on, *inter alia*, the importance of their topics and the clarity and lucidity of their theses.

Mansour Talebpour, **Victor Kattan**, **John Haskell** and **Vincent Depaigne** are all due to defend their theses in the coming months.

Werner Menski is pleased to announce Completion of the Tower Hamlets Community Leadership Programme with a Graduation Ceremony, 16 May 2011.

Chandra Lekha Sriram is pleased to announce that her co-edited volume (with Suren Pillay), *Peace versus justice? The dilemma of transitional justice in Africa* was awarded an Outstanding Academic Title by the American Librarians Association publication *Choice* in January 2011.

The School of Law at the School of Oriental and African Studies conducts a rigorous programme of teaching and research in comparative and international law. The excellence of its work was recognised:

- in the Guardian University Guide (May 2001), which placed SOAS as the top Law Department for undergraduate studies in the UK; and
- in 2009, 85% of its RAE submissions were rated either as 'world leading', 'internationally excellent' or 'internationally recognised.'
- The School has an unrivalled concentration of specialists in the laws of Asian and African countries, with additional areas of expertise in the areas of comparative law, human rights, transnational commercial law, environmental law, international law and socio-legal method. The School attracts students from all over the world who wish to pursue advanced study in these fields, whether for a one-year taught Masters degree, research or an MPhil or PhD, or for special courses and non-degree research.

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Professor Mashood Baderin

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Year 3 Dr. Gina Heathcote

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Scott Newton (MA) & Dr. Makeen Makeen (LLM)

Postgraduate Tutors

Dr. Martin Lau (LLM) & Dr. Alex Fischer (MA)

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