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WELCOME

from the Principal



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King's Strategic Vision was launched in January 2017 and takes the university to its 200th anniversary in 2029. The vision builds upon our history of making a full contribution to society and focuses on delivering our overall vision of making the world a better place. Sir Dickson's gift has delivered a step-change at The Dickson Poon School of Law, enabling King's to develop world-leading education, research and service, and to be increasingly proactive in a more interconnected, complex world. This year's *Law Profile* highlights some of the ways in which our Law School is committed to King's strategic aims through its research, legal education, partnerships and projects.

Professor Edward Byrne AC,
President & Principal, King's College London

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Right: Sir Dickson Poon FKC meets with students in The Dickson Poon School of Law.

INTRODUCTION

from the Executive Dean

Welcome to the School's Law Profile for the 2017-18 academic year. I have now had the privilege of leading our world-class Law School for nearly two full academic years. During that time it has been inspirational to observe first-hand the tangible effects of Sir Dickson's transformative gift on the academic life of the School as its long-term goals have come to fruition.

It has been a busy year but also one marked with great sadness at the sudden passing of former Executive Dean of The Dickson Poon School of Law, Professor David D Caron. The esteem, affection and respect in which he was held by all who knew him were demonstrated by the very well-attended memorial service held for him by the Honourable Society of the Inner Temple, of which he was a Bencher. His tragic loss has been felt most keenly by everyone in the School.



Our work in the School in 2017-18 maintained our commitment to serve society. We have continued to develop innovative programmes meeting the needs of the legal world, right across the globe. This year, for example, we celebrated our first graduating class of LLM students to have studied entirely online – this new approach has attracted students from South America to Asia, to gain a prestigious qualification from King's. We hosted King's Transnational Law Summit 2018 (KTLs18) in April 2018; a boundary-breaking initiative, which brought together nearly 400 participants from a variety of disciplines to address the most fundamental questions of our time. Our free legal advice service, King's Legal Clinic saw its 50th client in February 2018. Not only does the Clinic serve the people of London but it also gives students practical insights into the ways that the law impacts on people's lives and will make them better lawyers in the future.

This *Law Profile* provides an insight into just some of the School's activities and projects. I hope you will be encouraged to learn more about our work and our aim to provide a world-leading environment for legal learning, research and scholarship, through our website, and by visiting us in Somerset House East Wing.

Professor Gillian Douglas FBA
Executive Dean of The Dickson Poon School of Law

Left: Professor Gillian Douglas, Executive Dean of The Dickson Poon School of Law.

OUR GLOBAL EXPERTS

The School's research continues to address some of the most pressing questions of our time relating to equality and human rights, the legal implications of climate change, globalisation, international relations, trade, competition and global finance, to name but a few. Members of the School advise governments, serve on commissions and public bodies and are seconded to national and international organisations, helping to shape policy and practice nationally and internationally.

Find out more about just some of our global experts in the summaries below.



Left: Dr Octavio Ferraz gives a lecture in Somerset House East Wing.



Professor Gillian Douglas

Professor Gillian Douglas' main research interest is family law, on which she has written extensively. She is the joint case comments editor of the journal, *Family Law* and co-editor of the *Child and Family Law Quarterly*. Her interest in family law overlaps into the field of medical law, and she carried out the first empirical study into access to fertility treatment under the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority's Code of Practice. She has worked with colleagues from a variety of disciplines including psychology, child health and social policy, to research aspects of family change, including a path-breaking study of children's own perspectives and experiences of family breakdown. Her research has been funded by, among others, the AHRC, ESRC, Joseph Rowntree Foundation and the Nuffield Foundation.

Professor Douglas served on the Leverhulme Trust Research Awards Advisory Committee for five years and chaired the Law sub-panel for REF 2014 (the UK's research assessment exercise). A Fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences and the Learned Society of Wales, she was elected to the British Academy in 2017.

Her most recent book, *Obligation and Commitment in Family Law*, which was published by Hart publishing in 2018, traces how the notion of commitment is understood and how far it has come to be used as a rationale for imposing the core legal obligations which underpin care and caring within families. The research for the book was made possible through a Leverhulme Trust Major Research Fellowship.

Prior to taking up leadership of The Dickson Poon School of Law at King's, Professor Douglas was Professor of Law in the School of Law and Politics at Cardiff University and served as Head of the School between 2005 – 2010.

Above: Professor Gillian Douglas at KTLS18.



Professor Davina Cooper

Professor Davina Cooper joined the School in July 2018 as Research Professor in Law & Political Theory. She is an interdisciplinary researcher who approaches questions of transformative politics – their possibilities, limits, and conflicts – as these take shape in relation to law, the state, experiments in living, gender and sexuality, and cultural diversity. She is Principal Investigator on ‘The Future of Legal Gender: A Critical Law Reform Project’, a three-year study to critically explore possibilities for reforming legal gender status.

From 2004–17, Professor Cooper was Professor of Law and Political Theory at the University of Kent. Between 2004 and 2009, she directed the Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) Research Centre for Law, Gender and Sexuality. And before that she was Faculty Research Dean for the Social Science Faculty at Keele University. She has been a specialist advisor to the British Parliamentary Select Committee on Education, focusing on their HE enquiry, and has sat on various academic grants boards and panels, including at the Economic and Social Research Council (ESRC). She has been a trustee of the Law and Society Association (USA), and a member of a range of journal editorial boards and international advisory committees.

Professor Cooper’s other achievements include founding and co-editing the academic book series *Social Justice* with Sarah Lamb and Sarah Keenan, serving as a London Magistrate, being a locally elected councillor between 1986 and 1990, and chairing several committees on Haringey Council in London. Professor Cooper’s most recent book project considers new ways of thinking about the state, focusing on the state’s capacity to support progressive transformative politics. This project takes as its empirical ground the transnational struggle currently taking shape over conservative Christian refusal to support gay-positive initiatives.



Dr Holger Hestermeyer

Dr Holger Hestermeyer is Shell Reader in International Dispute Resolution at King’s and a Senior Research Fellow at the Transnational Law Institute.

In January 2018 Dr Hestermeyer delivered an oral testimony and provided written evidence in the House of Commons Public Bill Committee – Trade Bill Committee (23 January). He has been cited by Reuters, The Times, Daily Mail Online, Borderlex, Politico, The New European, The Daily Telegraph, Global Arbitration Review and Politics.co.uk and made an appearance on BBC World News, on the show ‘Talking Business’ in October 2017.

Dr Hestermeyer has also recently won a one-year competitive Mid-Career Fellowship from the British Academy for the project ‘Free Trade for Britain: Understanding Free Trade Agreements and how they are negotiated’.

He consults and researches in the fields of international law, European law, constitutional and public law. Dr Hestermeyer has served as specialist advisor to the House of Lords EU External Affairs Sub-Committee for its reports on trade options and trade in goods after Brexit. In the past, he has, among other appointments, worked as a legal consultant for the German Foreign Office and as an expert for a constitution project for Sudan.



Dr Octavio Ferraz

Dr Octavio Ferraz’s research interests are in the field of human rights and development, especially the role and impact of law and courts in poverty, equality and social justice. He adopts mostly comparative, transnational and international perspectives, and an interdisciplinary approach, engaging with political philosophy, economics, sociology and political sciences and combining empirical methods and theoretical inquiry in his projects.

He convened the Transnational Law Institute’s Signature Lecture Series, ‘Democratic Politics in Global Crisis?’. He also received a British Council Newton Fund Researcher Links Workshop Grant and convened an Interdisciplinary Workshop on Inequality in Brazil in partnership with the University of Brasilia, with more than 30 early-career researchers from the UK and Brazil attending and several experts from Brazil and the UK giving keynote speeches. Dr Ferraz also organised two workshops on the right to health at King’s in partnership with the O’Neill Center for Global Health at Georgetown University (USA).



Professor Prabha Kotiswaran

Professor Prabha Kotiswaran’s main areas of research include criminal law, transnational criminal law, feminist legal studies and sociology of law.

She is the author of *Dangerous Sex, Invisible Labor: Sex Work and the Law in India*, published by Princeton University Press (2011) and co-published by Oxford University Press, India (2011). *Dangerous Sex, Invisible Labor* won the SLSA-Hart Book Prize for Early Career Academics. She has also edited *Sex Work* (Women Unlimited 2011) for a *Series on Issues in Contemporary Indian Feminism* and two journal special issues on an *Economic Sociology of Law* (with Amanda Perry-Kessaris and Diamond Ashiagbor) for the *Journal of Law and Society* (2013) and the *Northern Ireland Legal Quarterly* (2014). She recently edited *Revisiting the Law and Governance of Trafficking, Forced Labor and Modern Slavery* (Cambridge Studies in Law and Society, 2017). She co-authored *Governance Feminism: An Introduction* (w/Janet Halley, Rachel Rebouche and Hila Shamir) (Minnesota University Press 2018). A co-edited volume *Governance Feminism: Notes from the Field* (with Halley, Rebouche and Shamir) is forthcoming from Minnesota University Press in March 2019.

She is Notes Editor for the *Indian Law Review* (Taylor & Francis) and founding member of the Open Democracy Blog *Beyond Slavery and Trafficking*. She has been Senior Editor for *Oxford Handbooks in Law Online*, and on the Editorial Boards of the *Canadian Journal of Law and Society* and the *Jindal Global Law Review*. She was Co-Convener (with Peer Zumbansen) of the Transnational Law Summer Institute (TLSI) held in June 2015 and June 2016.

Professor Kotiswaran was awarded the Philip Leverhulme Prize in 2014. Starting September 2018, she is Principal Investigator for a 5-year European Research Council-funded Consolidator Grant titled ‘the Laws of Social Reproduction’.

King's Transnational Law Summit 2018

*The New Human Condition:
Creating Justice for our Future*

King's Transnational Law Summit 2018 (KTLS18) commemorated 60 years since political philosopher Hannah Arendt's groundbreaking publication, *The Human Condition*.

The Summit, which took place in April, had the theme of 'The New Human Condition: Creating Justice for Our Future' and revolved around Arendtian themes of work, political engagement, migration, and a sustainable life.

The event was conceived as an unprecedented opportunity for interdisciplinary conversation, collaboration, and reflection at the point where legal theory and practice meet. It brought together the world's brightest legal minds across disciplines for in-depth and outcome-orientated discussions on the most pressing global issues of our time. Attendees came from a range of disciplines, including academia, journalism, think tanks and government organisations. The opening keynote was delivered by Nobel Peace Prize Laureate and Iranian human rights lawyer Shirin Ebadi, who spoke passionately about justice in a globalised world: 'We're living in an era of globalisation,' she said, 'but it's only trade that has become globalised – values sadly have not', setting the tone for the debates to follow.





Facilitating interdisciplinary conversations

Other keynote speakers at KTLS18 included: Richard Wilkinson, Honorary Visiting Professor at University of York; Susanne Baer, Justice at the Federal Constitutional Court, Germany; Marwa Al-Sabouni, Architect and Author; and Dexter Dias QC, Barrister. The Summit's second day focused on economic and environmental justice and included a conversation with Syrian architect Marwa Al-Sabouni about notions of home and belonging. Roundtables and panel sessions addressed themes including the global environmental crisis, tax justice, and corporate social responsibility. Poets and writers joined KTLS18 on Wednesday evening to reflect on literature, loss and belonging in a global era of borders, followed by a musical performance from Camila Meza & The Nectar Orchestra, newly joined by the Sky Quartet. Health, technology and equality formed the focus for the third day of the Summit, with panels on big data, technology and criminal justice, and mental and reproductive health, as well as housing, migration and feminism.

Many of the Keynote lectures from #KTLS18 are available to watch on the School's YouTube channel: [KCL_Law](#)



The highlight of the year at the School has been the inaugural King's Transnational Law Summit 2018 (KTLS18) in April 2018. This was a boundary-breaking initiative which brought together nearly 400 participants from a variety of disciplines to address the most fundamental questions of our time.

Professor Gillian Douglas FBA
Executive Dean of
The Dickson Poon School of Law



It's the first time I've been to an event where local advocates from different cities across the world are coming together to discuss how we do our work, and where it's not the case that people talk at you but, rather, are engaged in conversation and collaboration with each other about potential solutions and ideas.

Navneet Grewal, Senior Attorney, Western Center on Law & Poverty (WCLP), Los Angeles, USA



Left: A panel discussion on Health, Technology & The Human Life at KTLS18.

Above: KTLS18 included a photojournalism exhibition that explored themes of migration, and displacement.

KTLS18 Film Competition

The inaugural Transnational Justice Film Competition was launched to creatively capture the spirit of KTLS18. Filmmakers from all around the world responded to the brief of resistance, love and empowerment in an era of globalisation. The competition aimed to provide a platform for grassroots organisations to voice their interpretation of the conference themes: environment, economy, health, migration, and inequality. With over 1,000 submissions, the judging panel selected Enrico Chiarugi's film

'Remember Everything, to not Forget Anyone' for the first prize. Set on the Italian island of Lampedusa, Enrico's winning film makes reference to more than 500 people who have lost their lives trying to reach European soil.

There were seven prizes on offer and the winning films were screened with a discussion and Q&A at the Summit. The Awards were moderated by documentary filmmaker, political scientist and sociologist Dr Dario Azzellini and Senior Lecturer in film studies Dr Helen Hughes.

MOOTING



Mooting continues to play an important role in legal education at King's. It is always a pleasure to see our students performing well on the international stage. This year, the King's team won the Jessup National Rounds for the third year in a row, and our students also won the International Day of Crisis competition for the fourth time, making it the most successful team in the competition's history.

Executive Dean
Professor Gillian Douglas



Day of Crisis competition

In April 2018 King's students participated in the Day of Crisis hosted by the University of Paris Nanterre, an academic competition sponsored by Simmons & Simmons. Student teams were presented with a series of international crises that they had to try and resolve within a 24-hour period. The competition involved teams from universities in six countries – Australia, France, Russia, Belgium, Germany, and the UK – with each team representing governments and international organisations. This 24-hour non-stop international law and diplomacy competition challenged students' knowledge of public international law, and their skills in teamwork, drafting, negotiation, and working under pressure.

The Day of Crisis began on Friday morning and concluded with a special session of the United Nations (UN) General Assembly the following day.

A jury of legal experts was convened, chaired by Mr Nicola Bonucci, Director for Legal Affairs, OECD. The challenges faced by teams in this year's competition included the secession of California from the USA, a shipwreck in the strait of Bosphorus resulting in a disperse of chemical waste and its subsequent closing by Turkey, a cyber-attack, the legality of fake news, EU data protection, and the appropriation of spatial resources.

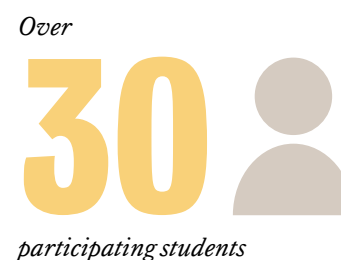


Left: Students take part in the Day of Crisis competition in the Great Hall at King's.

Students taking part had to produce 16 pieces of written advice and conduct three negotiations during the 24 hours. Teams represented the governments of the USA, Republic of Turkey, Russian Federation, Georgia, and the Office of the Legal Adviser of the UN. During the culmination of the event at the General Assembly special session, teams stated their positions on a Draft Resolution and took questions from the jury. The delegations were also asked to respond, on the spot, to the air strike in Syria by the USA, France and the UK, which took place earlier that morning.

King's was the overall winner of the competition for the fourth time, making King's teams the most successful in the competition's history. The team, 'Kronos Consulting', was made up of LLM students Anasuya Choudhury, Pedro Henrique Carvalho de Assis Martins, Lauranne de Lathauwer, Gabriella Ottoboni Bianchini, and Marion Reffay. They were coached by Visiting Lecturers Giulia Bernabei and Niccolò Ridi and assisted by Luigi Lonardo, Graduate Teaching Assistant in the department of War Studies. They were advised by Dr Philippa Webb.

Mooting success 2017–18 at a glance



Oxford Moot in French Law

In March 2018, Gabriel Bulteel and Serge Llioukhine, both students on the LLB in English Law & French Law, came first in the 2018 Oxford Moot competition in French Law, which took place at the Faculty of Law, University of Oxford. Dr Eva Steiner was their coach and mentor, as well as a judge in the preliminary rounds. The competition, which is sponsored by the international law firm Gide Loyrette Nouel, permits 16 teams from across the world to compete in front of judging panels drawn from French academics, judges, and practitioners. It is an excellent opportunity for non-native and native French speakers to impress judges with their advocacy skills and knowledge of French language and French law. Each team is requested to prepare in advance a pleading in French for each side (applicant and respondent) using French law and French methodology. The case at hand this year was on sexual harassment in the workplace. Dr Steiner said, 'Serge and Gabriel were impressive in presenting their arguments, especially in the final round in front of a panel presided over by Justice Uglo, senior judge at the Social Chamber of the French Court of Cassation.'



Herbert Smith Freehills Competition Law Moot

A team of competition law students from The Dickson Poon School of Law won the Herbert Smith Freehills Competition Law Moot in June 2018. The Moot, hosted by King's since 2014, was open to law students from across the globe, and included teams from, Belgium, Czech Republic, Hong Kong, India, Netherlands, Singapore, and the UK. The problem concerned a reference to the Court of Justice of the European Union from the (fictional) Ruritanian High Court. The Ruritanian Court raised questions relating to the compatibility with competition law of aspects of a selective distribution system for premium-brand sports shoes. The final was judged by Bo Vesterdorf, Panel Chair, former President of the European Court of First Instance, now the General Court, in Luxembourg; Dorothy Livingston, Consultant at Herbert Smith Freehills; Roland Green, former Deputy General Counsel and newly appointed Panel Member at Competition and Markets Authority (CMA); Professor William Kovacic, former Chairman of the US Federal Trade Commission (FTC), non-executive Board Director at CMA, and Visiting Professor at King's; and Professor Alison Jones, King's.



The Philip C Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition

In April 2018, students reached the semi-finals of the International Rounds of the 59th Philip C Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition. King's students Andrew Brown (Law LLB, 2019), Radhika Sharma (Law LLB, 2019), Sarojah Sathivelu (Law LLB, 2019) and Eyvana Bengochea (LLM, 2019) faced teams from Albania, Bangladesh, the USA and Canada in the preliminary rounds – progressing to the advanced rounds. In the knock-out rounds, the team defeated the Indian National Champions, Gujarat University (run-off round); the University of São Paulo, Brazil (octo-final round); and the University of Pretoria, South Africa (quarter-final round). The team lost their semi-final to the National Law School of India University. William de Catelle (LLM) was a member of the team during the UK national rounds but left the team before the international rounds. He is credited, along with his teammates, for the Twentieth-Best Combined Memorials Prize for his contribution to the Memorials.

The Jessup is the largest and most prestigious moot competition in the world and is a simulation of a fictional dispute between countries before the International Court of Justice. This year's competition was the biggest yet: 700 law schools competed worldwide, and over 115 of these teams advanced to the international rounds in Washington, DC.

King's continued its exceptional track record: for the fourth time in five years, the team has ranked in the top-five moot teams in the world – reaching the semi-final round three times. This consistency is a testament to the hard work of King's students, and the support and dedication of King's to public international law and moot. 'Participation in an international moot of the calibre of the Jessup involves an enormous investment of time, both by the mooters and by the coaching team. We are proud of all our Jessup teams, and are delighted when they progress so far in the competition', said Dr Emily Hudson, Director of Mooting at King's.

Top Left: A student addresses the panel at the Oxford Moot in French Law.

Bottom Left: The 2018 King's Jessup Moot team with their trophy.

Right: The winners of the Herbert Smith Freehills Moot with the competition judges.





Legal Clinic: One Year On

King's Legal Clinic has provided legal advice for over 50 clients in its first year.

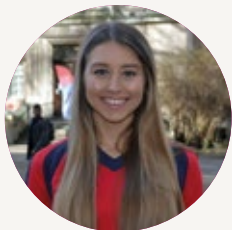
Image: Clinic students networking with former Chief Coroner of England & Wales Sir Peter Thornton and solicitors from DLA Piper UK LLP. Photo by Dominic Turner

King's Legal Clinic is a free to use advice-only legal service based in The Dickson Poon School of Law. It provides free legal advice to members of the public and staff and students at King's.

The Clinic has had a very busy first full academic year in 2017-18 and now offers legal advice in a range of specialist areas working with leading law firms to run clinics focused on: Social Enterprises and Start Ups with Charles Russell Speechlys; Immigration & Asylum with Duncan Lewis Solicitors; and Cycling Injuries with Fletchers Solicitors.

King's law students work under the supervision of qualified lawyers, interviewing clients, analysing their legal problems and researching the issues involved in their client's case.

Katy Henman, undergraduate student in Politics, Philosophy & Law, talks about her experience of the student law clinic module, which gave her the opportunity to gain invaluable pro bono experience.



What made you become interested in the Legal Clinic and decide to get involved?

What really struck me was the practical aspects of the project. Although we are marked and assessed based on our

written work, throughout the course we concentrated on practical learning. I am interested in tort and so I was excited about possibly encountering interesting tort questions. Working in a group appeals to me, so I particularly enjoyed working as part of a team with other students. Also, just being able to help people matters to me. Very often, I feel that a lot of things you do at university are just for yourself. The King's Legal Clinic made me feel like I was doing something for others as well.

In what ways has this practical experience been useful for you?

Dealing with clients has been very useful for me as I have encountered so many professional and ethical issues (confidentiality, for example). I am hoping to become a solicitor, so having those kinds of responsibilities was excellent. I have also grown more confident in emailing clients. It seems a simple skill, but at the start it took me such a long time. Now, I have learnt how to make my emails and responses look and sound professional. In addition, my critical thinking skills have been developed. At the Clinic you have to digest a lot of information and isolate what is important – which is a key skill when working as a solicitor.

I have also improved in terms of researching a piece of law quickly and putting it together to present to different people (the supervisor and the client). Obviously, the supervisor wants to know that I understand the law, while the client doesn't want to hear legal jargon, so it becomes a question of being able to communicate in different registers to people in lots of situations with many needs. I think this is a key skill that will be very beneficial in my future career.

What does a typical case at the Clinic look like?

A typical case runs over two weeks preceded by four hours of preparation and an interview with the client. The timing for the process overall depends on how complicated the case is. If your client has presented about 20 legal issues then there is a lot to get through. Typically, though, it is about three legal issues per case, resulting in a few hours a day over several days, researching each legal issue and sending out a letter. After the main research has been done, the drafting begins. It is so much more than the ordinary lecture-plus-seminar format of a normal course; the hours reflect real working practice and you must track them as you go along.

Were there any moments that made you feel that you were learning something of what life is like out there in the world of legal practice?

There was a case in which a client had a whistleblowing scenario at work and we all instantly jumped on it in excitement, but our supervisors told us that we needed to

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Katy Henman,
Politics, Philosophy & Law student

step back and focus on the issues without getting excited about it. I realised I was starting to learn a key legal quality: I was learning to automatically take a step back.

One of our clients received a settlement and we were sent a warm email which addressed us by our full names and thanked us for our work, which, we were told, had made a meaningful difference. I learnt that you give people hope by offering support. I think that's very important.



NEWS IN BRIEF AND MEDIA



Professor Biondi cited in House of Lords Brexit report

Professor Andrea Biondi has been extensively cited in the House of Lords select committee report on the future of competition law and EU Law. The committee has been exploring the implications of Brexit for the UK's future. The House of Lords report explores the implications of Brexit for competition law and state aid control in the UK where no domestic framework exists for state aid as EU law is applied directly and enforced by the Commission. As such, many difficult regulatory and policy decisions are required. Professor Andrea Biondi has submitted evidence often quoted in the report to explain what possible options could be available. He argued that whatever the outcome of the Brexit process, the UK would need a domestic authority to 'provide reassurance that public spending will be transparent, fair and not distort the market.'

Dr Philippa Webb co-authors Oppenheim's International Law: United Nations

Dr Philippa Webb is a co-author of a new instalment in the leading English-language treatise on international law. *Oppenheim's International Law: United Nations* is a publication in the prestigious Oppenheim's series. Until now, the series has covered 'Peace' and 'War'. This new volume is a comprehensive study of the United Nations' legal practice. The book was launched at the United Nations in New York on United Nations Day. The UK launch was hosted by the Foreign & Commonwealth Office in London in November 2017 and was also celebrated at the Peace Palace in The Hague.

Tang award for Professor Raz

Professor Joseph Raz has been awarded the 2018 Tang Prize for his outstanding contributions in the field of the rule of law. The Taiwanese prize is global in reach and 'recognises and supports contributors for their revolutionary efforts in the research fields critical to the twenty-first century.' The citation for Professor Raz's award is: 'for his path-breaking contributions to the rule of law, and for deepening our understanding of the very nature of law, legal reasoning, and the relationship between law, morality and freedom.'

Professor John Tasioulas authors two reports for the World Bank

Professor John Tasioulas, Director of the Yeoh Tiong Lay Centre for Politics, Philosophy & Law, has written two reports as a consultant for the World Bank. The first report, 'Minimum Core Obligations: Human Rights in the Here and Now', explains the idea of the 'minimum core obligations' associated with economic, social and cultural human rights – obligations that must be immediately realised by all states, as opposed to obligations that may be progressively realised over time. The second report, 'The Minimum Core of the Human Right to Health', explores the idea of minimum core obligations in relation to the human right to health, drawing on international law, as well as regional and domestic legal systems. It argues that the minimum core obligations associated with the right to health can help us better advance the Sustainable Development Goals concerned with health – especially when it comes to questions of prioritisation in relation to scarce health resources.



School runs Business Law course for Office of the Judiciary of Thailand

The School ran a 10-day course led by Professor Michael Schillig on English corporate insolvency and restructuring law and attended by distinguished judges from the Office of the Judiciary of Thailand. The topics covered included common law and equity, taught by Dr Emily Barritt, business entities under English Law, taught by Dr Anat Keller, and the use of arbitration for cross-border insolvencies, taught by Dr Manuel Penades Fons.

Visit by Hong Kong Secretary for Justice Teresa Cheng SC

In June 2018, Teresa Cheng SC Hong Kong SAR's Secretary for Justice and King's alumna (Civil Engineering, 1981), visited King's to give a lecture on opportunities for Hong Kong in the international arena. The lecture was followed by a Q&A and drinks reception. Teresa was appointed Secretary for Justice for Hong Kong in 2018. She was a Senior Counsel in private practice before joining the government. She is also a chartered engineer and accredited mediator, and has extensive experience as an arbitrator or counsel in complex international commercial or investment disputes.

Academics in The Dickson Poon School of Law are regularly approached by the media to provide expert comment and analysis on current affairs.



LLM in International Tax Law with Mazars

The School has partnered with the international accounting and advisory firm Mazars to offer a specialised LLM in International Tax Law delivered through an advanced online learning environment to Mazars employees. Mazars is the first firm to offer its employees this LLM in International Tax Law, which is exclusively open to Mazars tax professionals for the first two years. The inaugural cohort includes participants from four continents. The two-year advanced degree is designed to build comprehensive technical and practical skills for senior managers, directors and partners, covering the legal framework and intellectual tools necessary to navigate the complex international tax environment.

Professor Nelken appointed to the REF sub-panel for law

Professor David Nelken has been appointed to the Research Excellence Framework (REF) 2021 sub-panel for law. The REF is the UK's system for assessing the quality of research in UK higher education institutions. Experts are appointed to sub-panels for each of the 34 subjects assessed, all working under the guidance of four main panels. Professor Nelken's work covers both theoretical enquiry and empirical investigation in the areas of comparative sociology of law, criminology, and legal and social theory. He has written extensively on criminological and penological theory, comparative criminal justice, white-collar crime, juvenile justice, crime and globalisation, and international criminal justice.

Construction Law PhD student wins Hudson Prize

Matthew Bell, who is reading for a Phd in the Centre on Construction Law & Dispute Resolution, has been awarded the prestigious Hudson Prize by the Society of Construction Law. The award was announced at the Society's annual lunch in February 2018. The Hudson Prize is awarded annually and given for the best essay on a construction law topic. Matthew was awarded the prize for his paper 'How is that even possible? Raising construction regulation from the ashes of Grenfell Tower'.

Notable media mentions 2017–18 update

Abortion Rights

BBC Radio 4, 7 June 2018

Professor Aileen Mccolgan commented on the pressure to change abortion laws in Northern Ireland.



Same-sex Marriage

BBC World Service, 5 June 2018

Professor Robert Wintemute discussed The European Court of Justice's ruling that EU countries must recognise same-sex marriage for immigration matters.



For the EU, the clock is ticking on Trump's threat of steel tariffs

The Times, 18 May 2018

Dr Holger Hestermeyer commented on the legality of US steel tariffs.



Stephen Lawrence's legal legacy

The Conversation, 20 April 2018

Professor Ben Bowling was featured on the death of Stephen Lawrence and its legacy in British law.



Stop and Search

BBC Radio 5 Live, 7 April 2018

Professor Ben Bowling commented on the Mayor of London's statement that police should be confident to stop and search someone they suspect may be carrying a weapon.



Rising knife and gun crime in London

BBC Radio 4, 7 April 2018

Professor Ben Bowling commented on the rise of violent crime in London.



The Observer

'I'm getting ready for my trip now. Thank you for everything'

The Observer, 18 March 2018

Professor Penney Lewis commented on a feature on assisted suicide laws in the Netherlands.

THE SUNDAY TIMES

Brainy Brits come out for Brexit

The Sunday Times, 18 February 2018

A group of academics, including Professor John Tasioulas and Professor Guglielmo Verdirame, voiced their support for Brexit. *The Daily Mail*, *Daily Express* and *City AM* also reported.



Big Questions: Philosopher John Tasioulas on Justice, Privilege and What People Get Wrong About Human Rights

Rightsinfo.org, 16 February 2018

An interview with the Director of the Centre for Politics, Philosophy & Law.



English courts can see off European usurpers

The Times: The Brief, 14 February 2018

Professor Jonathan Harris wrote that Brexit and international commercial courts opening in Paris and Amsterdam are serious but not insurmountable threats.

THE CONVERSATION

Why the not-for-profit cultural sector needs tailor-made copyright safe harbours

The Conversation, 13 February 2018

Dr Emily Hudson and a colleague from the Victoria University of Wellington wrote on copyright law in response to a bill going through the Australian Parliament.



Rethinking trafficking

The Hindu, 13 February 2018

Dr Prabha Kotiswaran wrote on measures India can take to prevent human trafficking.



How Guyana can avoid the curse of oil

Financial Times, 5 February 2018

Professor Leif Wenar was quoted in an article on Exxon-Mobil's discovery of oil in the Guyana Basin.

US genetics scientist among winners of esteemed Israel prize

The New York Times, 8 February 2018

Professor Jonathan Glover was among the winners of Israel's prestigious Dan David Prize this year. *Washington Post*, *The Daily Mail* and *Fox News* also covered the story.



How to fix an economy stuck in the slow lane

The Independent, 5 December 2017

Dr Ewan McGaughey contributed to an article on UK productivity.



Worth of University

BBC Radio 4, 3 December 2017

Professor Ben Bowling was interviewed as part of a documentary on the validity of a university education.



Romania gay marriage case could have outsize impact in Europe

The New York Times, 22 November 2017

Professor Robert Wintemute commented on the wider impact of this case.



Fact check: Has assisted dying been a legal slippery slope overseas?

ABC, 10 November 2017

Professor Penney Lewis explained the circumstances where it is permissible to broaden the assisted dying framework without changing legislation, drawing examples from the USA. Her commentary was part of a fact-checking article on assisted dying published by the Australian broadcaster.



Saudi Arabia interview

Aljazeera, 30 October 2017

Professor Leif Wenar discussed Saudi Arabia's plan to offer shares in its national oil company, Aramco. He also discussed this on *BBC Radio 4* and *BBC World Service*.



Selected publications

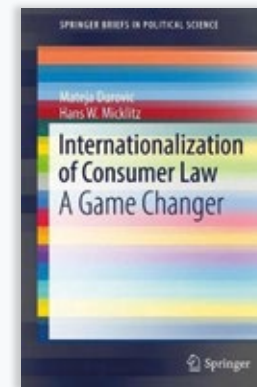
A selection of books published by academics from The Dickson Poon School of Law in 2017-18.



Dr Philippa Webb et al., *Oppenheim's International Law: United Nations* (Oxford University Press, 2017)



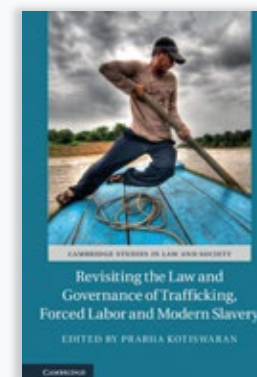
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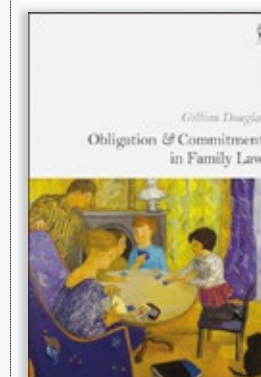
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Dr Christoph Kletzer, *The Idea of a Pure Theory of Law* (Hart Publishing, 2018)



Dr Prabha Kotiswaran, *Revisiting the Law and Governance of Trafficking, Forced Labor and Modern Slavery* (Cambridge University Press, 2017)



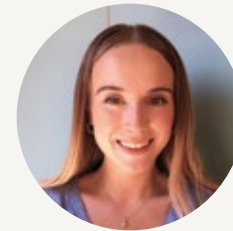
Professor Gillian Douglas FBA, *Obligation and Commitment in Family Law* (Hart Publishing, 2018)

Belmarsh Prison Project

King's students took part in an innovative project that saw them visiting prisoners and studying alongside them as peers.

Undergraduate students made weekly visits to Belmarsh, a category A men's prison, in south London throughout January to March 2018.

The students from King's and from Belmarsh worked together in small groups to discuss readings and other materials related to a specific topic of the law. One of the subjects covered was fracking, its impact on the operation of local authorities and democratic and governmental structures. The students then prepared a presentation, which they delivered at a mock trial at the end of the project. Liz Smillie (Law LLB) was one of the students involved in the project.



Why did you decide to join the Belmarsh Prison project?

I was immediately struck by the idea of learning in a prison setting when an overview of the project was presented at the end of one of my initial lectures. I am interested in pursuing a career in criminal law and the opportunity to undertake some of my learning within a prison environment was unique and ultimately appealing from a pedagogical perspective.

How would you describe your experience?

One of the distinctive aspects of the project is the inclusive culture it creates. I was going to prison, but not as an inmate,

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Law LLB student

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visitor or tourist. I was not there to work with prisoners, but to work with other students who happen to be in prison. It was remarkably productive to be learning together at Belmarsh without any separate category for 'students' and 'prisoners'. We were all students together, some from King's and some from Belmarsh. Some of us were vocal; others were quieter. Some had done all the reading; others hadn't. It had nothing to do with which group you were from. In that sense, it was just like any other class.

This integrated approach was further enhanced by the fact that both groups of students (from King's and Belmarsh) were completely new to the academic subject of public interest litigation, which formed the focus of the module. What really stood out was the full commitment of each participant in the project to the final module sessions, in which students presented materials in the format of a moot or mock trial. Everyone spoke and put their full energy into it – it was a real group effort.

How was this different from your normal modules?

We could not have done the same course in a classroom at King's. The setting in which you learn makes all the difference. We were all being thrown into new areas of legal thought and practice that none of us were familiar with, the difference between us being that some of us had been deeply impacted by our criminal justice system. That matters. It makes facts and debates stick in your mind. You remember things more clearly because of where you were when you learnt them. In that sense it was a unique experience and I would absolutely recommend it to others. Young people want to apply their knowledge and learning outside the classroom and it's an important part of that process of adapting.



EVENTS

In 2017-18, The Dickson Poon School of Law brought prestigious speakers to King's to discuss sensitive topics with far-reaching impact.

These include world-renowned public intellectuals Professors Martha Nussbaum, TM Scanlon and Guy Standing; international jurist The Rt Hon Lord Mance; former Deputy President of the UK Supreme Court, The Hon Justice Michael Kirby, and Nobel Peace Laureate Shirin Ebadi.

See a selection of our events below. If you would like to be added to our events mailing list please email lawevents@kcl.ac.uk.

September 2017 – present

Construction law: 2 events

130
attendees

Centre of European Law: 65 events

1,750
attendees

Politics, Philosophy & Law (PPL) and Transnational Law Institute (TLI): 76 events

2,711
attendees

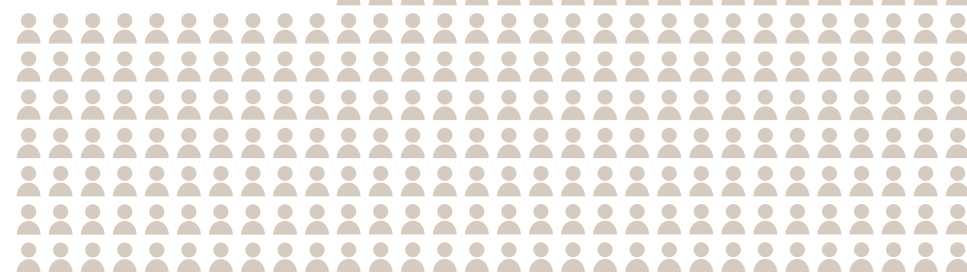
Total:

143
events

over

4,500
attendees

= 100 attendees



Environmental aesthetics: Beauty and decision-making

Dr Megan Bowman and Dr Emily Barritt, together with Professor Benjamin Richardson from University of Tasmania, convened a Thought Salon on environmental aesthetics in November 2017. The event provided an opportunity for scholars and artists interested in environmental aesthetics, arts and law to learn about one another's work and map the key issues and directions. In evaluating how aesthetics inform environmental decision-making, from community activism to national regulations, this workshop invited participants to consider several themes about the challenges and obstacles to an aesthetics-driven approach. Through interdisciplinary exchanges, the workshop aimed to expand understanding of what role aesthetic values and judgments play in developing legal criteria for environmental decision-making.

Ideas of Identity and their Normative Status

Professor Thomas M Scanlon delivered the 2018 Yeoh Tiong Lay Centre Annual Lecture in Politics, Philosophy & Law in March. Professor Scanlon, one of the world's leading moral and political philosophers, spoke on the topic of appeals to identity in ethics and politics. The core of his argument was that such appeals are generally unhelpful because they obscure the underlying reasons that have ultimate significance. In the course of a lucid discussion, Professor Scanlon covered various topics, such as reasons generated by identities that are ascribed to people and the normative significance of national identity.

Professor Scanlon was joined the following day by panelists Baroness Onora O'Neill, Dr Ulrike Heuer (UCL), Professor Alison Hills (University of Oxford), Professor Joseph Raz (Columbia Law School) and Professor John Skorupski (University of St Andrews) and a capacity audience who probed in various ways Professor Scanlon's scepticism about identity.

Below: Professor Thomas M Scanlon with Professor John Tasioulas, Director of the Yeoh Tiong Lay Centre for Politics, Philosophy & Law.





Left: L-R Dr Felix Ndahinda, Aegis Trust; Dr Phil Clark, SOAS; Dr James Smith, Aegis Trust; Professor Funmi Olorisakin, King's.

Right: Rt Hon Yvette Cooper MP with Professor Ben Bowling at King's.

Alliances, BIM and Collaborative Contracts

The Centre of Construction Law & Dispute Resolution hosted its flagship conference on Alliances, BIM and Collaborative Contracts in March 2018. The conference explored the methods adopted in a range of jurisdictions for improving value through alliances, building information modelling and collaborative contracts. Keynote Speakers included Ann Bentley of the Construction Leadership Council (CLC), who set out the CLC's vision of procuring construction projects for whole life value and Terry Stocks, Head of Faithful+Gould who explained his work in using BIM to improve accountability and asset data in the wake of the Grenfell Tower disaster. The speakers examined the ways in which contractual systems can integrate procurement, digital technology and the law, both in common law and in civil law countries.

International Sale of Goods Conference

In April 2018 the School hosted a major commercial law conference on 'Unity and Diversity in the Law of the International Sale of Goods'. The conference explored the nature of governance of sales of goods contracts in the modern world, particularly in the international and comparative contexts. The central theme of the conference concerned two competing forces within the sale of goods law: those leading to disintegration of sources governing sales contracts, on the one hand, and those pushing towards uniformity, consolidation and standardisation, on the other. The conference also examined the extent to which the traditional approach that treats sales law as one consolidated body of law continues to shape the ways in which sales contracts are governed and disputes arising from them are resolved around the world. From this perspective, the conference addressed some of the most topical and challenging issues in the law of the sale of goods. 'The conference generated highly stimulating discussions and insights, advancing the international legal community's understanding of the complexity of governance of sales transactions in the modern world,' said Professor Djakhongir Saidov, the conference's organiser. 'The resulting findings, arguments and conclusions are relevant not just to sales contracts, but to commercial contracts more generally. They are also of value regardless of one's jurisdiction or legal system.'

Rwandan Perspectives on Post-Conflict Reconstruction and Sustainable Peace

The School hosted an international conference, 'Rwandan Perspectives on Post-Conflict Reconstruction and Sustainable Peace' in May 2018. The event, which was co-hosted by King's African Leadership Centre, the Aegis Trust and the Department of Politics and International Studies at SOAS, was attended by more than 200 people. The conference brought Rwandan researchers funded through Aegis' Research Policy and Higher Education Programme to engage with academics, policymakers and practitioners in the UK. Dr Nicola Palmer, who co-led the event, said, 'it was fantastic that the School could work so productively with the Aegis Trust, who offer a crucial platform for widening the debates about sustainable peace and social reconstruction in Rwanda following the 1994 genocide'.

European extradition after Brexit: The future of the European arrest warrant in the UK

In May 2018, the School hosted a workshop on extradition to and from the UK once the UK leaves the European Union. Workshop participants heard from a panel of prosecutors, which included representation from all three UK jurisdictions and the Republic of Ireland. This was followed by a keynote speech from Lord Kirkhope, Conservative peer, member of the EU Home Affairs Sub-Committee and former Conservative spokesperson on Security and Justice to the European Parliament. A second keynote speech was delivered by Yvette Cooper MP, Chair of the Home Affairs Select Committee. Attendees included representatives from various UK police forces, the Crown Prosecution Service, the Crown Office and Procurator Fiscal Service Scotland, Crown Solicitors Northern Ireland, the Public Prosecution Service for Northern Ireland, the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (Republic of Ireland), the European Commission, the College of Policing, and the National Police Chiefs' Council.

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Brexit has continued to create huge uncertainty in relation to every aspect of our society. It has been more important than ever to project its legal implications and outcomes into the public consciousness. I am proud that King's academics continue to be at the forefront of these debates.

Executive Dean
Professor Gillian Douglas

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