

The Dickson Poon
School of Law

KING'S
College
LONDON

Master of Laws



*Reputation, ambitions,
specialisms, expertise,
networks, community...*

Legacy

The Dickson Poon School of Law was re-named in 2012 in recognition of an extraordinary gift to us by Sir Dickson Poon CBE who is one of Hong Kong's most respected philanthropists.

The gift is the largest ever made to a British or European law school.

Expertise

Our academic staff are research-active with outstanding international reputations, unique, sought-after expertise and contemporary experience, making them leaders in their fields. At King's you will have unrivalled access to, and the opportunity to study with, some of the world's foremost academics and visiting lecturers.

Reputation

Law at King's has enjoyed a tradition of excellence since the College was founded in 1829. As a student you will be joining one of the UK's finest Law schools – a member of the prestigious Russell Group of research institutions that consistently scores among the highest student satisfaction ratings.

Specialisms

Our eight legal specialisms aim to broaden and deepen our students' knowledge of national and international law. Each specialism is designed to maximise your intellectual potential while offering contemporary perspectives drawn on real-life experiences, underpinned by our research.

Networks

Through our staff, students and alumni we have strong connections with some of the world's leading legal firms and international employers. On the King's LLM you will receive regular assistance with professional development and opportunities to enhance your problem-solving skills.

Community

Our culture and open door policy plays a key role in creating a welcoming, vibrant and inclusive intellectual community at King's. Everyone is encouraged to take an active part in their studies as well as in university life, including opportunities to join our highly regarded student societies.



“ One of the most enjoyable aspects of my time at King’s was gathering with my fellow students in a cafe after our lectures, ordering a pot of tea and then exchanging our thoughts and ideas.”

ELISE INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL LAW LLM

An unrivalled location

With a King’s LLM, you will study one of the most advanced legal programmes in the world, with access to inspiring and well-respected academics and close contact with the profession. Benefit from unrivalled teaching expertise and be a part of Europe’s most dynamic and compelling legal environment.

When you join us at King’s you will find yourself at the centre of the British and international legal profession. Our enviable location at Somerset House East Wing on the banks of the River Thames, is within minutes’ walk of the Houses of Parliament, the Royal Courts of Justice and the offices of major global law firms.

History and culture

Be inspired by the past and help shape the future in Europe’s leading knowledge capital. Enjoy access to vast academic resources, from the British Library to the National Archives, and learn from some of the world’s most respected visiting lecturers.

With more museums, cinemas, theatres, cafes, restaurants, live music venues and clubs than you could hope to visit in a lifetime, London is also home to acres of stunning parkland and every kind of sporting activity you can imagine. Come to King’s and experience it all.



“ With its all-star faculty, innovative curriculum and a location in the heart of London’s legal community, the Dickson Poon School of Law’s LLM Pathway in International Dispute Resolution is an ideal training ground for future generations of leaders in the field of international dispute resolution.

I only wish there had been a similar program when I was in law school!”

MARK S MCNEILL LONDON INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION PARTNER, SHEARMAN & STERLING LLP

At the heart of legal London



*compelling legal environment,
unrivalled teaching expertise,
close contact with professionals...*



A home fit for King’s (and a Queen)

Officially opened by Her Majesty the Queen in February 2012, the East Wing of Somerset House is the new home to The Dickson Poon School of Law.

Recognised as one of London’s most iconic buildings, Somerset House has been refurbished to provide state-of-the-art teaching facilities.

Course information for all LLMs

Awarding institution: King's College London

Duration: One year full time from September to September. Part time options are available, please visit the website for further information.

Location: Strand Campus

Study and assessment: In the first and second semester you study your selection of taught modules (half and full). These are in most cases assessed in the third semester (May/June) by written examination, or in some cases by the submission of an assessed essay. Your writing project must be submitted in September, after the May/June examinations

For full details visit kcl.ac.uk/prospectus

Choosing your LLM at King's

Choose a tailored or specialist LLM

Our LLM allow you to select freely from all available modules according to your specific academic and professional interests. At the start of the semester you will have the opportunity to attend taster lectures and to speak to module leaders before you make a decision on whether to undertake a specialist or tailored LLM.

At King's you have the choice of either completing our general (non-specialised) LLM, or one of our eight specialist LLM pathways. Both options would require you to complete 180 credits.

You must obtain 120 or 140 credits in taught modules and the remaining 40 or 60 credits from a writing project of your choice. For more details about the writing projects and modules please visit our website kcl.ac.uk/law

The LLM pathways

Competition Law

Widely respected throughout Europe and beyond, studying for a King's LLM in Competition Law will challenge and inspire you in equal measure. Every year, leading policy-makers, practitioners and academics are attracted to King's to address the most challenging questions about the theory and application of competition law and economics. Learn from the best during your classes or join in the debate and meet with world-renowned speakers at our weekly lunchtime and evening events. This is just a taste of what you can expect when you enrol on the King's LLM in Competition Law.

European Law

The European Law LLM at King's is renowned as a true leader in postgraduate study. Our students play a key role in our success through direct participation in debates and the exchange of ideas among the academic community here. Our Centre for European Law is a fulcrum for applied learning, attracting notable experts to a wide range of conferences, seminars and lectures. Join us here at King's and you will find yourself studying European Law as it happens. Our academics and visiting lecturers are all well respected in the field and you will see first-hand how European and EU law takes shape.

International Business Law

Led by a team of distinguished academics and practitioners, the King's LLM in International Business Law will provide you with an edge in the practice of international business law. With a focus on international trading and business and international financial transactions, you may also choose to learn about the resolution of international business disputes through international litigation and arbitration. The modules will provide you with a practitioner perspective and related skills and equip you to practice with a major law firm or multinational corporation.

International Dispute Resolution

Prepare yourself for the future of international dispute resolution in a global economy. A thorough knowledge of national laws and procedures is no longer sufficient to competently counsel clients in the globalised world of the 21st Century. As technology, trade and transportation have reduced the significance of borders, trans-frontier activity has become part of our daily routine. International and European law have developed dynamically to catch up with this quickly changing world and to regulate cross-border activities that national law can rarely govern efficiently.

International Financial Law

Focus is on the law affecting the major transactions in the vast global financial markets and will include International Bonds, International Project Finance, Derivatives and Credit Derivatives, Securitisations, Corporate Mergers and Acquisitions and their regulation under key regulatory regimes in the EU, US and UK. Strongly connected legal areas such as International Investment Law and Comparative Corporate Insolvency will also be covered, but this LLM will not be concerned with litigation and arbitration. It will be of use to those who wish to practice with one of the global law firms in the global financial centres or large regional law firms or with one of the global investment banks or hedge funds or major multinationals participating in the financial markets. As such, many of the modules will be taught in a strongly practice oriented manner.

Intellectual Property & Information Law

With this specialist LLM you will gain a detailed insight into the fast-growing field of Intellectual Property & Information Law. This programme is at the cutting-edge of international law. Expect interactive classes focusing on topical issues concerning the regulation of innovation and creativity, in which the issues of the day are explored in detail. Covering the latest practical and theoretical perspectives, you will learn about the access to and use of data in a global context with some of the world's most respected legal experts.

International Tax

Taxation of international business and investment has never been more important than today. We focus on the international legal framework that determines where and how profits of global businesses and mobile individuals are taxed. Exploring jurisdiction to tax, relief from double taxation, EU fundamental freedoms and taxation, transfer pricing, tax avoidance and VAT with experienced international tax practitioners will provide the foundation for a variety of careers in this demanding but intensely practical subject and other areas of international business and financial law. You also have the chance to prepare simultaneously for the CIOT Advanced Diploma in International Taxation (ADIT).

Transnational Law

This LLM is the only pathway of its kind to teach core legal courses from a distinctly transnational perspective. With the globalization of law at its centre, it prepares graduates for a career in a fast-changing global context, teaching competence to analyse complex legal problems through solid legal doctrine, training in transnational legal cultures, lawyerly practice, legal theory, and law's global socio-economics.

For further information please visit kcl.ac.uk/law

The Dickson Poon School of Law

The Dickson Poon School of Law has one of the UK's most distinguished research and teaching reputations. Our academics are actively involved in research and are among the leading international experts. This helps us to continue to be more innovative across disciplines as well as helping to continually attract the best and brightest legal scholars and students from across the globe.

The School of Law has embarked on a £40 million programme of investment, which will establish King's as a leader in the field of transnational law: thinking beyond particular national jurisdictions and seeking global solutions to the world's legal challenges. This ambitious initiative has been made possible by the personal gift of £20 million from one of Hong Kong's most respected philanthropists, Sir Dickson Poon CBE.

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LAW SCHOOLS (*2015
INTERNATIONAL RANKINGS)



**The Dean of Dickson Poon School of Law,
Professor David Caron**

Professor David Caron joined as Dean of The Dickson Poon School of Law in May 2013. He relocated to London from California, where he was the C William Maxeiner Distinguished Professor of Law at the University of California at Berkeley. He currently serves as a member of the World Economic Forum's Global Agenda Council on the Rule of Law, member of the Executive Council of the American Bar Association Section on International Law, member of the US Department of State Advisory Committee on Public International Law, Co-Director of the Law of the Sea Institute, Co-Director of Berkeley's Miller Institute on Global Challenges and the Law, and as a member of the Board of Editors of the American Journal of International Law.



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Wherever you are from and whatever your career path choice is, at King's you will have access to a wealth of careers resources, including individual guidance sessions to help you research law firms, apply for employment and discover what it takes to qualify as a lawyer or barrister. We also give every student access to our compendium of up-to-date online legal recruitment news.

Our commitment to your future

Personal development

We will help you acquire the skills and confidence you need to take the next step in your career. Through one-to-one guidance sessions as well as group workshops, our dedicated Careers and Employability team cover everything from enhanced

communication, information literacy and research skills to getting the most from professional networking. They also help you understand career management, what it takes to lead and be a part of a successful team and how to plan a life-long career.

Our students at Kings

The lively, active community you'll experience at King's comes from the fact that people are drawn here from all over the world. Not just our current students or alumni but also our academics. We are proud of our links with the profession and also the connection between staff and students. We operate an 'open door' policy so that all our students benefit from the expert advice of our tutors. Since we first opened our doors in 1829, it has been this culture that has helped establish our reputation for excellence – not just as a place to gain a world-class law degree but also as a place to study and to live.

Giving you that competitive edge

In a competitive world we can give you the competitive edge to take your career to the next level. That's why you'll find our expert educational programme is supplemented by opportunities to develop your skills and professional networks. The result is that students are presented with a wide range of employment destinations when they leave; from positions at the European Central Bank, European Commission and UN to commercial roles as corporate lawyers, immigration case owners, intellectual property managers, investment bank analysts, tax or public affairs advisers.

Our international students

Each year, King's welcomes around 4,600 international students from almost every country around the world. This diverse mix of cultures, ethnicities and backgrounds, as well as our links to the profession, is what makes us so attractive to our graduates. If you are an international student, our website has all the information you need to know, including advice on accommodation, finance, entry clearance and visas. Visit kcl.ac.uk/international. Find out how you can apply to be a King's student.

English language and academic support

To help you make the most of your studies, and maximise the benefit of English language immersion, legal terminology and study skills classes are available throughout the two teaching semesters. These classes are designed to boost the confidence and abilities of non-native speakers and to help ensure you have a complete understanding of the academic legal environment and requirements for written work. Learn more at kcl.ac.uk/elc



Employer events

At King's, there are plenty of chances to meet and talk about your future with fellow practitioners from leading law firms. Our annual law fair attracts over 60 companies, including global law firms from London and the US. During Legal Week we bring together graduate

recruiters, alumni and legal specialists for careers advice. Leading law firms regularly visit us and offer seminars to students as well as invitations to events hosted at their offices. We also offer specialist career events, covering media, NGO and finance.

For further information please visit kcl.ac.uk/careers

Meet some of our King's alumni

Armi Beatriz Bayot, Philippines
LLB 2014-15

In 2012, the Filipino government brokered a peace agreement with the Moro Islamic Liberation Front. The rebel group has been in armed conflict with the country for over 40 years, seeking political autonomy for indigenous Muslims. As part of this deal, it was decided that the Filipino constitution would be redrafted. After completing her JD in the Philippines, Armi was asked to help in the negotiations by a former professor who was chairing the peace panel. This proved to be a major turning point for Armi, given her interest in indigenous and minority rights. Coming to King's has allowed her to pursue this at a global level.



30+
OVER 30 PARTNERSHIPS WITH
ACADEMIC INSTITUTIONS
ACROSS THE GLOBE



5. ANNA SERGI
6. GABRIELLE GALINDO
7. YANNICK LINENMANN
8. JOANNA BEVAN-TAYLOR



Yannick Lindenmann, Switzerland and Belgium
LLM 2013-14

During Yannick's first Christmas in London, he got the chance to share a dinner with the Dean and a group of undergraduate students, after winning a raffle at an end of term party. Everyone at the dinner had come from all over the world to study or work at King's. Looking back, Yannick remembers this event as epitomising his time at the Law School in many ways. From his first day, he was struck by the diversity, not just of the students, but also of the professors themselves, which seemed like a rare feature that was perhaps particular to London. He considers himself to be extremely lucky as he found it a great place to study international, European and transnational law.



Joanna Bevan-Taylor, United Kingdom
LLM 2011-14

Joanna began her part-time LLM after a few years out of academia. Returning to her studies while working in the City was a daunting challenge. Russell Square tube station became a constant fixture of her time at King's. She'd often find herself rushing there from work to get to lectures at the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies. Looking back on these years though, it is Somerset House that stands out now. Joanna remembers it as providing a peaceful and inspiring escape, allowing her to focus on studying, beyond the pressures and expectations of her career.



1. DR SATVINDER SINGH JUSS
2. EZEIBE AGOMO
3. CHRISTY BURZIO
4. BENJAMIN BOWLING



9. OLIVER LEWIS AND VICTORIA BUTLER COLE
10. CHERIE KOH
11. KAREN NAMULEMU
12. ADRIENNE YONG



Professor Alexander Türk
Director of Taught Postgraduate Studies

Professor Alexander Türk studied history (MA) and law (first and second state exams) in Augsburg, Germany. He obtained an LLM in European Law at the College of Europe in Bruges, Belgium (1994-95). He also holds a PhD from the University of London. He worked as lecturer at the European Institute of Public Administration in Maastricht, Netherlands (1995-96) before joining the Dickson Poon School of Law in 1996 as a DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) Lektor.

Professor Türk is Director of Postgraduate Taught Programmes. He is also Director of the Postgraduate Diploma/MA in EU Law (by Distance Learning) and visiting professor at Iowa University and Pepperdine University, California. He is an adjunct professor of Georgetown University, Washington.

Professor Türk's principal research interests are in the field of European Union Law and in particular its constitutional and administrative law. He is also interested in comparative constitutional law and US constitutional and administrative law. His main research focus is on the delegation of powers in EU law and in national constitutional laws. He has also developed the idea of Europe's integrated administration (together with Professor Herwig Hofmann, Luxembourg) and has published several books and articles in the field of EU administrative law.

Professor Tanya Aplin
Intellectual Property & Information Law Pathway

Professor of Intellectual Property Law. Formerly a Lecturer in Law, Robinson College, University of Cambridge (2000-2). Obtained her LLB and BA from Murdoch University (1994) and BCL and DPhil from University of Oxford (1997, 2002). Visiting lecturer at the IP Academy Singapore and National University of Singapore, Adjunct Professor at Pepperdine University and Loyola University, Los Angeles and Director of the King's Postgraduate Diploma/MA in UK, EU & US Copyright Law.

Author of *Copyright Law in a Digital Society* (Hart, 2005), co-author (with J Davis) of *Intellectual Property: Text, Cases and Materials* (OUP, 2009); co-author (with WR Cornish & D Llewelyn) of *Intellectual Property: Patents, Copyright, Trade Marks & Allied Rights* (Sweet & Maxwell, 2010); and co-author (with L Bently, P Johnson and S Malynicz) of *Gurry on Breach of Confidence: The Protection of Confidential Information* (OUP, 2012).

Dr Holger Hestermeyer
International Dispute Resolution Pathway

Dr Holger Hestermeyer is the Shell Reader in International Dispute Resolution at King's College London. He has worked as Référendaire at the ECJ and headed a research group at the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public and International Law.

Dr Hestermeyer was a Referendar at the task force ICC of the German foreign office and at an international law firm in Hamburg, Madrid and Alicante. He is a member of the New York bar, the Co-Executive Vice President of the Society of International Economic Law and has been awarded an Otto Hahn Medal and an Otto Hahn Award by the Max Planck Society and the ISUS prize. He is a former Fulbright and German National Merit Foundation Fellow.

Professor Jonathan Schwarz
International Tax Law Pathway

Professor Jonathan Schwarz studied BA, LLB, (Witwatersrand) LLM (UC, Berkeley), FTII Barrister, Temple Tax Chambers, London. He is also a South African advocate and a Canadian barrister.

His practice focuses on international tax disputes as counsel and as an expert and advises on solving cross-border tax problems.

Professor Schwarz is a member of the International Tax and EU Law and Human Rights Committees of the Chartered Institute of Taxation. He is listed as a leading tax barrister in the Legal 500 and Chambers' Guide to the Legal Profession for international transactions and expertise in transfer pricing.

Author: *Schwarz on Tax Treaties* and *Booth and Schwarz: Residence, Domicile and UK Taxation*; Contributor: *Transfer Pricing and Business Restructurings: Streamlining all the way*. Professional appointments have included: First Vice-President, International Fiscal Association and Vice-Chair, Taxes Committee, International Bar Association.

Our King's professors

Professor Alexander Türk
Director of Taught
Postgraduate Studies



Professor Tanya Aplin
Intellectual Property &
Information Law Pathway



Dr Holger Hestermeyer
International Dispute
Resolution Pathway

Professor Jonathan Schwarz
International Tax Law Pathway



Professor Takis Tridimas
European Law Pathway

Professor Takis Tridimas is a leading scholar in the field of European Union law. He is one of the most frequently quoted authors by Advocates General of the European Court of Justice and, on matters of EU law, by English courts. He joined King's College in September 2013. Before then, he was the Sir John Lubbock Professor of Banking Law at Queen Mary College, University of London (2004-2013).

He also served as référendaire (law clerk) to Advocate General Sir Francis Jacobs at the European Court of Justice (1992-1995). He was senior legal advisor to the EU Presidency (2003) and chairman of the committee set up by the EU Council of Ministers to draft the Treaty of Accession of 2003.

He has acted as advisor or counsel to many public and private organisations, including the European Central Bank, the European Parliament, the European Commission and the EU Court of Auditors.

Professor Tridimas is also the Nancy A Patterson Distinguished Faculty Scholar and Professor at Pennsylvania State University. He is, or has been, visiting professor in many universities, including the College of Europe, Bruges, Sciences Po, Université Panthéon Assas (Paris II), and the University of Genova. He is a barrister at Matrix Chambers.

Professor Ravi Tennekoon
International Business Law Pathway,
Introduction to International Financial
Law Pathway

Professor Tennekoon has taught the Law of International Finance at King's for many years. Until recently he was a full time practitioner and a partner in the global law firm of Herbert Smith in London in international capital markets and banking. Subsequently he was appointed executive director and global head of Legal for Financial Markets with a major European investment bank responsible for global legal work in the banks major legal centres from London, New York, Hong Kong, Singapore, Sydney and several other major global centres. In 1996 he was selected by the Chambers Directory of lawyers as one of the leading lawyers in international capital markets.

He is the author of *The Law and Regulation of International Finance (Butterworths)*. He was a lecturer and tutor in laws at Trinity College, University of Oxford, after reading law on a Rhodes Scholarship at Oxford.

Professor Peer Zumbansen
Transnational Law Pathway

Professor Peer Zumbansen came to King's College London in 2014 after having taught at Osgoode Hall Law School in Toronto from 2004-2014. He is the inaugural Professor of Transnational Law at The Dickson Poon School of Law, the founding Director of the Transnational Law Institute and the Convener of the new Transnational Law LLM Pathway.

He received a licence en droit from Paris X, the state law exam and the bar exam from Frankfurt, an LLM from Harvard and his PhD and his Habilitation in law from Frankfurt. His research and teaching expertise is in company law, private law, legal theory and comparative/transnational law. He is the editor-in-chief of the quarterly journal *Transnational Legal Theory*.

Professor Alison Jones
Competition Law Pathway

Alison Jones is a Professor of Law and director of the LLB with European Legal Studies Programme. She is a solicitor at Freshfields Bruckhaus Deringer LLP and a visiting instructor at Fribourg University.

Professor Jones obtained a BA from University of Cambridge, a BCL from University of Oxford and qualified as a solicitor when working at Slaughter & May. Since joining King's she has taught Competition Law (EU, UK and US), Trusts, Property, and EU law.

Alison is co-author of *Jones and on EU Competition Law (4th edition 2011)* and author of *Restitution and European Community Law (LLP 2000)*. She is a regional editor of the *Restitution Law Review* and on the Advisory Board of the Antitrust Bulletin.

Our King's professors (cont)



Professor Ravi Tennekoon
International Business Law pathway,
Introduction to International
Financial Law Pathway



Professor Takis Tridimas
European Law Pathway



Professor Peer Zumbansen
Transnational Law Pathway



Professor Alison Jones
Competition Law Pathway

Full details on all of our
academic staff and visiting
practitioners can be found
at kcl.ac.uk/law/people





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Application and application deadlines

Apply online, using King's online application portal: <https://myapplication.kcl.ac.uk/>

For information on application deadlines, please visit our website [kcl.ac.uk/law](https://www.kcl.ac.uk/law)



Entry requirements

The basic requirement for admission to the LLM programme is a recognised first degree in law (or a degree with at least 70 per cent law content) of at least high upper second-class honours standard or an equivalent overseas qualification. For comparable overseas qualifications please visit our website.

English language requirements

If English is not your first language you are required to prove proficiency in one of the following ways:

- Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) – internet: minimum score of 109 plus 24 in all skills. Our code for direct mailing of results is 0394.
- International English Language Test (IELTS): a minimum score of 6.5 in all four skills.
- University of Cambridge Certification of Proficiency in English: minimum grade A. Please arrange for the testing organisation to send the certificate directly to the School of Law to save time in processing your application.

Fees

Full information about full-time and part-time fees is available on The Dickson Poon School of Law LLM webpages: [kcl.ac.uk/llm](https://www.kcl.ac.uk/llm). Visa requirements make it difficult for overseas students to study this programme on a part-time basis. You need to consult your local visa issuing office for advice on part-time study.

Funding

Funding your studies is a vital part of any graduate programme. It is important to gather as much relevant information as possible and to make an informed decision about your financial requirements. For information on the available scholarships for postgraduate studies, please visit [kcl.ac.uk/law](https://www.kcl.ac.uk/law)

Scholarships

We have a range of available scholarships for our postgraduate programme. To find out more please visit our website [kcl.ac.uk/law](https://www.kcl.ac.uk/law)



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