

SOAS School of Law Research Newsletter



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Research Events

Over the past six months or so, SOAS School of Law members have organised a number of successful research events covering a wide variety of topics. These include the following events:

Professor Diamond Ashiagbor organised a panel discussion on 'Legal Activism and Socio-Economic Rights' with Francesca Feruglio (Nazdeek, Delhi), Rita Chadha (Refugee & Migrant Forum of Essex and London) and Jamie Burton (barrister, Doughty Street Chambers) on 20 November 2015, as part of the speaker series on Telling Stories about Law and Development, at SOAS.

Dr Brenna Bhandar launched her co-edited book *Plastic Materialities: Legality, Politics and Metamorphosis in the Work of Catherine Malabou*, edited by Brenna Bhandar and Jonathan Goldberg-Hiller (Durham: Duke University Press, 2015) at Blackwell's Bookshop, Holborn, London, on 4 June 2015. Dr Bhandar also co-organised a workshop on 'Powers and Limits of Property', held at the Centre for Philosophy and Critical Thought, Goldsmiths, on 11 June 2015.

In addition, Dr Bhandar has been convening the **School of Law Research Forum**, which in Term 1 2015-2016, included research presentations by Dr Nimer Sultany, Professor Kristin Petersen (University of California, Irvine), Dr Brenna Bhandar, Dr Scott Newton and Professor Ersilia Francesca (Luiss School of Government). There were also discussions of research grant applications, the REF, and issues of open-access publishing (with Dr Donatella Alessandrini, Kent Law School).

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Workshop on Climate Change and Groundwater: Law and Policy Perspectives, SOAS, 29-30 May 2015 (see page 8 for details). Photo credit: Hu Yuan Qiong

Research Events (Continued)

Dr Ernest Caldwell organised a workshop on 'Researching Chinese Legal History in Europe: The State of the Field' on 4-5 June 2015 at SOAS.

Dr Gina Heathcote organised a two-day conference on 'Gender and the Colonial' hosted by the SOAS Centre for Gender Studies, May 2015. Dr Heathcote also hosts a fortnightly Seminar Series for SOAS Centre for Gender Studies: <http://www.soas.ac.uk/genderstudies/seminar-series/?showprevious=1>

Dr Lutz Oette has been series co-convenor of the Sudan-South Sudan Seminar Series, CAR and SSSUK, <https://www.soas.ac.uk/cas/events/sudan-south-sudan/>

Dr Emilia Onyema organised a residential specialist retreat for a group of Court of Appeal judges from Nigeria on the theme 'The Court of Appeal Judge', on 10-12 June 2015 at Luton Hoo Hotel Golf & Spa, Bedfordshire. Dr Onyema also organised and chaired two Arbitration Public Seminars both of which were held at SOAS: the first seminar was held on 12 November 2015 at which two of her PhD students discussed their research on 'Enforcement of Transnational Arbitral Awards'. Then, on 3 December 2015, Dr Stuart Dutson the Head of the Arbitration Group at Eversheds LLP London spoke on 'The Dynamics of International Arbitration: the Ebb and Flow from Preface to Denouement'.

In September 2015, **Dr Yoriko Otomo** organised a workshop at SOAS, funded by the SoL, 'Theorising and Historicising International Environmental Law' (see photo on page 3). It was a resounding success, with excellent discussions held throughout the day with SoL colleagues and visitors from the UK and overseas. The workshop resulted in a commitment for a larger interdisciplinary conference in 2016, together with a joint book project that will offer new ways of thinking about the discipline. This workshop is part of an ongoing project convened with Mario Prost (Keele) and Stephen Humphreys (LSE), for which funding applications are currently being prepared.

Mr Vishal Vora (PhD Candidate) co-organised a conference with Dr Jean-Philippe Dequen (Postdoctoral Researcher, Max Planck Institute for European Legal History), on 'The Islamic Marriage Conundrum, Conflicts of Recognition' held at the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies on 9 May 2015. The conference proceedings are due to be published in *Family Law* in January 2016.

In Memoriam: Dr Doreen Hinchcliffe

School of Law colleagues paid tribute to our long-standing friend and colleague, Dr Doreen Hinchcliffe, who died on 8 October 2015. Doreen had a number of academic articles and other contributions to her name, and fully merits mention in our Research News. But perhaps her greater attachment to SOAS School of Law lay in teaching: generations of students had their interest in Islamic Family Law and in the Islamic Law of Succession enriched and enlivened by Doreen's instruction and engagement. A diffident exterior in so far as 'academia' was concerned (partly linked to her significant legal practice) did little to conceal a depth and breadth of knowledge that has been described to me by former students (still in awe of Doreen) as a treasure trove; she was never diffident towards her teaching or her students, many of whom kept in touch with her for years. Nor was diffidence displayed towards the things that Doreen loved and around which she arranged her time, including (though not limited to) horses and racing and long, laughing hours with friends. I remember learning the art of long lunches and lost afternoons (not in term, obviously!), moving our chairs along with the sun as it slanted across the warming walls of London pubs in the springtime, and talking... I miss her dreadfully already. It is indeed (and never mind the cliché) the 'end of an era' for the SOAS School of Law, and those of us who knew and loved Doreen are left to smile with our memories. Her faith was important to her: may she rest in peace.

Lynn Welchman

Grants and Honours

Professor Diamond Ashiagbor has been awarded a grant of £10,000 by the Society of Legal Scholars (SLS) to hold a two-day event on 'Re-imagining Labour Law for Development: Informal Work in the Global North and South' at SOAS in September 2016.

Dr Brenna Bhandar has received a Wellcome Trust Seed Funding Grant for a research project on 'Architecture of Public Health Trusts in Colonial Bombay'.

Dr Ernest Caldwell received a 漢學研究中心 grant from the Taipei National Central Library to cover three months of archival work and interviews with government officials.

Professor Philippe Cullet was invited to serve as Vermont Law School 2015 Distinguished International Environmental Law Scholar.

Dr Lutz Oette's research was covered in 'BNP Paribas: What Compensation for Harm Suffered?' *Sudan Tribune*, 2 November 2015.

Dr Makeen Makeen, was invited to teach on the prestigious World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO)/ International Labour Organisation (ILO) Programme on 13-14 October 2015, University of Turin, Italy.

Dr Makeen's work was cited with approval by the United States District Court for the Central District of California in *OAF v. Jay-Z*. Only Westlaw citation is currently available, 2015 WL 6394455 (C.D.Cal.), October 21, 2015.



'Theorising and Historicising International Environmental Law', organised by Dr Yoriko Otomo, SOAS, September 2015.

New Staff Research Profiles

Mr Michael Bartlet studied English Literature as an undergraduate (Oxford 1978) before qualifying as a teacher (Institute of Education 1983) and barrister (Middle Temple called to the Bar 1992). Prior to joining SOAS as a half-time Senior Teaching Fellow in 2015, Michael worked as a teacher in schools, colleges and adult education both in this country (WEA) and abroad (British Council Ecuador).

From 1996 to 2013, Michael worked for the Society of Friends (Quakers) as Parliamentary Liaison Secretary making submissions to the Joint Committee on Human Rights, giving oral evidence to the House of Commons Public Bill Committee on the Marriage (Same Sex Couples) Bill (2013) and taking a part-time LLM at London University (2004). He was seconded to the transition Equality and Human Rights Commission (2009) to advise on religious belief and cross-strand discrimination. Michael was awarded an MBE for Services to Equality and Social Justice in 2014.

Michael's academic and research interests include Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR), Public Law and Human Rights Law. He recently published an article titled 'Mediation Secrets "In the Shadow of the Law"' in *Civil Justice Quarterly*, v. 35, no. 1 (2015). Michael has made numerous submissions to Parliamentary and Public Committees including on the enlistment of under eighteen-year-olds in the armed forces, sustainable peace in Northern Uganda, the definition of terrorism in UK law and a submission to the Wakeham Commission on Lords Reform in 2000. Michael also works as a community, family and civil mediator.



Dr Petra Mahy has joined SOAS following postdoctoral research fellowships at the Centre for Socio-Legal Studies, University of Oxford (2013-2015) and the Department of Business Law and Taxation, Monash University, Australia (2010-2013). Petra is both a lawyer and an anthropologist and her research interests fall in the discipline of socio-legal studies. Much of Petra's research is conducted collaboratively with colleagues around the world.

Her current research interests are concerned with the comparative historical evolution of company law and labour law in Southeast Asia, particularly in Indonesia, Malaysia and the Philippines. This research is employing both qualitative and quantitative methodologies for charting legal change over long periods of time.

Petra is also working on a project aimed at understanding the content and development of informal forms of work regulation and their interaction with formal labour laws in the restaurant sector in Indonesia and Australia. During 2013-2014, Petra spent a total of four months conducting interviews with workers and employers in the cities of Yogyakarta, Bandung, Manado and Melbourne.

Together with colleagues at the Centre for Socio-Legal Studies, University of Oxford, Petra is also engaged in a pilot project on 'Informality and the Media in Consumer Protection in Emerging Economies', which is examining consumer protection law in Indonesia, Turkey and Kenya, and the importance of dispute resolution mechanisms outside official state institutions.

Petra's PhD thesis was completed at the Australian National University in 2011 on the topic of 'Gender Equality and Corporate Social Responsibility in Mining: An Investigation of the Potential for Change at Kaltim Prima Coal, Indonesia'. She also continues to pursue her interest in the regulation of corporate social responsibility and mining, as well as gender issues in Indonesia.

New Staff Research Profiles (Continued)



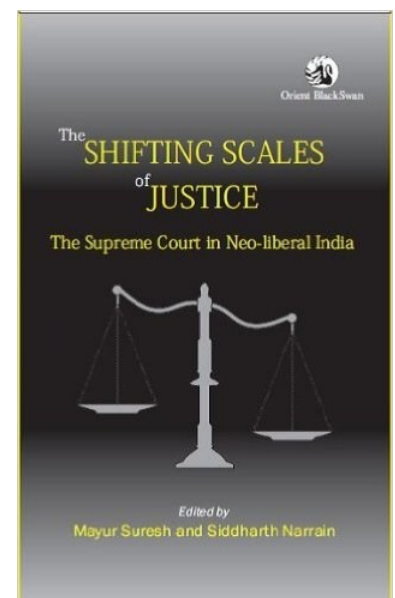
Mr Mayur Suresh has joined SOAS School of Law from Birkbeck, University of London, where he is completing his doctorate on terrorism trials in Delhi, India. Prior to coming to the UK, Mayur practiced law as a registered advocate for four years in New Delhi and before that was part of the Alternative Law Forum, Bangalore, where he engaged in activism and advocacy around LGBT and anti-terror issues. In New Delhi, Mayur was part of a small legal practice group

which mostly engaged in human rights work at the trial court level, including criminal defence, domestic violence cases on behalf of women, and labour disputes on behalf of trade unions. Notably Mayur was part of the legal team that successfully challenged India's anti-homosexuality law in the Delhi High Court and then (unsuccessfully) defended that judgment before the Supreme Court of India.

Mayur's current research project is located at the intersection of political philosophy, anthropology and law. It is based on an ethnography of terrorism trials in Delhi which involved just under 14 months of intensive fieldwork in trial courts where he observed trials, conducted informal and semi-structured interviews with persons accused of terrorism offences, their families, police officers, prosecutors, defence lawyers, forensic witnesses and other officials connected with the trial process. Mayur's research provides an idea of life that hovers between two avatars of sovereign power – as a violent, destructive force and as a caring, contractual power. Mayur is writing an account of the multiple ways in which violence and contract may manifest themselves – moving through understanding legal language, the case file and other 'legal papers', the role of the police and other moments in the life of a terrorism trial.

Mayur has co-edited a volume assessing recent trends in public interest jurisprudence of the Indian Supreme Court published in 2014 (*The Shifting Scales of Justice: The Supreme Court in Neo-liberal India*, New Delhi: Orient BlackSwan). He has also published essays and reports with the Law Society of England and Wales, the Indian Express and the Open Society on LGBT rights.

Mayur is also part of an international research collaboration that is working on visual cultures of law in India, that is coordinated by the Centre for the Study of Law and Governance, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi.



Updates on Some Ongoing Research Projects

Dr Ernest Caldwell has been working on a book project tracing the development of the Control Yuan 監察院 within the context of Chinese and Taiwanese constitutional design. He will present his research on this topic in the coming months at National Taiwan University (Taipei), Institute for Taiwan Studies (Prague), and the University of Illinois (Chicago).

Professor Philippe Cullet's project on 'Climate Change and Groundwater Management: An Indian Law and Society Comparative Study,' which is a UK-India Education and Research Initiative (UKIERI) partnership project between SOAS and the National Law University, Delhi, is nearing completion. A contract has been secured to publish a special issue on groundwater law and climate change in the journal *Water International*.

Dr Gina Heathcote has recently completed two publications which are currently in press: 'Robust Peacekeeping, Gender and the Protection of Civilians' chapter in Charlesworth and Farrell (eds) *Strengthening the Rule of Law through the UN Security Council*, Routledge, forthcoming April 2016; Gill, A., Heathcote, G., and Williamson, E. (eds), Special Issue of *Feminist Review* on Violence, Palgrave, March 2016 (includes an introduction by the editors).

Dr Lutz Oette has submitted a research bid to the British Academy for a small grant for research and a workshop on the effectiveness of the Sudan country mandate in promoting and protecting human rights in Sudan since the early 1990s.

Dr Emilia Onyema's current research project titled, 'Creating a sustainable culture of arbitration as a mechanism for dispute resolution in African states' is examining the role that four identified stakeholders (African states, courts/judges, arbitration institutions and arbitration practitioners) can play in supporting the development of arbitration as the primary dispute resolution of choice in Africa in disputes relating to domestic, intra-Africa to international commercial transactions. This project will last from 2015-2018 and will include conferences in various African countries and outputs in the form of articles/books.

During Michaelmas Term 2015, **Dr Yoriko Otomo** has been a Visiting Fellow at the Oxford Centre for Global History (Oxford University), where she has been undertaking archival research for her next book on the establishment of dairy industries in the British Empire. In the same term she has sent her first monograph to press, and completed a co-authored journal article and a co-authored book chapter, as well as a single-authored book chapter (they will all be published next year). Yoriko has embarked on a collaborative project on the regulation of milk, co-convened with Prof. Mathilde Cohen. An international workshop will be held in Paris at the EHESS next May, and an edited collection is expected to be published in 2017. Yoriko has given talks at SOAS, Lund University, the University of Helsinki, Tel Aviv University and BIICL.

PhD Student News

The School of Law congratulates the following students on their successes:

Dr Feja Lesniewska was awarded her PhD in 2015 for her thesis 'Looking Beyond the Canopy – The Influence of International Principles, Actors and Values in Evolving Forest Related Law (Case Study China)'. She passed her viva on 18 April, and minor corrections were accepted on 24 August. Feja's supervisor was Professor Philippe Cullet.

Dr Aida Tamer Chammas was awarded her PhD in 2015 for her thesis 'Accountability for Environmental Damage Arising out of Armed Conflict in International Law'.

On 1 December 2015, after a vibrant and engaging discussion at viva, examiners Prof Shaheen Sardar Ali of Warwick and Associate Professor Katerina Dalakoura of the LSE agreed to recommend that **Moataz El Fegiery** be awarded his PhD, submitted under the title of 'Islamic Law and Human Rights in the Thought and Practice of the Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt'. His supervisors were Professor Lynn Welchman and Professor Mashood Baderin.

Al Khanif also successfully defended his PhD thesis on 9 December 2015, subject to minor corrections. The title of his thesis is: 'Protecting Religious Minorities within Islam in Indonesia: A Challenge for International Human Rights Law and Islamic Law'. His supervisors were Professor Mashood Baderin and Professor Werner Menski.

Elizabeth Bates was awarded Best Paper Prize at the University of Ulster Postgraduate Symposium on Occupation, Transitional Justice and Gender, 6 May 2015.

Riyadh Al Balushi was successfully upgraded from MPhil to PhD candidate in May 2015.

New PhD Student



Mr Birsha Ohdedar started his PhD in 2015/16 on the topic of 'Climate Change Adaptation and the Human Right to Water in India'. His supervisors are Philippe Cullet and Andrew Newsham (CEDEP). Birsha has an LLM from SOAS (2012/13). He has previously been engaged as a research assistant at the Faculty of Law, and is tutoring Environmental Law this year.

Birsha has a background in environmental law and climate change related work. He currently works part-time in the Renewable Energy and Climate Change Law department at Simmons & Simmons in London. Birsha holds a strong interest in human rights, having previously worked with human rights organisations in India, including the Alternative Law Forum and EQUATIONS. Birsha has a BA/LLB from the University of Auckland, New Zealand and is a qualified solicitor in New Zealand. He is a recipient of the SOAS PhD Studentship.

Research Centre Activities

Law, Environment and Development Centre (LEDC)

On 29-30 May 2015, SOAS hosted the fourth workshop of a joint initiative between the Law Environment and Development Centre (LEDC) and the National Law University, Delhi, aimed at studying the impact of climate change on groundwater and making legal and policy framework suggestions (**see photo on page 1**). The UK India Educational Research Initiative (“UKIERI”) sponsors the project. Academics and water law experts from UK, Europe, USA, Northern and Southern Africa and India attended the workshop and presented their work on relevant thematic areas. The shared insights between domestic and international experts were seen as highly relevant, especially in making connections in a fragmented regime. An agreed output of the May workshop was a special issue journal in *Water International* capturing the work of the many of the participants. A writers’ workshop was held in mid-December 2015, at SOAS, to facilitate this written output.

Previously, on 10 April 2015, LEDC also co-organised the ‘Workshop on Regulation and Management of Groundwater in the Age of Climate Change: Need for Legal Reforms in India’, at the National Law University, Delhi.

Centre for East Asian Law (CEAL)

The Centre for East Asian Law hosted the following lunchtime seminars:

On 11 May 2015, **Professor Tomoko Morita** gave a seminar on how the Japanese government historically tried to control foreigners under the Japanese legal system. With an example of hunting, Professor Morita explained the background of the unequal treaty system in Japan, the abolition of the Shogun’s falconry system in 1867, and the establishment of the Game Act in 1895.

Dr Zinian Zhang presented on Chinese Corporate Law on 23 June 2015. Dr Zhang’s paper investigated the corporate reorganization of Chinese public companies listed on the Shanghai and Shenzhen Stock Exchanges between 1 June 2007 and 31 December 2013. In examining 43 listed company reorganisations, Dr Zhang challenged the assertion made in most of them that the major beneficiaries of such reorganizations are the company’s creditors, employees and public shareholders.

Upcoming Thai Rule of Law Project

With the support of the Centre for East Asian Law (CEAL), **Professor Carol Tan** is leading the development of a project on the Rule of Law in Thailand. Funded by a private donor, it is expected that this project will involve a series of monthly events including seminars, workshops and conference panels beginning in January 2016.

Professor Peter Leyland and Visiting Scholar **Verapat Pariyawong** have been assisting with scoping the ideas for the project which include discussions of how the rule of law is defined in Thailand, the rule of law and the Constitution, Thai administration law, the bureaucracy, the power of the judiciary and rule of law themes in Thai film and media.

It is also expected that the project will involve a comparative element, and there is potential to discuss comparisons between rule of law issues in Thailand with Indonesia, Malaysia, China and other Asian states.

New Publications

Ashiagbor, Diamond (2015) 'Evaluating the Reflexive Turn in Labour Law', in *The Autonomy of Labour Law*, edited by Alan Bogg, Cathryn Costello, ACL Davies and Jeremias Prassl. Hart Publishing.

Bhandar, Brenna (2015) 'Title by Registration: Instituting Property Law and Creating Racial Value in the Settler Colony', *Journal of Law and Society* 42(2): 253-282.

Bhandar, Brenna (2015) 'Possession, Occupation and Registration: Recombinant Ownership in the Settler Colony', *Settler Colonial Studies*, published online 27 August 2015.

Bhandar, Brenna (2015) 'Critical Legal Studies and the Politics of Property' in *Researching Property Law*, edited by S. Bright and S. Blandy. London: Palgrave.

Bhandar, Brenna and Alberto Toscano (2015) 'Race, Real Estate and Real Abstraction', *Radical Philosophy* 194, Nov/Dec 2015.

Bastaki, Jinan (2015) 'Who Represents Palestinian Refugees? The Sidelining of the Core of the Palestine Question', *Perceptions: Journal of International Affairs*, Spring 2015, available at: <http://sam.gov.tr/who-represents-palestinian-refugees-the-sidelining-of-the-core-of-the-palestine-question/>

Bates, Elizabeth Stubbins (2015) 'Towards Effective Military Training in International Humanitarian Law', *International Review of the Red Cross*, published online September 2015.

Cullet, Philippe and Lovleen Bhullar (eds.) (2015) *Sanitation Law and Policy in India: An Introduction to Basic Instruments*. Delhi: Oxford University Press.

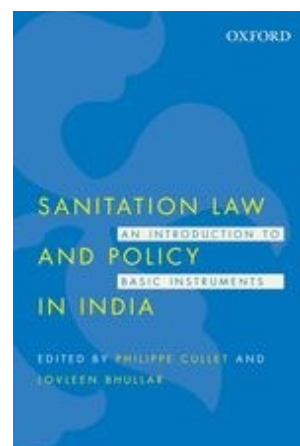
Cullet, Philippe, Lovleen Bhullar and Sujith Koonan (2015) 'Inter-Sectoral Water Allocation and Conflicts – Perspectives from Rajasthan', *Economic & Political Weekly* 50(34): 61-69.

Cullet, Philippe (2015) 'Principle 7 – Common but Differentiated Responsibilities' in *The Rio Declaration on Environment and Development: A Commentary*, edited by Jorge E. Viñuales, 229-244. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Cullet, Philippe (2015) 'Governing the Environment without CoPs – The Case of Water' in *International Environmental Law and Governance*, edited by Malgosia Fitzmaurice and Duncan French, 143-156. Leiden: Brill.

Cullet, Philippe (2015) 'Développement: Une occasion manqué?' *Le Courrier* (Geneva), 23 October 2015, p. 6.

Heathcote, Gina (2015) 'Feminist Perspectives on the Law on the Use of Force' in *The Oxford Handbook of Use of Force in International Law*, edited by Marc Weller. Oxford: Oxford University Press.



New Publications (Continued)

- Lesniewska, Feja (2015) 'UNFCCC Conference of the Parties: The Key International Forest Law-Makers for Better or for Worse' in *International Environmental Law and Governance*, edited by M. Fitzmaurice and D. French, 116-142. Leiden: Brill Nijhoff.
- Lesniewska, Feja (2015) 'Book Review Essay: Law and Forests under a Carbon Shadow', *Review of European, Comparative & International Environmental Law* 24(3): 375-378.
- Mahy, Petra (with Ingrid Landau and Richard Mitchell) (2015) 'The Regulation of Non-Standard Forms of Employment in India, Indonesia and Viet Nam'. Geneva: ILO, Conditions of Work and Employment Series INWORK.
- Mahy, Petra, Monika Swasti Winarnita and Nicholas Herriman (2015) 'Presumptions of Promiscuity: Reflections on Being a Widow or Divorcee from Three Indonesian Communities', *Indonesia and the Malay World*, published online December 2015.
- Oette, Lutz (2015) 'Austerity and the Limits of Policy-Induced Suffering: What Role for the Prohibition of Torture and Other Ill-Treatment?' *Human Rights Law Review* 15(4): 669-694.
- Oette, Lutz (with Mohamed Abdelsalam Babiker) (2015) 'The Rule of Law and Human Rights in Sudan: Challenges and Prospects for Reform' (Sudan Democracy First Group, July 2015), www.democracyfirstgroup.org/institutional-reforms-for-the-future-of-sudan-the-rule-of-law-and-human-rights/
- Oette, Lutz (2015) Review of: Carolyn Fluehr-Lobban, 'Shari-a and Islamism in Sudan: Conflict, Law and Social Transformation'. London and New York: I.B. Tauris, 2012, 343 p.,' *Yearbook of Islamic and Middle Eastern Law* 17 (2011-2012): 788-792.
- Onyema, Emilia (2014) 'Regional Arbitration Institution for ECOWAS: Lessons from OHADA Common Court of Justice and Arbitration', *International Arbitration Law Review* 5: 99-111.
- Otomo, Yoriko and Mario Prost (2015) 'British Influences on International Environmental Law: The Case of Wildlife Conservation' in *British Influences on International Law*, edited by Jean-Pierre Gauci, Robert McCorquodale, Jill Barrett, Andraž Zidar and Anna Riddell. British Institute of International and Comparative Law.
- Sultany, Nimer (2015) 'Duncan Kennedy on Constitutional Theory and Palestine', *Unbound: Harvard Journal of the Legal Left* 10: 84-90.
- Sultany, Nimer, has also published numerous op-ed pieces in Arabic in *Al-Araby Al-Jadeed* and *Arab48*, and in English, in *The Disorder of Things*.
- Suresh, Mayur (2015) 'Reading Life and Death in the Legal Text' in *India: Democracy and Violence*, edited by Samir Kumar Das. New Delhi: Oxford University Press.
- Tan, Carol (2015) 'How a "Lawless" China Made Modern America: An Epic Told in Orientalism', a review of Teemu Ruskola, *Legal Orientalism: China, The United States and Modern Law* (Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press 2013) pp. 338 \$39.95', *Harvard Law Review* 128(6): 1677-1704.
- Zhu, Sanzhu (2015) 'Socialist Rule of Law in the 21st Century China,' *Hague Journal on the Rule of Law* 7(1): 75-81.

Conference Presentations and Lectures by SOAS School of Law Staff and PhD Students (1)

- Al Balushi, Riyadh, 'The Scope of the Private Use Exception in the Digital Age under the Copyright Laws of the Member States of the GCC,' presented at Gulf Research Meeting, Cambridge, 24-27 August 2015.
- Ashiagbor, Diamond, 'The Regulatory Design of the Anti-Discrimination Law Regime' presented at the 2015 British Academy Conference: The Race Relations Act @ 50, 9 & 10 July 2015.
- Ashiagbor, Diamond, 'Reappraising Dominant Narratives in Labour Law: Informal Work in the Global North and the Global South,' presented at International Society for Labour Law and Social Security (ISLSSL) 21st World Congress, 15-18 September 2015, Cape Town.
- Baderin, Mashood, 'The UN Human Rights Council's Special Procedures Regime on the Sudan: Between Politics, Law and Power', Glasgow Human Rights Networks 2015 Annual Human Rights Lecture, University of Glasgow, 28 October 2015.
- Bastaki, Jinan, 'Refugees No More: The Right of Return for Palestinians with Citizenship' presented at Social Science History Association, Pluralism and Community: Social Science History Perspectives, Baltimore, MD, 12-15 November 2015.
- Bates, Elizabeth Stubbins, 'Laconic Norms of Prevention in International Humanitarian Law', presented at University of Nottingham School of Law Security Group (invited talk), 9 November 2015.
- Bates, Elizabeth Stubbins, 'Sophisticated Constructivism in International Humanitarian Law Compliance Theory', presented at Sociological Inquiries in International Law II, University of Toronto, 9 October 2015.
- Bates, Elizabeth Stubbins, 'The Neglected Architecture of Justice in International Humanitarian Law', International Law Association British Branch Conference, 30 May 2015.
- Bates, Elizabeth Stubbins, 'Epistemic Injustice in the Al-Sweady Public Inquiry,' presented at SOAS School of Law PhD Colloquium, 21 May 2015.
- Bates, Elizabeth Stubbins, 'Is Dissemination Enough? The Evolution of the Obligation to Train the Armed Forces in International Humanitarian Law', presented at International Society of Military Law and the Laws of War British Branch (invited talk), 15 May 2015.
- Bates, Elizabeth Stubbins, 'Hegemonic Masculinities and UK State Practice in Interrogation in Iraq', presented at University of Ulster Symposium on Occupation, Transitional Justice and Gender, 8 May 2015. This presentation won the 'Best Paper Prize'.
- Caldwell, Ernest, 'Losing Control in Taiwan? Democratisation, Constitutional Change and the Diminishing Role of the Control Yuan,' presented in Chinese History Seminar, SOAS, 3 December 2015.

Conference Presentations and Lectures (2)

Ercanbrack, Jonathan, 'Muslim Views of Economics: Development, Islamic Banking and Finance', Keynote Speech at Department of Political and International Relations, University of the Peloponnese, 27-28 August 2015, Kiato, Greece.

Ercanbrack, Jonathan, 'Islamic Finance Breakfast Seminar,' Keynote Speech delivered at Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce, 2 December 2015, Manchester, UK.

Foster, Nicholas, 'Moving Forward in the Study and Practice of Islamic Finance,' presented at the invitation of the Chaire Éthique et Normes de la Finance, Université Paris 1, Panthéon-Sorbonne, in celebration of the publication of Amel Makhoul's *L'émergence d'un droit international de la finance islamique : Origines, formation et intégration en droit français*, 19 November 2015. The lecture is to be published shortly in the SOAS Law of Islamic Finance Working Papers Series.

Grady, Kate, 'The Tyranny of Numbers: UN Statistics on Sexual Exploitation and Abuse by its Peacekeepers,' presented at the Academic Council on the United Nations System Annual Meeting 2015, 11-13 June 2015, The Hague.

Heathcote, Gina, Guest Speaker for War Crimes Committee panel titled 'Protecting the Innocents: Time to bare the teeth of UN Resolutions 1325 (2000), 1820 (2008), 1888 (2009) and 1960 (2010) et al' at the International Bar Association conference in Vienna, October 2015.

Heathcote, Gina, 'Rethinking Participation: from Security Council resolution 1325 to 2122', invited speaker, Cambridge Centre for Gender Studies, October 2015.

Hu, Yuan Qiong, panel speaker on 'Trips 20 Years-in: Access to Medicines and Innovation', at World Trade Organisation 20th Anniversary Public Forum, Geneva, 2 October 2015.

Hu, Yuan Qiong, panel speaker on 'Medication: The Business of Access,' King's Think Tank, Guy's Campus, King's College London, 10 November 2015.

Lesniewska, Feja, 'Governing Biomass and Sustainable Landscapes: Monitoring Reporting and Verification Challenges in a Culturally Diverse Legal World', paper presented at Governing Global Climate Change: Potential and Prospects of a Paris Accord: International Symposium, Lauterpacht Centre for International Law, University of Cambridge, 28 November 2015.

Lesniewska, Feja, 'Following the Flow: The Nexus between Forests and Watersheds within International Climate Change Law and Policy', presented at Workshop on Climate Change and Groundwater: Law and Policy Perspectives, LEDC/UKIERI, SOAS, University of London, 29-30 May 2015.



Conference Presentations and Lectures (3)

- Lesniewska, Feja, 'Moving Beyond the Canopy: Emerging Trends in International Forest Law-making, presented at PhD Colloquium, School of Law, SOAS, University of London, 21 May 2015.
- Lesniewska, Feja, panel speaker on 'Better Growth, Better Climate: China's Role in a Global Climate Deal', organised by SOAS Green Group and CISD, SOAS, 24 November 2015.
- Mahy, Petra, 'The Plural Regulation of Work: A Study of Urban Restaurants in Three Indonesian Cities,' paper presented at Labour Law Research Network Conference, University of Amsterdam, 25-27 June 2015.
- Mahy, Petra, Carolyn Sutherland et al. 'Calculating the Protective Strength of Labour Law through "Leximetrics": A Discussion and Application of Variables, Measures and Purposes,' paper presented at Labour Law Research Network Conference, University of Amsterdam, 25-27 June 2015.
- Mahy, Petra, Ingrid Landau and Richard Mitchell, 'The Formal Regulation of Non-Standard Forms of Employment in India, Indonesia and Viet Nam', presented at Regulating for Decent Work Conference, ILO, Geneva, 8-10 July 2015.
- Mahy, Petra et al. 'The Plural Regulation of Work: A Pilot Study of Restaurant Workers in Yogyakarta, Indonesia,' presented at workshop titled 'Thinking Empirically about Employment Relations and Labour Regulation in an Asia-Pacific Context', Monash Business School, Melbourne, 5 November 2015.
- Mahy, Petra, Carolyn Sutherland et al. 'Calculating the Protective Strength of Labour Law through "Leximetrics": A Discussion and Application of Variables, Measures and Purposes,' presented at workshop titled 'Thinking Empirically about Employment Relations and Labour Regulation in an Asia-Pacific Context', Monash Business School, Melbourne, 5 November 2015.
- Oette, Lutz, presentation of paper and facilitating workshop on justice and accountability, 'Achieving a Sustainable Peace in South Sudan: A Community Perspective', St John's Church, Waterloo, London, 18 July 2015.
- Oette, Lutz, joint presentation of paper on constitutional reforms in Sudan, Roundtable on Institutional Reform in Sudan, Sudan Democracy First Group, Nairobi, 23-25 July 2015.
- Oette, Lutz, 'Constitutional Reforms in Sudan: An Instrument of Power or an Expression of Rule Of Law?' Open Themes, 13 September 2015.
- Oette, Lutz, Keynote Address: 'What are Human Rights?', The Global Education Network, Human Rights in Action, 9 October 2015.

Conference Presentations and Lectures (4)

Oette, Lutz, Discussant, Panel 2, International Journal of Human Rights special issue launch event: Critical perspectives on the security and protection of human rights defenders, 2 December 2015.

Onyema, Emilia, 'Investment Arbitration in Africa,' invited speaker for this panel organised by Queen Mary University of London, Science Po Law School and ICDR Y&I, 9 December 2015.

Onyema, Emilia, 'Drafting and Negotiating Investment Treaties: Issues Arising,' invited speaker at the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (UK) Nigerian Branch 2015 Annual Conference, Abuja, Nigeria, 2-4 November 2015.

Onyema, Emilia, 'The Girl Effect: Keynote Speech on Educating the Girl Child,' Charity Event, Holiday Inn, London, 3 October 2015.

Onyema, Emilia, Panel Chair, Dispute Resolution in Africa; Seminar organised in honour of Judge Abdulgawi Ahmed Yusuf, Vice-President of the International Court of Justice, Wilmer Hale LLP London, 2 September 2015. Excerpts from the seminar were published in Global Arbitration Review Online News, 16 October 2015.

Onyema, Emilia, organised and spoke at a conference on the role of arbitration institutions in Africa, on 22-23 July at the African Union Commission in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

Onyema, Emilia, invited speaker on a panel on 'Doing Business in Africa', Eversheds LLP London, 22 June 2015.

Sultany, Nimer, 'The Legal Transformations of Popular Sovereignty in the Arab Spring,' presented at 'King's in the Middle East: Conversations in History and Society,' King's College, University of Cambridge, 27 October 2015.

Sultany, Nimer, 'The Legal Structures of Subordination,' presented at 'Settlers and Citizens: A Critical View of Israeli Society' conference, SOAS, 17-18 October 2015.

Sultany, Nimer, speaker at the 'Reading Duncan Kennedy' workshop, School of Law, Sciences Po, Paris, 19 June 2015.

Sultany, Nimer, speaker at the 'Constitutional Migration and Transjudicialism beyond the North Atlantic' workshop, Hanover, Germany, 3-6 June 2015.

Sultany, Nimer, 'Transitional (In)justice in Israel/Palestine', presented at Oxford Transitional Justice Research Seminars, University of Oxford, 1 June 2015.

Sultany, Nimer, speaker at the 'Sanctions and Divestment: Economic Weapons for Political and Social Change' conference, Center for Public Scholarship, New School, NYC, USA.

Suresh, Mayur, 'Law and the Culture of Epistolarity: Why "Terrorists" Write Letters' presented at India Institute, King's College, 2 December 2015.

Conference Presentations and Lectures (5)

- Tan, Carol, 'Two Collective Portraits of Migrant Workers Seeking Justice: Male Construction Workers in Singapore and Indonesian Domestic Workers in Hong Kong,' presented at the 7th Annual Cambodian Society of Comparative Law, Paññāsāstra University of Cambodia, 28 February – 1 March 2015.
- Tan, Carol, 'Becoming a Litigant: Indonesian Migrant Workers in Hong Kong,' presented at American Studies Centre, University of Indonesia, 20 March 2015.
- Tan, Carol, 'Migrant Workers Seeking Justice: Male Construction Workers in Singapore and Female Domestic Workers in Hong Kong,' presented at Centre of Asian Legal Exchange, Nagoya University, 27 March 2015.
- Tan, Carol, 'Dispute Resolution Mechanisms for Migrant Workers in Singapore and Hong Kong,' presented at UK-China Comparative Public Law Symposium, Shandong University, April 2015.
- Tan, Carol, invited speaker by the NGO Migrant Care to participate in a day-long focus group discussion on the subject of Indonesia's role in ASEAN Economic Community 2015 and the Migrant Labour Agenda, 19 March 2015, Jakarta, Indonesia.
- Vora, Vishal, 'The Problem of UK Non-Registered Muslim Marriages: New Questions and the Issue of Non-Marriages,' presented at symposium on 'The Islamic Marriage Conundrum, Conflicts of Recognition,' Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, London, 9 May 2015.

Upcoming Events

Arbitration Public Seminars in 2016:

14 January 2016: Mr Ike Ehiribe, arbitrator/barrister

18 February 2016: Mr Steve Finizio, partner at Wilmer Hale LLP London

10 March 2016: Mrs Julianne Hughes-Jennett, partner at Hogan Lovells LLP London

21 April 2016: Mr Audley Sheppard, managing partner at Clifford Chance London

All seminars will be held from 6-8pm in room 4426. Drinks will be provided with support from the School of Law, SOAS.