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HEAD OF SCHOOL'S INTRODUCTION

Dear Alumni and Friends,

A Global 100 Law School Serving Northern Ireland

Welcome to the latest issue of the School of Law Newsletter. Inside you will see evidence of why we were recently confirmed in the QS 2011 Rankings as a Global 100 Law School.

We remain a Law School that serves Northern Ireland through our global and local efforts in research, education and community engagement. Our achievements are due to the hard work, dedication and skill of all our staff. I want to pay a warm tribute to them all for making the Law School at Queen's an ongoing success.

We hope you enjoy reading about our work and we look forward to the challenges and opportunities ahead.

Professor Colin Harvey
Head of the Law School



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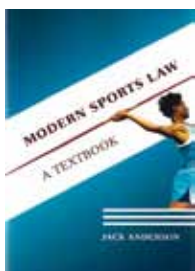


PUBLICATIONS

Scholars at the School of Law continued to publish high quality monographs and edited collections during the academic year 2010-2011

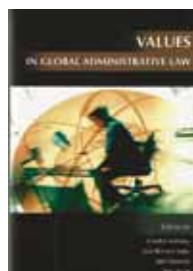
Dr. Jack Anderson
Modern Sports Law
(Hart Publishing
2010)

Modern Sports Law provides an account of how the law influences the operation, administration, and playing of modern sports. Although the book focuses on legal doctrine, it has been written bearing in mind sports' historical, cultural, social, and economic context, including the drama and colour of sports' major events and leading personalities. And although it is inevitably very much concerned with elite professional sports, it is not dominated by them, seeking to cover the widest possible range of sports, from professional to amateur. Initially, the book addresses practical issues, such as the structures of national and international sports, and examines the evolution of the body of law known as 'sports law.' Thereafter, three main themes are identified: regulatory, participatory, and financial aspects of modern sports. The regulatory theme is dealt with in chapters considering the manner in which decisions of sports governing bodies may be challenged in the ordinary courts and the development of alternative dispute resolution mechanisms in sports. The participatory theme includes the legal regulation of doping and violence in sports, as well as the broader topic of tortious liability for sporting injuries. The financial theme, reflecting the enhanced commercialization of sports at all levels, is developed in chapters concerning issues in applied contract and employment law for players, and legal matters surrounding the organization of major sports events. The conclusion summarizes modern sports' experience of EU law, pointing the way to the future direction of sports law.



Professors Gordon Anthony and John Morison
(with J-B Auby and T. Zwart)
Values in Global Administrative Law
(Hart Publishing
2011)

This is a collection of essays about one of the most important contemporary fields in public law scholarship, global administrative law. Written by public lawyers from Europe and the Americas, the essays develop fuller understandings of patterns in global governance and the different ways to control power that exists beyond the level of the State. Focusing in particular on the search for accountability and legitimacy, the book examines questions such as the role of democracy in extra-state decision-making, the meaning of "public space" and "public good", and the relevance of values that include due process, equality, and fundamental rights.



Dr. Onder Bakircioglu
Self-Defence in International and Criminal Law: The Doctrine of Imminence
(Routledge-Cavendish
2011)

Drawing from scholarship across law, history, politics and philosophy, *Self-Defence in International and Criminal Law* provides a broad and interdisciplinary approach to the doctrine of self-defence in both domestic criminal and international law. It focuses on the requirement of imminence, which deals with the question of when individuals or States may legitimately resort to defensive force against a serious danger or harm. In both national and international law the imminence requirement, if strictly applied, renders any defensive measure taken in anticipation of a would-be attack illegal. Recently, however, attempts have been made to relax the temporal requirement of the self-defence doctrine (imminence) with a view to allowing individuals or States to employ deadly force to arrest an anticipated threat when they 'believe' that using 'pre-emptive' lethal force would be the only way to thwart an expected harm. In domestic criminal law, it has been argued that it is necessary to relax the rule of imminence in domestic violence cases where women employ lethal force against their abusive partners when there is no imminent threat to justify defensive force. At the international level, while there has long been controversy as to the justifiability of pre-emptive force in non-confrontational settings, following the September 11 attacks, the Bush Administration's 'war on terror' policy radically shifted the focus from the notion of anticipation to that of prevention, making it clear that, if necessary, it would invoke unilateral force against emerging threats before they are fully formed.



PUBLICATIONS

Dr. Fiona Marshall

Competition Regulation and Policy at the World Trade Organisation (CMP Publishing 2010)



This work analyses the question of whether an international competition agreement to address private barriers should be negotiated, from a competition perspective and a trade perspective. The competition perspective considers how anticompetitive activities affecting the international community have been addressed to date, including extraterritorial application of domestic competition laws and co-operation between countries. However, the main focus is on the so-called 'trade solution': a competition agreement within the WTO. The book examines and refutes concerns on a competition agreement before showing that the WTO agreements can be interpreted in a pro-competitive manner, incorporating the views of consumers as well as producers.

The book is significant and unique as, in contrast to other works in the area which either propose an international competition agreement within the auspices of the World Trade Organisation, or further networks of co-operation between competition authorities, it focuses on using those agreements that have already been negotiated by the contracting parties of the WTO. As a result it proposes a solution that is not only feasible, by avoiding the lengthy negotiations by which the trade rounds are known, but also desirable as the suggested means of enforcement lends itself to promoting convergence of competition laws and ideals, which in turn could result in a stand alone international competition agreement. The work would of interest to those working in the areas of international trade law or competition law.

Professor Shadd Maruna

(with S. Farrell, M. Hough, and R. Sparks)
Escape Routes: Contemporary Perspectives on Life after Punishment (Routledge-Cavendish 2010)



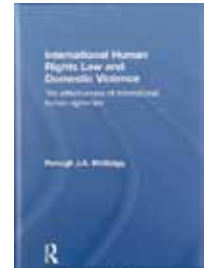
This book addresses the reasons why people stop offending, and the processes by which they are rehabilitated or resettled back into the community. Engaging with, and building upon, renewed criminological interest in this area, *Escape Routes* nevertheless broadens and enlivens the current debate. First, its scope goes beyond a narrowly-defined notion of crime and includes, for example, essays on religious redemption, the lives of ex-war criminals and the relationship between ethnicity and desistance from crime. Second, contributors to this volume draw upon a number of areas of contemporary research including urban studies, philosophy, history, religious studies and ethics, as well as criminology.

Examining new theoretical work in the study of desistance and exploring the experiences of a number of groups whose experiences of life after punishment do not usually attract much attention, *Escape Routes* provides new insights about the processes associated with reform, resettlement and forgiveness.

Intended to drive our understanding of life after punishment forward, its rich array of theoretical and substantive papers will be of considerable interest to criminologists, lawyers and sociologists.

Dr. Ronagh McQuigg

International Human Rights Law and Domestic Violence (Routledge-Cavendish 2011)



This book examines the effectiveness of international human rights law through a case study of domestic violence. This is an issue that affects vast numbers of women throughout all nations of the world, but as it takes place between private individuals it does not come within the ambit of the traditional interpretation of human rights law. Can international human rights law only be effective in a 'traditional' case of human rights abuse or can it rise to the challenge of being used in relation to issues such as domestic violence?

The book focuses primarily on the question of how international human rights law could be used in relation to domestic violence in the United Kingdom. Recent case law from the European Court of Human Rights on domestic violence is examined, and it is considered whether the UK courts could use the Human Rights Act 1998 to assist victims of domestic violence. The book proceeds to look in detail at the statements of the international human rights bodies on domestic violence, with particular focus on those made by the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women and the Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women. The book explores the impact that the statements have had so far on the UK government's policy in relation to domestic violence and discusses how the statements made by the international human rights bodies could be used more effectively by non-governmental organisations, such as human rights groups and women's groups.

PUBLICATIONS

Dr. Tom Obokata

Transnational Organised Crime in International Law
(Hart Publishing 2010)



There is extensive and detailed academic

literature on the legal development of international crimes such as war crimes and crime against humanity. However, not much attention has been paid to other serious crimes, including narcotics-related offences, human trafficking and money laundering, which do not necessarily amount to international crimes in the traditional sense. The purpose of this monograph is to fill this gap and offer a critical analysis of developments in the field of transnational organised crime under international law. The book is divided into two parts. Part I is entitled "Norms, Principles, and Concepts." It traces the history of organised crime and explores key concepts and norms relating to the practice from a multi-disciplinary perspective. It then looks at legal obligations imposed upon States as well as non-State actors in relation to transnational organised crime. Part II illustrates how these norms, principles and obligations are translated and enforced in practice. This will be done through case studies at the level of national law (Thailand, Serbia and the UK), regional law (European Union) and international law (United Nations).

Dr. Bal Sokhi-Bulley

(with A. Bohm, R. Cryer and T. Hervey)
Research Methodologies in EU and International Law
(Hart Publishing 2011)



Law research students often begin their PhDs without having an awareness of methodology, or the opportunity to think about the practice of research and its theoretical implications. Law Schools are, however, increasingly alive to the need to provide training in research methods to their students. They are also alive to the need to develop the research capacities of their early career scholars, not least for the Research Excellence Framework exercise. This book offers a structured approach to doing so, focusing on issues of methodology – i.e. the theoretical elements of research - within the context of EU and international law.

The basic aim of the book is to help scholars in EU and international law reflect on their research: where does it fit within the discipline, what kinds of research questions they think interesting, how do they pursue them, what theoretical perspective best supports their way of thinking their project, and so on. The book is aimed both at PhD students and early career scholars in EU and international law, and also at more established scholars who are interested in reflecting on the development of their discipline, as well as supervising research projects.

STUDENT SUCCESS

The School of Law congratulates numerous achievements made by our undergraduate and postgraduate students



John Taggart (Sub-Editor) and Craig Fagan (Editor) of The Verdict

The Student Law Society's

The Verdict magazine was selected as "The Society Publication of the Year" once again by the Oxygen. ie National Student Media Awards in April 2011. **Craig Fagan**, the editor of the magazine, stated: "The award is testament to the quality of the articles produced by the Verdict team." *The Verdict* is produced once per

semester and contains interviews with key figures in law and politics, as well broader articles on current affairs. This year's issues included interviews with Lord Chief Justice Sir Declan Morgan and John Larkin QC, Attorney General for Northern Ireland, as well as discussions of important topics such as the death penalty and domestic violence.

Conal O'Hare (2nd year LLB) participated in the Washington-Ireland Programme for Service and Leadership during the summer. This Programme offers internship and leadership training opportunities to students from Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland, where they can gain first-hand political experience in Washington D.C. Conal was among the 25 students chosen this year, and worked for the Department of Education. He was involved in writing speeches for senior public officials, including the Secretary of Education Arne Duncan. Conal spoke of his experience:

"The Program has done much to shape my views of Northern Ireland." In particular, Conal thought that his placement with the Department of Education has given him a strong interest in his own education system in Northern Ireland.



Susan Whitla, who graduated in 2011, was selected to participate in the highly prestigious Los Angeles Federal Court Externship Programme, which has been in existence for nearly 20 years. This is run by the Irish American Bar Association and sponsored by the School of Law and the Northern Ireland Bar Council. She spent 3 months during the summer acting as a clerk for two Federal Court judges.



Ben Brown, who also graduated in 2011, was awarded the Edgar Graham Scholarship. It was instituted in 1984 by the School of Law in memory of Mr. Edgar S.D. Graham, LLB, barrister-at-law. The scholarship is used for the purpose of postgraduate study at an academic institution outside Northern Ireland, and Ben will be pursuing a Master's degree in Conflict Resolution and Mediation at Tel Aviv University in Israel during the academic year 2011-2012.

STUDENT SUCCESS



Sharon Thompson with David Traill and D.J. Reade of the Country Antrim Grand Jury

Two PhD students, **Sharon Thompson** and **Luke Moffett**, were the recipients of the Country Antrim Grand Jury Bursaries, which are awarded to assist legal research and study outside of Northern Ireland.

Sharon's research focuses on prenuptial agreements in England, Wales and Northern Ireland, and the bursary was used to fund her travel to New York which allowed her to gain insight into how the system works in the United States of America. Sharon interviewed twenty prominent attorneys in the area, including a former chief judge in matrimonial matters for New York State.

Luke is conducting research on the status of victims in international criminal justice, with particular reference to the role of the International Criminal Court. He visited Northern Uganda and interviewed government officials, prosecutors, victim associations religious, local and traditional leaders as well as human rights organisations and the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.



Debra McGimpsey received a highly prestigious James MacQuitty Scholarship, which is offered on an annual basis by the MacQuitty family to law graduates from Northern Ireland who wish to pursue a Masters programme in the School of Law.

Debra graduated with First Class Honours in her LLB at Queen's in 2010 and is currently finishing her Master of Science in Criminology.



SCHOOL OF LAW EVENTS: SEMESTER 1

The School of Law was very active in organising a number of events throughout this academic year

Stephen Livingstone Memorial Lecture 2010



Michael Farrell and Professor Colin Harvey

This annual School of Law event acknowledges the life and work of Professor Stephen Livingstone (1961-2004), Professor of Human Rights Law, a former Head of the School of Law at Queen's, as well as a renowned human rights activist. The 2010 Lecture entitled "Keeping up with the Neighbours - Equivalence of Human Rights Protection since the Agreement" was delivered by

Michael Farrell who is a Commissioner for the Irish Human Rights Commission as well as a Senior Solicitor at the Free Legal Advice Centres in Dublin. In this enlightening lecture, Mr. Farrell talked about how the Republic of Ireland delivered its commitment to implement the relevant human rights provision in the Good Friday Agreement.

School of Law Public Lecture



Judge Howard Morrison of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia

This was another high profile event in which **Judge Howard Morrison** of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia delivered a public lecture at the invitation of the School of Law in November. Judge Morrison is a renowned expert on international law governing grave crimes of international concern such as war crimes and crimes against humanity and is currently dealing with a case of Radovan Karadžić, the former President of the Republic of Srpska who has been charged with, among others, war crimes and genocide. The lecture was entitled "International Criminal Law: What and Why?"

Annual Human Rights Day Celebration



Justice McCloskey,
Chairman
of the Law
Commission of
Northern Ireland

School. This year, **The Honourable Mr. Justice McCloskey**, Chairman of the Northern Ireland Law Commission and a High Court Judge, delivered a lecture entitled "The Right to Life: Human Rights at Birth and Death." Justice McCloskey is the incoming Judge-in-Residence at the School of Law.

Another highlight of the Human Rights Day was a roundtable discussion on "Human Rights in the Recession." **Anna Lo MLA** along with representatives of the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission, the Northern Ireland Council for Ethnic Minorities and the Northern Ireland

Commissioner for Children and Young People were invited.

Our students also organised other events such as an art competition among local school children and planting of a wishing tree, making Human Rights Day a very memorable one.



December 10th is celebrated as the Human Rights Day around the globe, and our undergraduate and postgraduate students organise a series of events annually under the auspices of the Human Rights Centre within the

SCHOOL OF LAW EVENTS: SEMESTER 1

Seminars on Crime, Criminology and Criminal Justice



Professor Fran Buntman with Professor Kieran McEvoy of the ICCJ

The Institute of Criminology and Criminal Justice invited two prominent speakers: **Professor Fran Buntman** (George Washington University) and **Dr. Timo Harrikari** (University of Helsinki). Professor Buntman is an expert on issues relating to prisons, punishment and correction, and gave a seminar entitled "Prison, Court and Memory: Robben Island and Beyond." Dr. Harrikari's expertise lies in children and criminal justice, and his talk centred upon governance over Nordic children during the past 20 years.

Other Guests of the School in Semester 1:

Dr. Paul Henman (University of Queensland) – "Governing Electronically: E-Government and the Reconfiguration of Public Administration, Policy and Power"

Professor Alastair Mowbray (University of Nottingham) - "Precedent in the Jurisprudence of the European Court of Human Rights"

Dr. Grégoire Webber (London School of Economics) - "What is a political constitution?"



Dr. Grégoire Webber from the London School of Economics

Seminars by Former Students

Hannah Russell (Cross-Border LLM in Human Rights and Criminal Justice 2009) recently held internship at the Arab Centre for Human Rights in the Occupied Syrian Golan and launched a report entitled "Breaking Down the Fence: Addressing Illegality of Family Separation in the Occupied Syrian Golan" in conjunction with the Human Rights Centre.

Melissa Ruggiero (Cross Border LLM in Human Rights and Criminal Justice 2007), who is an International Legal Officer at the

Court of Bosnia and Herzegovina, shared her experience of working in the field of human rights to our current postgraduate and undergraduate students who are interested in pursuing a career in the same field.

Gary Proctor (LLB 1995) is an attorney at law in the United States who specialises in capital cases. He explained the current state of affair in relation to capital punishment in the United States and shared his personal experience in dealing with these cases.

SCHOOL OF LAW EVENTS: SEMESTER 2

The Annual MacDermott Lecture by Mary McAleese, President of Ireland



Dr. Martin McAleese, President McAleese, Professor Peter Gregson (Vice Chancellor), Dr. Rachel Gregson and Professor Colin Harvey

School of Law was honoured to receive **Mary McAleese**, President of Ireland, to deliver the annual MacDermott Lecture. Born in Belfast, President McAleese studied law at Queen's and was called to the Northern Ireland Bar in 1974. She succeeded Mary Robinson in 1997 as the first President to come from Northern Ireland. She

has a longstanding interest in issues concerned with justice, equality, anti-sectarianism and reconciliation, and this year's MacDermott Lecture entitled "Northern Ireland: The Post-Agreement Institutional Architecture" amply reflected her contributions and insights into these important issues.

The ESRC Seminar "Re-Engineering Corporation: Human Rights, the Corporation and the Environment"



Professor Sally Wheeler (Acting Head of School for Semester 2) and **Dr. Ciarán O'Kelly** of the Institute of Governance in the School of Law organised a two-day seminar funded by the Economic and Social Research Council on the theme of corporate environmental responsibilities. The

event brought together scholars from around the world, including Canada, South Africa and the United States, in the fields of human rights and environmental law. Seminar contributions will be published in a special edition of *Journal of Human Rights and the Environment* in 2012.

The ICCJ Annual Lecture



Professor Jonathan Simon (centre), together with Justice David Smyth and Professor Shadd Maruna, Director of the ICCJ

For this year's annual lecture the ICCJ invited **Professor Jonathan Simon**, Adrian A. Kragen Professor of Law at the University of California, Berkeley. Professor Simon is an internationally renowned scholar on the issues relating to punishment and penal policy and the author of an award winning book, *Governing through Crime: How the War on Crime Transformed American Democracy and Created a Culture of Fear* (2007). Professor Simon was also a School of Law Visiting Fellow during this academic year. He delivered the lecture entitled "Total Incapacitation: The Emergence of Exceptional Penal Rationale and Its Consequences."

The ICCJ also invited two more scholars, **Dr. Claire Moon** (London School of Economics) who delivered a seminar on social suffering and social control in Argentina, and **Dr. Bree Carlton** (Monash University) who has conducted research on the experience of women after they are released from prison.

SCHOOL OF LAW EVENTS: SEMESTER 2

Annual Mastering Law Conference



Lord Kerr, Justice of the UK Supreme Court, with Professor Peter Gregson (Vice Chancellor) and postgraduate students who took part in the conference

The third annual *Mastering Law Conference* was hosted by the School in May. It is a prestigious all-island event for all Law Postgraduate Taught Masters students who presented papers on a wide variety of topics. This year Lord Kerr, the former Lord Chief Justice of Northern Ireland and a current Justice of the UK Supreme Court, gave a key note speech for this event.

Seminars on European Law



Professor Takis Tridimas with Dr. Dimitrios Doukas of the School

The School hosted two prominent scholars of European Law during Semester 2. **Professor Takis Tridimas** from the Queen Mary University of London is a leading expert on judicial protection, competition law, internal market and external relations and gave a talk on the relationship between European Law and International Law.

The second speaker was **Professor Michael Dougan** from the University of Liverpool, who is a joint editor of the prominent journal *Common Market Law Review*. His seminar was entitled "The General Principles of EU Law in the Light of the Rulings in *Mangold and Küçükdeveci*"

School of Law/ILA Belfast Regional Seminars



Professor Mashood Baderin from the School of Oriental and African Studies

The School of Law also hosted seminars on various aspects of international law in conjunction with the International Law Association British Branch. The guest speakers for this Semester were:

- **Professor Mashood Baderin** (School of Oriental and African Studies) – "Religion and Human Rights: Towards a Better Understanding"



Professor Peter Rowe with Dr. Rory O'Connell of the School

- **Professor Peter Rowe** (University of Lancaster) - "The Impact of UN Security Council Resolutions on National Law"
- **Professor Robert Cryer** (University of Birmingham) - "The Relationship Between War Crimes and Humanitarian Law: Marriage Not Unity?"

Human Rights Centre Events

The Human Rights Centre in the School of Law has been active in organising a variety of events. In February it hosted a seminar on the human rights situation in Zimbabwe in conjunction with Trócaire Northern Ireland.

The Centre also took part in a Tripartite Video Conference with the Irish Centre for Human Rights (Galway) and the Human Rights Centre at the University of Essex to acknowledge and remember the enormous contributions made by Professor Kevin Boyle, who sadly passed away in December 2010. **Emeritus Professor Tom Hadden** shared his experience of working with Professor Boyle as a colleague and close friend, and **Darren Dinsmore**, a PhD student, presented a paper on the human rights situation in Turkey (with particular reference to village destructions), a topic which Kevin had strong interest and expertise.

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES WITHIN SCHOOL OF LAW



Completion of the Budget Analysis Project

The Budget Analysis Project (Budget Analysis and the Advancement of Economic and Social Rights in Northern Ireland), a major two year research project funded by Atlantic Philanthropies, drew to a close during the last academic year. It has had a demonstrable impact on public policy discussions and is informing wider debates, locally and globally, about how socio-economic rights are effectively realised in practice. The team has secured a book contract with Hart Publishing to edit

a collection on "Human Rights and Public Finance" (forthcoming 2012). This will bring together contributions from leading academics to address the realisation of ESR and the role played by public finances in this. Topics covered will include conceptual issues, equality mainstreaming, ESR in the economic climate, lessons from gender mainstreaming and child budgeting, etc.

Professor Colin Harvey and **Dr. Rory O'Connell** remain at QUB, but other members of the Team have moved on to other projects and we wish them well: Dr Aoife Nolan, Senior Lecturer at the University of Durham; Mira Dutschke, Senior Project Officer, Human Rights and Governance Programme, Open Society, South Africa; Eoin Rooney, Research Officer at the Northern Irish Council for Ethnic Minorities. Of the admin support team, Jennie Finlay is now working for another unit in QUB and Chris Wallace is pursuing a legal career.

The Hillsborough Disaster Project



Professor Phil Scraton of the ICCJ who is a leading expert on the Hillsborough Disaster

Professor Phil Scraton

of the ICCJ continued his work on the Hillsborough Disaster as a member of the Hillsborough Independent Panel. The Panel comprises eight part-time expert members (the Bishop of Liverpool as Chair) and began its work in February 2010 with the aim of facilitating the public disclosure of all documents held by all official agencies and of writing



a comprehensive report on how the disclosed documents 'adds to public understanding' of the disaster. In order to carry out effective research the Home Office awarded Professor Scraton a research grant of £260,000 to appoint a research team. Currently there are four researchers based in the School of Law working on hundreds of thousands of documents made available by over sixty contributing agencies, extending to personally-kept records of key officers and officials. There are also three full-time archivists based in Sheffield.

The Panel is unprecedented in scope and function and its work is being closely monitored as a potential framework for a range of other retrospective, historical inquiries and other Government-led initiatives. It is anticipated that the report, covering all aspects of the context, circumstances and consequences of the disaster, will be published in May 2012.

ESRC Seminar on Public Interest in UK Courts

Since October 2009, **Professors Gordon Anthony** and **John Morison** and **Dr. Dimitrios Doukas** have been working on an ESRC funded project that examines uses of the term "public interest" in UK courts. This is a term that is very much in the news at the moment, whether as a result of anti-terrorism measures or the privacy demands of high-profile figures in the public eye. The project is designed to develop a taxonomy of uses of the term in public law proceedings in the courts. This will have not only an academic importance – it is the first sustained study in this important area – but will also be of use to a range of practitioners who encounter the term, for instance in law, government and the media.

The researchers have been interviewing judges and practitioners to try and gain a better understanding of how the term is actually deployed in legal proceedings and whether it has any settled meanings. They have visited Strasbourg to interview judges and officials at the European Court of Human Rights about how wider European understandings of the term condition case law under the Human Rights Act 1998. Interviews have also been conducted in the UK Supreme Court and among judges and leading practitioners across the UK.

The project will conclude later in the year and will be marked by the launch of a web-site at a conference at Queen's on Saturday 22 October 2011. This will be addressed by leading academics from the United States and England, as well as by the researchers on the project.

STAFF UPDATES

School of Law academics recognised for their excellence in research and teaching



Professor Shadd Maruna, Director of the ICCJ, was recently honoured by the Howard League of Criminal Justice Reform in London for his research into prisoner rehabilitation and public opinion. Professor Maruna is the recipient of the inaugural Howard League Research Medal, created to “celebrate the work of academics and researchers whose work offers genuine new insights into the penal system.” In particular, the award of this Medal is intended to recognise high quality research that has succeeded, or can demonstrate that it has the potential, to have an impact on non-academic audiences.

The award-winning research, published in the *European Journal of Criminal Policy and Research* (2009) is titled “Once a Criminal, Always a Criminal?: ‘Redeemability’ and the Psychology of Punitive Public Attitudes.” In the study Professor Maruna (with Dr. Anna King from Rutgers University) found that beliefs about the stability of criminal behaviour over time are a key predictor of public views about criminal justice policies.

Professor Maruna received the award of £1,000 at a ceremony in June 2011 at the head office of the Clifford Chance Law Firm and delivered a lecture at the event based on the winning research.



Dr. Brian Jack has received a QUB Teaching Award for achieving sustained excellence in his teaching within the School. The award citation read:

This award is given to Dr. Brian Jack from the School of Law who over the course of eleven years in higher education teaching has implemented a series of steady improvements which have resulted in an impressive record of teaching achievement and improved student performance. He is responsive to feedback from his students and his methods for the promotion and enhancement of students’ learning include the use of role play, problem based learning and the provision of feedback for learning.

In particular the award recognises the contribution that Dr. Jack has made in teaching European Union law and Environmental Law within the School. Brian developed the curriculum for the School’s module in European Constitutional Law, which has replaced the previous Foundations of European Community Law module. He also introduced the School’s current undergraduate Environmental Law module and teaches several modules on the School’s new LLM degree in Environmental Law and Sustainable Development.



In recognition of his expertise, **Dr. Hakeem Yusuf** was appointed as a member of the Osun State Truth and Reconciliation Commission (OSTRC), established by the government of Osun State in South West Nigeria in February 2011. Dr. Yusuf travelled to Nigeria a number of times to participate in the hearings of the Commission between February and May this year. He examined the causes and incidents of gross human rights violations and public discontent in the state from June 2003 to February 2011. Osun, one of Nigeria’s 36 states, had experienced wide-spread violence, loss of lives and property, and gross violations of human rights following gubernatorial elections in 2007 with the announcement of a rigged-in candidate.

Dr. Yusuf stated regarding this appointment: ‘I am delighted at this rare opportunity to participate in a truth-seeking process. I have done pioneering work on truth-seeking in Nigeria in the period immediately following the country’s nearly three decades of authoritarian rule. Through my participation on the OSTRC, I have been able to utilise my research experience to contribute to community development in an important part of Africa.’

The Commission is presently writing its report which it plans to submit to government which has promised to implement it to achieve justice and reconciliation in that part of the country.

STAFF UPDATES

Dr. Jean Allain was on research leave during the second half of this academic year. He undertook a number of research activities during this period, including a stay as a visiting scholar at the Melbourne Law School and at the College of Law, Australian National University. He presented papers at conferences hosted by the Special Court of Sierra Leone and at Harvard Law School, as well as lecturing at Harvard College. Dr. Allain is currently completing a monograph entitled *Slavery in International Law: Of Human Exploitation and Trafficking* (Martinus Nijhoff 2012).

Dr. Jack Anderson, who was promoted to Reader, was a visiting fellow at the Australian Research Council's Centre of Excellence for Policing and Security in Brisbane where he conducted research on the links between gambling, financial crime and corruption in international sport. This research was also supported by a Leverhulme Study Abroad Fellowship.

Professor Gordon Anthony was promoted to his current post. In addition to a book jointly edited with **Professor John Morison**, he has published a number of scholarly articles in journals such as the *Common Market Law Review* and *European Public Law*.

Dr. Qingxiu Bu delivered a plenary address entitled 'Danone v Wahaha: Who Laughs Last?' at the African Conference on International Commercial Law held in Douala, Cameroon in January 2011.

Dr. David Capper and **Dr. John Stannard** secured a book contract with Oxford University Press on the topic of termination for breach of contract.



Dr. Heather Conway

Dr. Heather Conway presented a paper 'Passing 'Judgement': Judicial Moralism, Inherited Wealth and the Parent-Child Bond' at the Association for the Study of Law, Culture and the Humanities Annual Conference at the University of Nevada Las Vegas in March 2011. She also delivered an invited seminar at the University of Manchester entitled "Burial Instructions and the Governance of Death: Individual 'Rights' versus Family 'Privileges.'"

Professor Brice Dickson gave the Ruth Adler Memorial Lecture at Edinburgh Law School on the topic of the European Convention on Human Rights and the Conflict in Northern Ireland in March 2011. He also secured a contract from Oxford University Press to publish a book *Human Rights and the UK Supreme Court*.

Dr. Peter Doran is working with colleagues in the School of Planning, Architecture and Civil Engineering and Management School following the award of seed funding from the Institute for a Sustainable World. The research team is investigating competing models of economic growth operating across the Green New Deal stakeholders from the private sector, public sector and civil society.



Dr. Peter Doran

Dr. Dimitrios Doukas's article, 'In a Bet there is a Fool and State Monopoly: Are the Odds Stacked against Cross-border Gambling?' was published by the *European Public Law* in 2011. He gave a seminar as an invited speaker at the Institute of European and Comparative Law, Faculty of Law, University of Oxford in February 2011.

Dr. Mark Flear, the principal investigator for the ESRC sponsored research seminar series 'European Law and New Health Technologies', is glad to report the completion of the seminar series. Its fourth and final seminar, entitled 'Challenges and Opportunities', was held at Chancellors Hotel and Conference Centre, Manchester on Friday 25 March 2011, under the auspices of Dr. Anne-Maree Farrell (Manchester). He is now working with his project partners, Dr. Farrell, Professor Hervey (Sheffield) and Professor Murphy (Nottingham), as well as the contributors to the seminar series, to produce an edited collection to be published by a leading law publisher.

STAFF UPDATES

Professor Colin Harvey (Head of the Law School) was on sabbatical during Semester 2. During this period he served as a Visiting Professor at the Centre for the Study of Human Rights (LSE) and Fordham University Law School. Professor Harvey was also appointed to the REF 2014 panel for law (panel 20) as well as the Editorial Board of *European Human Rights Law Review*.

Dr. Robin Hickey secured \$6,500 (AUD) to spend 3 weeks in Melbourne as an international research visitor at the Melbourne Law School in April 2011.



Dr. Niamh Howlin

Dr. Niamh Howlin spent 2 weeks in London in the summer 2010 examining individual Irish trial reports from the nineteenth century. This trip was funded by the Socio-Legal Studies Association. She continues to serve as a member of the Council of the Irish Legal History Society.

Dr. Sylvie Langlaude's article, 'The Rights of Religious Associations to External Relations: A Comparative Study of the OSCE and the Council of Europe' was published by the highly prestigious *Human Rights Quarterly* in 2010.

Professor Philip Leith, an expert in IT and computer law, continued to serve as a chief editor of the *European Journal of Law and Technology*, which has become an important refereed journal in the field.

Dr. Fiona Marshall presented a paper 'Exporting Regional Integration: The European Union as Promoter of Regional Integration – The Case of Competition Law' at an international conference 'Diffusion of Regional Integration' in Berlin in December 2010.

Dr. Anne-Marie McAlinden secured a small grant from the British Academy to conduct research on grooming and published an article entitled 'Vetting Sexual Offenders: State Over-extension, the Punishment Deficit and the Failure to Manage Risk' in *Social and Legal Studies*.

Professor Kieran McEvoy's article, 'What Did the Lawyers Do During the 'War'? Neutrality, Conflict and the Culture of Quietism' was recently published by the *Modern Law Review*.

Dr. Rory O'Connell, with colleagues from Aarhus, Antwerp, Bologna, Brno, Ljubljana and Utrecht, coordinated an International Summer School on Migration from 1 to 12 August 2011. The Summer School receives EU support under an Erasmus funded Intensive Programme.

Dr. Ciarán O'Kelly and Professor Sally Wheeler organised an ESRC workshop 'Reengineering Corporations: Human Rights, the Corporation and the Environment' which took place in June 2011.

Dr. Sara Ramshaw was invited to attend the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC) Midterm Review of the Improvisation, Community, and Social Practice (ICASP) project.

Ms. Marny Requa obtained a grant from the British Academy to conduct research for a monograph entitled *Judiciary and the Politics of Transition*.

Professor Phil Scraton has been very active in conducting funded research. In addition to the Hillsborough Project, he received £18,500 from the European Commission (Fundamental Rights and Citizenship Programme) to conduct comparative research on children of imprisoned parents, together with colleagues from the University of Ulster.



Dr. Bal Sokhi-Bulley

Dr. Bal Sokhi-Bulley's article, 'Government(ality) By Experts: Human Rights as Governance' was published by *Law and Critique* in 2011.

Professor Sharon Turner (with Ciara Brennan) will be giving a lecture to the Judicial Studies Board in September which sets out the findings of the research they have undertaken over the past 3 years concerning the prosecution and sentencing of environmental crime. This work will be published in a series of specialised papers in 2011/2012. In addition Professor Turner will shortly publish a series of papers focusing on the impact of climate law and the role of devolution in supporting the low carbon transition based on conference papers delivered during the year.

GLOBAL LAW SCHOOL

The School of Law has a number of research and teaching networks beyond Northern Ireland, making us a truly global Law School

Fordham Summer School

Annually at the end of June, staff and students from Fordham Law School in New York visit the School of Law at Queen's as part of their Summer Law School (hosted jointly by Queen's and UCD in Dublin). **Professor Gordon Anthony** and **Dr. Heather Conway** are among the regular tutors for this programme. Outside of classes the Fordham students had the opportunity to visit the Courts, the Bar Library and the PSNI, and to hold discussions with legal practitioners and participate in a moot presided by The Honourable Mr. Justice McCloskey of the High Court.



Professor Michael Martin, Dean of the Fordham Law School (far left) with Professor Colin Harvey and Fordham students



Centre for Transnational Legal Studies

The School of Law collaborates closely with the Centre for Transnational Legal Studies in London, which is run by the Georgetown University Law Centre. Academic staff and students are invited to take part in this educational programme annually. **Dr. Qingxiu Bu** taught subjects relating to international commerce and **Pauline Bor**, who

Dr. Qingxiu Bu

recently completed a Masters' in Legal Science, had an opportunity to spend a semester learning a wide range of subjects such as Mediation, Human Rights and Business Law. **Brian Spencer**, who is currently completing LLM in International Commerce, will participate in this programme in the next academic year.

Exchange Programme with the Washington University, St. Louis

An exchange programme has been established between the Law School and Washington University in St. Louis under the Transnational Law Programme. **Professor John Morison**, Director of Internationalisation, has been working to facilitate this and

other international network activities. The School welcomed its first exchange students, **Denise Yasinow** and **Shannon Dobson**, in semester 2 of this academic year. Speaking about her experience, Denise stated "I made the right decision to go to Queen's.....

as I am allowed to take a wide array of classes that span different master's level programs." The School has nominated **Emily Paisley** (2nd year Single Honour student) and **Mark Dunn** (1st year PhD) to visit St. Louis during the academic year 2011-2012.

GLOBAL LAW SCHOOL

Utrecht Summer School



programme grant, brought together fifty students representing different disciplines from the universities of the Utrecht Network and associated universities. The teachers also represented the multinational, multidisciplinary ethos of the Summer School and hail from Belgium, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Japan, Italy, the Netherlands, the Slovak Republic, Slovenia, the US as well as the UK and Ireland. This year the Summer School celebrated its 10th anniversary since its first meeting in Italy. This special occasion was marked by an anniversary celebration where Belgian author Chika Unigwe offered a reading and Chief Commissioner Bob Collins of the Equality Commission Northern Ireland contributed a reflection on migration and equality in this jurisdiction.

In August 2011 the Human Rights Centre at the School of Law hosted the annual Utrecht Network Borders of Europe Summer School. **Dr. Rory**

O'Connell has been a key facilitator of this Summer School. This year the theme was Migration. The Summer School, funded by an EU intensive

European Inter-University Centre for Human Rights and Democratisation



The Human Rights Centre at the School of Law remains a proud participating member of the prestigious European Inter-University Centre for Human Rights and Democratisation (EIUC) in Venice. Together with other participating universities across Europe, the EIUC administers a European Master's Degree in Human Rights (EMA). Students for this degree spend their first semester in Venice and go to one of the participating universities in the second semester. This year the Law School has a student from Cyprus studying at Queen's. The EIUC also provides teaching, research and networking opportunities and staff members at the Human Rights Centre actively participate in these activities. For more information on EIUC/EMA, please contact **Dr. Hakeem Yusuf**, E.MA Director and LLM Human Rights Programmes Coordinator at the School of Law - h.yusuf@qub.ac.uk.



ALUMNI NEWS

As always, we are glad to hear from our alumni

After finishing his LLB in 1973, **Malcolm Ball** worked for the Boy's Brigade in Jamaica under the auspices of VSO. He then came back to Belfast to study theology and subsequently served as a pastor for Reformed Presbyterian Church in Derry and Bready for 9 years. Soon after Malcolm moved to France learn the French language and culture and has been living there since. He is a pastor of a reformed and evangelical church in the northern suburbs of the city of Nantes. Since 2005, Malcolm has been serving as the *Président of the Colloque Biblique Francophone*, which is an international francophone calvinist pastorale. He has three children who work in Northern Ireland, France and Germany.

Michael Fitch graduated in 1986 with LLB Single Honours. He subsequently qualified as a chartered accountant having trained with KPMG. Michael is currently a CEO of Fitch Chartered Accountants which has offices in Belfast, London and Kilkeel. In March 2011, Michael was appointed as a non-executive chairman of Biblica Inc., a non-profit organisation based in Colorado Springs (U.S.A), which is best known for its work in translating the Bible into numerous languages.

Alan Hewitt obtained his LLB in 1963. After pursuing his LLM at the University of Michigan, he qualified as a solicitor in 1967 and joined L'Estrange & Brett Solicitors in Belfast. He later became Senior Partner in 1994. Alan was a member of the Law Reform Advisory Committee for Northern Ireland between 1997 and 2001 and subsequently served as the President of the Law Society of Northern Ireland in 2002. While he retired from practice in 2007, Alan recently published a book, *The Law Society of Northern Ireland: A History* in 2010. This provides an authoritative account of the history of the Society - from its birth in 1922 in the turbulent circumstances of the partition of Ireland, through the inter-war years, the Second World War, the 'Troubles' and the momentous changes

and initiatives of the last thirty years. His wife, **Ruth**, is also a law graduate (1967) and has made valuable contributions to the life of the University. She was a chair of Convocation, a body representing the interests of all Queen's graduates. Ruth has also served on various University Committees and as an elected member of Senate for eight years.



Patrick McKeown

Patrick McKeown graduated from Queen's in 2010 with the MLegSci qualifying law degree. Originally coming from a background in music, and having obtained a BA (Hons) in Music, Patrick's career in law is taking off quite rapidly. He was awarded two bursaries whilst at Queen's which enabled him to attend two ERASMUS Intensive Summer Schools: the first related to cyberlaw and took place in Istanbul; the second concerned European boundaries and identities and was held in Ljubljana. Patrick returned to Queen's to teach European internal market law during the Spring semester of 2011. He also worked as a Disability Support Provider at the University over the last academic year, which permitted him the opportunity to build on studies at Queen's by sitting in on a range of classes including business law, corporate governance, and international human rights law. With these experiences under his belt, Patrick is off to Harvard Law School for the 2011-12 academic year to study for an LLM, where he intends to take classes on cyberlaw

and copyright, corporate governance, American law, and international law. Patrick plans to then go on to do either the SJD at Harvard or a PhD at the EUI, Florence, and work as an academic or go directly into working for the EU or the UN.



Gary Proctor

Gary Proctor is an attorney at law in the United States. After obtaining his LLB in 1995, Gary took a job in London at Price Waterhouse for several years. He then moved to Bermuda where he worked in international finance. After a while, Gary found himself being involved in a death row case of a Bermudan national. This was a life changing experience for Gary who then decided that this was what he wanted to do. He subsequently moved to the United States. While working on capital cases as an intern in New Orleans Gary passed the Louisiana bar and started taking cases of his own. He then met his wife, who worked for Sister Helen Prejean (a central character in a film *Dead Man Walking*). During the last ten years Gary has worked on more than twenty cases in five states. He has witnessed the execution of his clients, including the Bermudan national, but this has not deterred him from pursuing capital cases. Gary explains: "It is hard work. Emotionally, it takes its toll. I would be much better off drafting wills and closing real estate deals. But never, not once, have I questioned why I am doing it. It matters to me." He is currently working on several cases.

ALUMNI NEWS



Melissa Ruggiero with Professor Brice Dickson of the Human Rights Centre

Melissa Ruggiero obtained a cross-border LL.M in Human Rights and Criminal Justice (Cross Border) in 2007. Originally educated in the United States (Duquesne University in Pittsburgh), Melissa is a licensed attorney in Pennsylvania. After graduating from Queen's she began working at the Court of Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) in Sarajevo in January 2008. It is a national court with international presence hearing war crimes cases which occurred during the conflict in BiH from 1992 to 1995. The Court also hears organized crime, economic crime and general crime cases. As an International Legal Officer at the

Court of BiH in Section I War Crimes and the Appellate Division, Melissa provides support and assistance to international and national judges by researching issues about international criminal law, international humanitarian law and human rights. She also prepares and draft memorandum of law, assist judges in drafting orders, decisions and verdicts regarding genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes. In addition, Melissa helps to organize training seminars concerning legal writing and research for the national legal officers.

After finishing her LL.M in Computers and Law in 1990, **Elke Zipperer** returned to Germany and passed the 2nd state examination in law in 1994. From 1994 until 1998 she worked as a legal officer with the Saxonian State Ministry of Justice in the prisons of Chemnitz and Bautzen and in the security section of the ministry. Elke then was admitted to the Bar in Germany and has been practicing mainly in the areas of criminal law. She also has extensive experience of working with victims of crimes. In 2008 she was admitted to the list of counsels at the International Criminal Court at The Hague and now has her own office near Nuremberg, Germany.



Elke Zipperer

In Memoriam



Professor Kevin Boyle passed away on 25 December 2010. Having studied law at Queen's in the early 1960s,

Kevin began his academic career in the School of Law in 1966. Along with his colleague and friend **Emeritus Professor Tom Hadden**, Kevin was very active in the Northern Ireland Civil Rights Movement. As an internationally respected human rights lawyer and activist he was involved in a number of famous human rights cases including *Dudgeon v United Kingdom* and *Aksoy v Turkey* before the European Court of Human Rights. Kevin also founded the Irish Centre for Human Rights in Galway in 1980 and served as the Founding Director of *Article 19*, an international non-governmental organisation promoting freedom of expression and of the press.

QUB Law Alumni Group on Facebook

This site is maintained by **Dr. Tom Obokata**, (t.obokata@qub.ac.uk) Director of External Affairs, who also deals with alumni relations. Through this site he regularly provides information on School news and events, job opportunities, scholarships and alumni news and events. Join us so that you can keep in touch with us and expand your own network with alumni located around the globe!

ALUMNI SUCCESS



Laura Clarke (right)

Laura Clarke, who graduated with First Class Honours in Law and Accounting in 2010, recently completed the Bar

Course at the Institute of Professional Legal Studies. In recognition of her excellence in her study during this period, Laura was awarded the Eoin Higgins Prize which is awarded to a top Bar student on an annual basis. She was called to the bar in September.

Cheryl Lawther completed her PhD in 2010 and currently is working a research fellow at the School of International Relations, University of St. Andrews. This post is funded by the European Commission (Directorate-General Justice, Freedom and Security) and Cheryl is studying support initiatives for victims of political violence. She recently published an article 'Securing the Past: Policing and the Contest over Truth in Northern Ireland' in the *British Journal of Criminology* (2010) and was awarded the highly prestigious Brian

William Awards by the British Society of Criminology. This is given to the best sole authored article that makes a valuable contribution to the further development of criminology by an early career academic.

Lynn McMullan (LLB 2007 and LLM in Human Rights Law 2008) completed the Legal Practice Course at the College of Law, Chester in 2010. She was awarded the Chester and North Wales Law Society Prize for the best overall student on the LPC, having obtained the highest overall marks in her year. Lynn excelled in the Civil and Criminal Litigation Courses and was awarded the Aaron & Partners Solicitors LPC Litigation Prize.

Reunion



Class of 1971 Reunion took place in June. This was organised by **The Honourable Mr. Justice David Smyth** and was attended by 40 alumni not only from Northern Ireland, but also from other parts of the world including Egypt and Singapore. The event was so successful that they have decided to host another reunion in 5 years time.

If anyone is interested in organising a reunion, contact Adele McMahon of the Alumni Office at a.mcmahon@qub.ac.uk



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The School of Law launched Two New Exciting LLM Programmes

In addition to our long-running and popular postgraduate programmes (LLMs in Human Rights Law, Human Rights & Criminal Justice, Law & Governance and Corporate Governance, as well as MSSCs/PG Diplomas in Criminology and Criminal Justice), the School of Law has launched two new LLM programmes from this academic year.

The first one is an LLM in International Commerce. It is designed to give students an advanced appreciation of the legal, regulatory and corporate elements in the governance of international commerce. Students will

gain an overall appreciation of regimes and trends and will be well suited to pursue international careers in business, law or public policy. The programme is run by **Dr. Qingxiu Bu**, an expert in this area and also in company and corporate finance law.

The second degree is an LLM in Environmental Law and Sustainable Development. This programme provides students with an opportunity to study the major elements of the legal and policy frameworks governing the environment and wider sustainability agenda. In doing so the programme will focus on the national, EU, (Irish)

all-island and wider international policy arenas. The unique aspect of this programme is that it offers an opportunity to undertake a placement experience with one of a range of public and private sector organisations with an interest in sustainable development, thereby allowing students to combine knowledge with practice. The Programme Director for this degree is **Professor Sharon Turner**, who has extensive research, consultancy and teaching experience in environmental law.

Applications Now Invited

Law has been taught at Queen's for over 150 years. We are proud of our long and distinguished record of achievement in both education and research. In recent years we have expanded further and built a reputation as one of the leading Law Schools in the UK.

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- LLM in Law and Governance
- LLM in Corporate Governance
- LLM in Law and International Commerce
- LLM in Environmental Law and Sustainable Development
- LLM in Human Rights Law
- LLM in Human Rights (Cross Border)
- LLM in Human Rights and Criminal Justice

- LLM in Human Rights and Criminal Justice (Cross Border)
- MSc in Criminology
- MSc in Criminal Justice
- Masters in Legal Science (2-year conversion programme)

Applications are also invited for PhD/MPhil degrees which are awarded on the basis of original independent research. Proposals are welcomed in any field of study within law, but are especially encouraged in the core areas of expertise at Queen's: Human Rights; Criminology and Criminal Justice; Common Law; Corporate Governance; Environmental Law and Sustainable Development; Governance; Public Law and Policy; and Jurisprudence.

