

King's Centre of Construction Law and Dispute Resolution news archive - 2014 to 2018

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King's Centre of Construction Law & Dispute Resolution leads Europe

At the recent European Society of Construction Law (ESCL) Awards 2018, one of our alumna, Edwina Udrescu, won joint second prize for her thesis with the title 'What legal & contractual issues can determine the success or failure of a PPP project?'. In line with our recognised place at the forefront of leading academic achievement in the European and Global construction industry, our students have now won more prizes in the competition than any other European University.

2017

February 2017

As reported in the Daily Telegraph on 16 February 2017, Professor David Mosey spoke as Principal guest at a dinner at the Worshipful Company of Constructors. His hosts were Master Ian Mason and Sir Vivian Ramsey, former Head of Technology & Construction Court and Visiting Professor at Kings Centre of Construction Law.

Professor Mosey described how multi-party construction contracts enable stronger team integration and generate improved economic and social value. He illustrated how these contacts have been used on award-winning projects led by the City of London Corporation, including new schools, office buildings and major engineering works at the Hampstead Ponds and the Central Criminal Court.

2016

October 2016

Professor David Mosey is presented with a copy of the first ever FAC-1 Framework Alliance Contract by John Thornhill, Procurement & Contracts Manager for Futures Housing Group. For more information on the FAC-1 research contract, see the Centre of Construction Law and Dispute Resolution website.

ICLA Conference 2016

The International Construction Law Association held its inaugural conference in June. Chris Howard spoke at the event, of which Kings was an academic partner.

June 2016

On Thursday 9 June 2016, the Centre of Construction Law was very proud to host a conference entitled 'Construction, the Consumer and the Law: Time for Change?' The conference was convened by Professor Philip Britton, supported by a team comprising individuals both from within and outside the Centre.

Some 96 delegates attended the conference, including professionals and clients from across the industry, plus many distinguished guests from overseas. There were also 26 speakers, representing 6 different jurisdictions.

The conference was the first of its kind in addressing the problems faced by residential construction clients when trying to navigate the range of legal options to them. All of the speakers and delegates agreed that it was high time that this under-served area of construction law was investigated and were delighted to have the opportunity to share ideas and explore the issues.

The keynote presentation, as provided by TCC Judge The Honourable Mr Justice Fraser, was followed by a series of presentations on issues as diverse as off-plan purchases, building quality and defects insurance. Breakout sessions on issues such as new construction methods and cross-jurisdictional comparisons offered delegates the opportunity to hear talks of specialist interest.

The day concluded with a talk from Catherine Aird, one of a series of speakers all the way from Australia, describing her role in an innovative Building Tribunal in Melbourne.

All agreed that the conference was ground-breaking and were very grateful to be a part of a unique forum, which it is hoped will lead to further research and discussion in this hugely important area of concern.

May 2016

On Friday 9 May 2016, the Centre of Construction Law was very proud to host a conference exploring the implications of 'Enabling BIM Through Procurement & Contracts'.

The conference was attended by some 115 members of the construction industry and was the culmination of a two-year research project by the Centre into the impact of Building Information Modelling (BIM) on the procurement and drafting of construction contracts. The Centre's research was partly grant funded by the Society of Construction Law and the Association of Consultant Architects, both of whom supported the conference.

The conference was Chaired by Professor David Mosey and featured contributors from several members of the Research Working Group including Chris Howard and Darya Bahram representing the Centre, plus Simon Rawlinson of Acadis and King's Alumnus May Winfield of Carillion.

The keynote address was provided by Mark Bew MBE, Chair of the UK Government BIM Working Group. Notable talks included BIM client's view from Richard Saxon CBE, a

comparative study from leading figures in the Australian Ministry of Defence and a review of BIM and whole life asset management from Terry Stokes of Faithful & Gould, former Head of Procurement at the UK Ministry of Justice.

The event concluded with an opportunity for delegates to make a contribution to the Centre's research by providing comments on a draft of the research report 'Enabling BIM through Procurement & Contracts', to be published online in final form at the end of June 2016.

BIM and its legal implications remain a subject of intense interest to the construction industry and the number of seniority of delegates contributing to this conference confirmed the importance and urgency of the King's College London research.

February 2016

Improving Value Through a Framework Alliance

On the 25 February 2016, The Centre of Construction Law was delighted to welcome over 200 delegates to its latest conference.

The audience consisted of leading figures from across the construction industry, including many of our own MSc students. Topics covered included how clients, consultants and contractors can get the best out of frameworks and the UK/Infrastructure Client Group vision of an 'alliance' and how it can make a difference.

The Centre was very pleased to welcome a number of excellent speakers including Don Ward (Chief Executive, Constructing Excellence), Francis Ho (Head of Construction, Olswang) and Jason Russell (Assistant Director of Highways, Surrey County Council). The event was chaired by Professor Nicholas Gould and led by Professor David Mosey.

The event also gave the public a first insight into the new ACA/ACE 'Framework Alliance Contract', authored by Professor Mosey and refined through an international consultation process, which is a hotly anticipated development in collaborative contracting.

2015

October 2015

On Thursday 15 October 2015, the PPC/TPC conference took place in Bicester, Oxfordshire. This annual event is hosted by the Association of Consultant Architects (ACA) and the Association for Consulting & Engineering (ACE). The event is for all those who are connected with the use of PPC2000 suite of standard form construction contracts, which were authored by Professor David Mosey and are now published by the ACA/ACE.

The conference was entitled 'Back to the Future' and was a celebration of 15 successful years of the PPC contracts, as well as an opportunity to reflect on the future of the construction industry, looking at themes such as sustainability and SMART.

As part of the conference, the ACA conducted its traditional awards ceremony recognising the work of the PPC User Group. This year, the ACA also presented a special award to Professor David Mosey - The Association of Consultants Architects Medal. The award was presented by world-famous designer Wayne Hemingway and was in recognition of David's outstanding contribution to the practice and profession of architecture. The ACA noted that Professor David Mosey, through the creation and facilitation of the first standard form, multi-party, partnering contract has 'made a crucial contribution to the adoption and use of partnering in the procurement process'. It also acknowledged that David has 'advised on more than two hundred partnered projects/programmes across a range of building and infrastructure'.

Previous recipients of the Award have included construction industry greats such as Sir Michael Latham and Sir John Egan, the founding fathers of modern construction law and collaborative practice, a list to which Professor David Mosey expressed his great honour to have been added.

May 2015

Centre of Construction Law & Dispute Resolution co-hosts the second Anglo-German, Construction Law Platform annual seminar in Frankfurt, on the subject of 'Good Faith'

The Centre was delighted to participate in the second annual seminar of the ground-breaking Anglo-German Construction Law Platform at the offices of leading firm Breyer-Rechtsanwälte in Frankfurt on 15 May 2015. The Centre is the academic partner of the AGCLP and hosted the first seminar at King's in the Summer of 2014.

This year's seminar examined the much-debated issue of good faith in construction contracts, seeking to bring to light the contrasting positions on this topic in the UK & Germany, while also looking at the future of this doctrine.

A significant collection of lawyers & practitioners from both jurisdictions were in attendance and lectures were provided by a host of eminent speakers including Dr Wolfgang Breyer, HH Humphrey Lloyd QC, Professor Stefan Leupertz, Professor David Mosey, Dr Bastian Fuchs, Shy Jackson and Professor Jan Van Dunne. The talks looked at the issue of good faith from a number of perspectives, focusing on the transnational aspects of the discussion and the contracts between the Civil & Common Law approach.

The seminar was enthusiastically received by the attendees, provoking several energetic debates and setting the scene well for the next annual seminar.

Further details of the event and of the AGCLP can be found at: <http://www.agclp.org>

2014

Monday 3 November 2014

The Centre was proud to host the PPC/TPC Annual Conference, 'Delivering Social Value Through Collaborative Construction - Making the Money go Further'.

This ground-breaking conference was made possible through the joint efforts of the Association of Consultant Architects (ACA), the Association for Consultancy & Engineering (ACE) and the King's College London Centre of Construction Law.

Some 180 delegates were in attendance, representing a unique mix of influential figures from the construction industry, academia, government, housing, the charity sector and SMEs.

The Conference was chaired by Professor David Mosey, Director of the Centre, and began with an inspirational keynote speech from Peter Hansford, the Government Chief Construction Adviser, who outlined the Government's vision for social value in construction. This was followed by an address from Dr Nelson Ogunshakin OBE, Chief Executive of the ACE, who spoke on the prospects for delivering social value through infrastructure projects.

The remainder of the day comprised a series of presentations and panel discussions which moved through connected themes, looking at two-stage procurement as a means of achieving social value in real-life case studies, the impact of Building Information Modelling on social value, the measurement of social value and the importance of improved engagement with SMEs. Highlights included Andrew van Doom from HACT who introduced an innovative means of quantifying social value and personal well-being and Professor Peter McDermott from the University of Salford who presented on the latest SME research.

This unique conference galvanised all the participants such that its core messages will undoubtedly create a lasting impact in the wider industry in the months and years to come. By putting social value at the forefront of the agenda the conference will be a catalyst for real progress.



Tuesday 24 June 2014

The Centre was proud to host the inaugural meeting of the Anglo-German Construction Law Platform (AGCLP). The Centre is the UK academic partner of the AGCLP, a new international society which will act as a unique forum for cross-jurisdictional collaboration in construction law development.

The event was held in the Nash Lecture Theatre and attracted some 68 lawyers, academics and construction professionals, including 40 British delegates, 20 Germans and 8 others from a variety of international jurisdictions. Distinguished attendees including Lord Justice Jackson and His Honour Humphrey Lloyd QC, who Chaired the meeting. The Seminar was entitled 'Money is the lifeblood of Construction - How to keep it flowing under a Common Law or Civil Law System', with a panel featuring experts in construction law from Britain & Germany, including Centre Director Professor David Mosey, visiting lecturer Dr Wolfgang Breyer and leading construction law author Julian Bailey. The event was a major success, providing a solid foundation for the future of this new initiative. The Centre of Construction Law will continue to act as academic partner to the AGCLP with the next gathering to be held in Germany in 2015.



Wednesday 2 April 2014

Professor David Mosey, delivered his Inaugural Lecture: “Putting builders into prison and getting them out”

The lecture developed themes previously addressed at the King’s/SCL BIM Open Forum on 13th February.

King's research contributes to Cabinet Office recommendations

Research conducted by Professor David Mosey, Director of the Centre for Construction Law in The Dickson Poon School of Law, has been published as Cabinet Office draft guidance.

‘New Models of Construction Procurement Draft Guidance’ has been published to help reduce waste and improve relationships when procuring public sector construction projects.