

## School of Law Research Newsletter No. 3, Term 2 2011-2012

### New Publications

**Janan Al-Asady** (2<sup>nd</sup> Second Year PhD student)

'Iraq: the need for comprehensive oil legislation in Iraq,'  
*International Energy Law Review*, Issue 1 (2012) pp. 8-13.

Contributor to *Comment Visions*, 'What is the role of gas in a low-carbon energy future?' (8 November 2011).



**Gunnar Beck**

Gunnar Beck has received confirmation of the Chinese translator that the Chinese edition of his book *Kant and Fichte and Fichte on Freedom, Rights and Law* (Lexington, Rowman & Littlefield, 2008) will be published in China in the autumn of 2012. Gunnar has agreed to write a special foreword to be translated into Chinese and entitled 'A bequest from the continent of the past to the people of the future: a non-liberal concept of fundamental rights'. Gunnar has also received an expression of interest from a Chinese publisher for a translation of his second book on 'The Legal Reasoning of the Court of Justice of the EU.'



**Philippe Cullet**

'Evolving Regulatory Framework for Rural Drinking Water – Need for Further Reforms,' in Infrastructure Development Finance Company ed., *India Infrastructure Report 2011 – Water: Policy and Performance for Sustainable Development* (New Delhi: Oxford University Press, 2011), pp. 151-61.



**Deval Desai** (Research Associate)

With Deborah Isser and Michael Woolcock, 'Rethinking Justice Reform in Fragile and Conflict-Affected States: The Capacity of Development Agencies and Lessons from Liberia and Afghanistan', in Hassane Cisse, Daniel Bradlow and Benedict Kingsbury, eds., *International Financial Institutions and Global Legal Governance* (Washington, D.C: World Bank, 2012), pp. 241-262.

With Michael Jarvis, 'Governance and Accountability in Extractive Industries: Theory and Practice at the World Bank', *Journal of Energy and Natural Resources Law* vol. 30 (forthcoming 2012).

With Varun Gauri and Michael Woolcock, 'Intersubjective Meaning and Collective Action in Developing Societies: Theory, Evidence and Policy Implications', *Journal of Development Studies* vol. 48 (forthcoming 2012).

'A qui l'homme sauvage? The text, context and subtext of agreements between mining corporations and indigenous communities,' in Amanda Perry-Kessaris, ed., *Socio-legal Approaches to International Economic Law: Text, context, subtext* (London: Routledge, forthcoming 2012).

'Narrating indigenous rights, indigenous rights professionals, and agreements between mining corporations and indigenous communities: A qui l'homme sauvage?' in K. Topidi, ed., *Transnational Human Rights and Legal Processes* (London & New York: Ashgate; forthcoming 2012).



**Jonathan Ercanbrack**

'Regulating Islamic Finance in the United Kingdom,' in Mervyn Lewis, ed., *Islamic Finance in Europe: Towards a Plural Financial System*, (Cheltenham: Edward Elgar, forthcoming 2012).



**Werner Menski**

'Ancient and modern boundary crossings between personal laws and civil law in composite India,' in Joel A. Nichols, ed., *Marriage and divorce in a multicultural context: Multi-tiered marriage and the boundaries of civil law and religion* (New York: Cambridge University Press), pp. 219-52.

With Zeeshan Hussain, 'Author and subject index to IANL Vol 25 (2011),' *Immigration, Asylum and Nationality Law*, vol. 26, no. 1 (February 2012), pp. 87-122.

'Plural worlds of law and the search for living law,' in Werner Gephart, ed., *Recht als Kultur* (Frankfurt am Main: Vittorio Klostermann, 2012), pp. 71-88.



**Peter Muchlinski**

'Implementing the New UN Corporate Human Rights Framework: Implications for Corporate Law, Governance and Regulation,' *Business Ethics Quarterly* vol. 22, no. 1, (2012) pp. 145-177.

'Multinational Enterprises and International Economic Law: Contesting Regulatory Agendas over the Last Twenty Years,' *Yearbook of the Japanese Association of International Economic Law* (forthcoming 2012).

'Rethinking CSR: Developing a General Principle of Due Diligence in National and International Economic Law,' *Notizie di Politeia - Rivista di Etica e Scelte Pubbliche* (forthcoming 2012).

With Wes Cragg and Denis Arnold, guest co-editor of the *Business Ethics Quarterly* Special Issue on 'Business and Human Rights,' volume 22, no. 1 (2012).



**Emilia Onyema**

'The new Ghana ADR Act 2010: a Critical Overview,' *Arbitration International*, volume 28, issue 1 (2012), pp. 101-124.



**Lutz Oette**

'Oil for Food Programme,' *Max Planck Encyclopedia of Public International Law* (2012).



**Chandra Lekha Sriram**

With Stephen Brown, 'Kenya in the shadow of the ICC: Complementarity, Gravity, and Impact,' *International Criminal Law Review* vol. 12, no. 2 (2012).

With Stephen Brown, 'The big fish won't fry themselves: Criminal accountability for post-election violence in Kenya,' *African Affairs* vol. 111, issue 443 (2012) (please note this was announced in the previous newsletter but has been retitled in the editorial process).

#### **Lynn Welchman**

'Rocks, Hard Places and Human Rights: Anti-terror law and practice in Arab states,' in Victor Ramraj and Michael Hor, eds., *Global Anti-terror Law and Practice* (revised edition, Cambridge University Press, 2012).

'Muslim family laws and women's consent to marriage: does the law mean what it says?' SocialDifferenceOnline, *Journal of the Center for the Critical Analysis of Social Difference at Columbia University*, Vol. 1, *Women's Rights, Muslim Family Law, and the Politics of Consent*, (December 2011), pp.63-79, at <http://www.socialdifference.org/files/SocDifOnlineDec7-Vol1.pdf>

Welchman and Hossain's *Honour: Crimes, Paradigms and Violence Against Women* (Zed Books: 2005) has been published in Kurdish for distribution in Iraqi Kurdistan.

#### **Grants and Projects**



**Carol Tan**

Awarded a British Academy – ECAF Visiting Fellowship grant of £2000 for work on her legal biography project of Hugh Hickling and the development of Malaysian law.

Also awarded a Faculty grant of £1000 to hold a workshop co-hosted by CEAL and the Centre of Chinese Studies (see research-related events entry below).

Carol has also been invited to join a comparative law research project at National Taiwan University on Courts in Asia. The project is led by [Professor Yeh Jiunn-rong](#).

#### **Research-related Events**

##### **Janan Al-Asady**

October 2011, 'The importance of economic development: Why Iraq needs comprehensive oil legislation'. Conference paper for the Iraqi Oil Ministry First Oil and Gas Conference, Basra, Iraq.

September 2011, 'Why Iraq Needs Comprehensive Oil Legislation?' Presented at Target Exploration MENA 2011 *Oil and Gas Exploration Conference*, Imperial College, London.

##### **Jonathan Ercanbrack**

23 February 2012, 'An Introduction to the Law of Islamic Finance,' School of Law and Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies, Exeter University, UK.

19 January 2012, 'Managing Your References,' Postgraduate Research Training Workshop, Al-Maktoum College of Higher Education, Dundee, Scotland.



**Nick Foster**

23 February 2012, 'Islamic Financial Intermediation: Revisiting the Value Proposition - the Role of Law,' paper prepared for the 2012 Harvard/LSE Islamic Finance Workshop.

12 December 2011, 'The Form over Substance Debate: Some General Legal Aspects,' panel presentation, 3rd Annual International Shari'ah Research Academy for Islamic Finance/Institute of Islamic Banking and Insurance Thematic Workshop.

23 November 2011, 'The Emergent Islamic Finance Legal System: A Practical Method or a Dead End?' Institute of Islamic Banking and Insurance Monthly Lecture.

9 September 2011, 'Developments in the Islamic Finance Legal System,' conference entitled 'Islamic Law and International Law,' Brunel University, invited speaker.

##### **Peter Muchlinski**

15 February 2012, University of Bremen, Research Group on the Governance of Transnational Corporations, Guest Lecture presented in the Research Group on the *Governance of TNCs* Lecture Series 2011-2012 entitled 'TNCs, Human Rights and International Corporate Social Responsibility: Where now with the Ruggie Framework?' Given in my capacity as Visiting

Professor, Bremen University Law School, 13 February to 16 March 2012.

12-13 December 2011, Eighth Politeia Forum on *Business Ethics and Corporate Social Responsibility in a Global Economy*, Milan, 'Business and Human Rights: In Search of Accountability' paper presented 'Rethinking CSR: Developing a General Principle of Due Diligence in National and International Economic Law'.

29 October 2011 Japanese Association of International Economic Law Annual Conference 2011, Tokyo, Keynote Lecture 'Multinational Enterprises and International Economic Law: Contesting Regulatory Agendas over the Last Twenty Years.'



**Amanda Perry-Kessarlis**

3-5 April 2012, with Celine Tan Warwick, co-organised Theme 'Exceptional States: International Economic Law in Times of Crisis and Change,' SLSA Annual Conference, DeMontfort.

13 March 2012, with Linda Mulcahy LSE, co-organised one day conference on *Doing Socio-Legal Research*.

#### **Chandra Lekha Sriram**

11-12 May 2012, Universiteit Antwerpen, Expert seminar on *Law, power Sharing and Human Rights*, invited speaker.

26-27 April 2012, University of Bonn, Käte Hamburger Kolleg, conference on *Tribunals: Literary representation and means of legally dealing with war crimes in a global context*, invited speaker.

4 April 2012, City University School of Law, invited seminar on 'Kenya and the shadow of the International Criminal Court.'

15 March 2012, University College London, School of Public Policy, invited seminar on 'Kenya and the shadow of the International Criminal Court.'

14 January 2012, Advocates for International Development, invited trainer on transitional justice for legal advocates working in the development sector.

#### **Carol Tan**

18 May 2012, invited paper at the London Legal History Seminar, IALS.

Co-convening a workshop on Law, Governance and Development (see Centres news below).

#### **Lynn Welchman**

November 2011, paper on 'Qiwama and Wilaya as Legal Postulates in Modern Muslim Family Laws' at meeting of Musawah members (global network of Muslim scholars and activists on equality and justice in the Muslim family) in Amman, Jordan.

8 December 2011, Featured speaker at Australian National University, Canberra, conference on *Honour Killing across Culture and Time*; paper on "'Honour Crimes" in Legal and Cross-Cultural Perspective: A Global Perspective' (hosts kindly allowed me to pre-record my contribution and to do Q & A by Skype in view of the considerable challenges of travelling to and from Australia in the penultimate week of teaching term!).

### **Research Findings and Impact**

#### **Deval Desai**

Led a team of SOAS students contributing to the plaintiffs' case in *Kiobel*, a case before the US Supreme Court on the Alien Torts Act and corporate liability for human rights abuses. The research formed a core part of an *amicus* brief on legal history and was also cited in oral argument before the Court.

#### **Peter Muchlinski**

27 February 2012 participant in the *ad hoc* Expert Meeting for the 2012 World Investment Report, UNCTAD, Geneva.

#### **Lutz Oette**

25-26 January 2012, Resource person in expert workshop on *Elections and Constitution Building in Libya*, Lawyers for Justice in Libya.

17 December 2011, Centre for African Studies, SOAS, and Sudanese Cultural Centre, Challenges and Prospects of State-Building in Post-Secession Sudan, 'The promise of transition: peace agreements, constitutional reform and justice'.

7 December 2011, Bingham Centre for the Rule of Law: The Rule of Law in Fragile and Conflict Affected States – 'Sudan'.

### **Research Centres**

#### **Centre of East Asian Law (CEAL)**

11-12 May 2002, [CEAL Workshop 2012](#) *The Transformation of Property Rights in Land and Property Law in China*, with the support of the [Centre of Chinese Studies, SOAS](#). Research students Lei Zhang and Emilio Ramos will be participating, as will SOAS colleagues Zhu Sanzhu and [Jing Bian \(DeFiMS, SOAS\)](#).

#### **Centre for Ethnic Minority Studies (CEMS)**

9 June 2012, Sham Qayyum, Suresh Grover and Imran Khan will lead an international conference on *Race and Justice: Issues in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*.

26 March 2012, CEMS will deliver a 'Prof. Masaji Chiba Memorial Symposium,' with international contributors.

15 March 2012, Laila Fathi, PhD student, will deliver a lecture discussing 'Exclusions and Inclusions in National Identity: The French Case Study.'

8 March 2012, Dr Mariano Croce, Adjunct Professor, La Sapienza, University of Rome, will deliver a seminar discussing 'The power of defining: Pluralism and the Legal Domain'.

24 February 2012, Aina Khan, Solicitor and Head of Islamic Legal Services, Russell Jones and Walker and Sham Qayyum delivered a seminar discussing 'The Way Forward for Islam and English Law'.

23 February 2012, delivered a book launch and seminar by Dr Cengiz Gunes discussing 'Explaining the Rise of Kurdish National Movement in Turkey: Hegemony, Myth and Violence'.

21 February 2012, Prof. Tariq Ramadan, Oxford University, Prof. Paul Gilroy, LSE, Zead Ramadan, Director of the Malcolm X and Dr. Betty Shabazz Memorial and Educational Center, and Sham Qayyum delivered a seminar discussing 'The Legacy of Malcolm X'.

9 February 2012, Imran Khan, Solicitor at Imran Khan and Partners, Suresh Grover, Director of the Monitoring Group and Sham Qayyum delivered a seminar discussing 'The Legacy of the Stephen Lawrence Case: Race and Justice in Modern Britain'.

19 January 2012, Dr Prakash Shah, Queen Mary, delivered a lecture discussing 'Cultural and Legal Logics of Religion and Secularization in Europe'.

#### **Human Rights Law Centre (HRLC)**

The SOAS Human Rights Law Centre is a newly established centre in the SOAS School of Law led by Lutz Oette and Gina Heathcote, Co-Directors. The SOAS HRLC has been established to bring together human rights academics and practitioners to develop practice-led research. Enquiries relating to SOAS HRLC should be made through the volunteer administrator, Jane Pearce at [HRLC@SOAS.ac.uk](mailto:HRLC@SOAS.ac.uk).

18 January 2012, SOAS HRLC and REDRESS: *Expert workshop on constitutional reforms and human rights in Sudan*.

20 January 2012, REDRESS and SOAS HRLC: *Law Reform and Transitional Justice in Sudan-Book Launch and Seminar*.

#### **Law, Environment and Development Centre (LEDC)**

15 December 2011, hosted the *Journal of Environmental Law's* annual lecture. The lecture delivered by Professor Thomas J. Schoenbaum of George Washington University discussed 'Liability for Damages in Oil Spill Accidents: Evaluating the United States and International Law Regimes.'

Organising its Fifth Annual Public Evening Seminar Series entitled *Towards Rio+20: Business, Natural Resources and Human Rights*. The series organised by Virginie Rouas (PhD student) features Peter Frankental from Amnesty International, Salil Tripathi from the Institute for Human Rights and Business, Dan Leader from Leigh Day & Co and Krystyna Swiderska from the International Institute for Environment and Development. Information about the

seminars is available at

<http://www.soas.ac.uk/ledc/events/seminarseries>.

#### **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 one of three forms:

- Panel, in which two or three speakers discuss a common theme
- Intellectual History, in which a speaker of international prominence reflects on their journey through law
- Author Meets Reader, in which we discuss our written work
- Impact, in which we explore the ways in which our research has influenced hearts and minds beyond academia

All are most welcome to attend, whether, faculty, students, or non-academics; whether specialists in law or any other discipline. For more information please visit the [website](#).

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

The **School of Law Research Student Seminar Series** is an informal forum in which post-graduate postgraduate students present a portion of their work in progress, and as appropriate, can deliver practice job talks. In general, sessions follow the faculty research seminar in the same room. All faculty members are strongly encouraged to attend. Organiser: Chandra Lekha Sriram, [cs79@soas.ac.uk](mailto:cs79@soas.ac.uk).

#### **Reading Groups**

##### **Economic Sociology of Law Reading Group**

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.

Organisers: Amanda Perry-Kessarlis and Diamond Ashiagbor  
Website: <http://www.soas.ac.uk/law/events/readinggroups/esol/>.

##### **Law Development and the Arts Reading Group**

This is an informal gathering of faculty and students from across disciplines and institutions who are interested in exploring the relationships between 'the arts' and 'law and development' - that is, attempts the use of law as a means to 'improve' human life and welfare. Themes to be explored include the potential of the arts to supplement and/or critique 'law and development' thinking and practice; to destabilise and/or be co-opted by dominant professional discourses in law and development. The group is part of the Law Development and the Arts Network.

Organisers: Deval Desai and Amanda Perry-Kessarlis

Website:

<http://www.soas.ac.uk/law/events/readinggroups/ldar/>

### Post-atrocity Justice Reading Group

This is an informal reading group of faculty and students across disciplines and institutions interested in debates in post-atrocity justice, both empirical and conceptual. We will consider ongoing debates about various modes of accountability, the interaction between accountability and peacemaking, and challenges in specific countries. Organiser: Chandra Lekha Sriram, [cs70@soas.ac.uk](mailto:cs70@soas.ac.uk).

Website:

<http://www.soas.ac.uk/law/events/pajreadinggroup/>.

### Inquiries and Calls for Collaboration

#### Law Development and the Arts Network

The Law, Development and the Arts Network (LDAN) is a forum for those who seek to challenge the boundaries of expertise and expert language, using the arts as an accessible vernacular to explore and communicate ideas, processes and projects in Law and Development. Members are drawn from academic, policy, non-governmental and artistic institutions.

Organisers: Deval Desai, Amanda Perry-Kessaris and Patrick Hanafin (Birkbeck Centre for Law and Humanities).

Website: <http://www.bbk.ac.uk/law/our-research/centre-for-law-and-the-humanities/ldan>.

#### Legal Treasures Tours

In this series we explore the legal treasures--manuscripts, photographs, maps, audio-visual material, rare books, ephemera, works of art with a legal dimension--that are hidden or showcased in world leading collections. The tours are constructed and lead by archivists, curators and librarians. They are opportunities to see and touch unique materials, to place them in the historical and social contexts that render them 'legal' phenomena, and in so doing to consider their moral subtext.

On February 1 tourers from SOAS, LSE, Birkbeck and the British Library were treated to a fascinating tour of the SOAS Archives and Special Collections lead by the very generous archivists Susannah Rayner and Jo Ichimura. Some highlights included material from the Restatement of African Law Project at SOAS; papers documenting the mid 1800s property transactions of entrepreneur Henry Alexander Ince in the British Settlement in Shanghai; campaign posters from War on Want and the heated correspondence they generated between George Galloway and the Charities Commission and letters and images relating to the role of missionary John Smith in the 1823 Demerara Uprising in Jamaica.

Our next port of call is at the India Office Records at the British Library with curator Antonia Moon.

Organiser: [Amanda Perry-Kessaris](mailto:Amanda Perry-Kessaris).

Website available soon via:

<http://www.soas.ac.uk/law/events/>.

### News from the Research Committee

#### Research development groups

The School of Law's five newly-initiated research development groups are standing groups, currently convened by Amanda, Carol, Chandra, Peter, and Prabha, which seek to facilitate the development of our research. Currently 25 members of staff are participating in the groups, which began meeting in term 1, 2011. We have identified key research needs, which have informed discussions of the research strategy for the away day, and some groups have initiated sharing of draft research papers. Based on identified needs, Chandra is developing a research development workshop, to be announced shortly.



**Mashood Baderin**

The SoL departmental research committee awarded the following research grants to academic staff in the department in the 2011/2012 academic session.

**Prabha Kotiswaran:** £1,600 for a research project on 'The Law of Social Reproduction.'

**Werner Menski:** £2,575 for a research project titled 'Chiba Memorial Symposium.'

**Amanda Perry-Kessaris:** £2,070 for a research project on 'Can economic sociology save law and development?'



**Diamond Ashiagbor, Prabha Kotiswaran, and Amanda Perry-Kessaris:** £2,800.00 for a joint research project on 'Economic Sociology of Law.'

**Lynn Welchman:** £955 for a research project on 'Crimes of Honour.'

### Cause for celebration

**Sempachentin Aptourachman, PhD viva.**

**Diamond Ashiagbor, Prabha Kotiswaran and Amanda Perry-Kessaris** have been awarded a guest editorship of the *International Journal of Law in Context* for a second special issue (the first is with the *Journal of Law and Society*) arising from their preparatory 'Workshop Towards an Economic Sociology of Law,' to be held in September 2013 and to be attended by contributors from Canada, Ghana, Finland, the UK and the US. This success builds upon the Economic Sociology of Law Reading Group.

**Jonathan Ercanbrack** successfully defended his thesis on 6 January 2012. He was examined by Prof. George Walker, Queen Mary University, and Prof. Rodney Wilson, Durham University. The thesis is entitled: 'The Law of Islamic Finance

in the United Kingdom: Legal Pluralism and Financial Competition.'

**Sarah el-Ibiary** successfully defended her PhD thesis (Islamic jurisprudential discourses on the conduct of hostilities: embracing legal pragmatism) in a viva on 6 February 2012.

**Yuelong Fan** had an outright pass viva on 25 January and was awarded the degree of Doctor of Philosophy on 31 January 2012. His thesis title is: 'Parallel-and-Multiple Enforcement of Arbitral Awards in A Globalised World: Issues and Reforms.' He would like to thank his supervisors Professor Michael Palmer, Professor Peter Muchlinski, Dr Sanzhu Zhu. He thanks Dr Emilia Onyema for inviting him to tutor on her courses in 2009. Yuelong is also grateful for life which gave his family a second child in August 2011. He will return to his legal practice in Guangzhou, China.

**Elisa Nesossi**, PhD student at SOAS, former Senior Teaching Fellow and current member of CEAL, has had a book published:

<http://www.wildy.com/isbn/9780854901036/china-s-pre-trial-justice-criminal-justice-human-rights-and-legal-reforms-in-contemporary-china->

**Amanda Perry-Kessarlis** has been awarded guest editorship of the *Northern Ireland Legal Quarterly* for a special issue arising from a November 2011 workshop on 'Legal Appropriation: Taking of and by law,' which she co-organised with Diamond Ashiagbor and was supported by the London International Development Centre.

**Werner Menski and Sham Qayyum** have been commissioned by Tower Hamlets Council to deliver the Community Leadership Programme 2011 -2012. Funding has been provided for 36 students, with the primary aim of cultivating and nurturing leadership; to enable current and future leaders to address urgent social problems connected to discrimination, disadvantage and adversity in general, particularly in highly diverse contexts.

**CEMS** in partnership with the Joint Council for the Welfare of Immigrants (JCWI) and the Research and Enterprise Office (REO) have agreed to deliver two, 3 day, short courses, during the academic year 2012-2013, focusing on socio-legal issues affecting migrants in Britain today. The partnership will bring together practitioners, civil servants, campaigners and academics.

**Sham Qayyum** has been commissioned by the Ocean Somali Community Association (OSCA) to undertake research in relation to the Somali diaspora community in Britain during 2012-2013.

## News from the Library



**Sarah Spells**

### *Library Collection Development Policy*

The Library's collection development policy is available online at <http://www.soas.ac.uk/library/about/collectiondevpolicy/>. Please have a look at the Law statement at <http://www.soas.ac.uk/library/about/collectiondevpolicy/subject-statements/law/>, particularly the Coverage section and email Sarah Spells at [ss104@soas.ac.uk](mailto:ss104@soas.ac.uk) if there are any areas of your research that has not been covered. We use this policy to inform our ordering and it is important that all research areas are covered.

### *New and Updated Resources*

A reminder that we have a number of databases available for you to use at SOAS. All details available online at <http://www.soas.ac.uk/library/subjects/law/databases/>. The Library is currently undertaking a review of our subscriptions and any databases that have low usage and high costs are being monitored.



### **Visiting Research Associate Profile:**

#### **Domenico Francavilla**

Domenico is Associate Professor of Comparative Law at the University of Turin. He previously worked as a Research Fellow in Comparative Law (Department of Law, University of Turin), and as Adjunct Professor of Comparative Legal Systems (Faculty of Law, University of Genova) and of Indian Law (Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Turin). He holds a Laurea in Giurisprudenza (Catholic University, Milan) and a doctorate in Philosophy of Law (University of Padova).

His main areas of research are comparative legal systems, Indian law, classical and modern Hindu law, European legal systems and ethnic minorities. He has published two books: *The Roots of Hindu Jurisprudence*, Corpus Iuris Sanscriticum, Torino 2006 (second edition forthcoming with Oxford University Press India), and *Il diritto nell'India contemporanea: sistemi tradizionali, modelli occidentali e globalizzazione* [Law in Contemporary India: Traditional Systems, Western Models and Globalization], Giappichelli, Torino 2010, as well as several articles/chapters in books in the fields of comparative law, comparative legal theory and Indian law.

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.

**Head of School**

Professor Mashood Baderin

**Undergraduate Programme Convenor**

Paul Kohler

**Undergraduate Tutors**

Year 1 Dr. Prabha Kotiswaran

Year 2 Dr. Emilia Onyema

Year 3 Dr. Gina Heathcote

**Undergraduate Careers Officer**

Dr. Jonathan Ercanbrack

**Undergraduate Admissions Tutors**

Dr. Sanzhu Zhu & Dr. Catriona Drew (Term 1)

Dr. Sanzhu Zhu & Dr. Emilia Onyema (Term 2)

**Postgraduate Admissions Tutors**

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

**Postgraduate Tutors**

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

**Research Tutor**

Professor Philippe Cullet

**Research Committee Head**

Professor Diamond Ashiagbor