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IALS Autumn Newsletter 2017

Welcome to the new academic year here at the IALS library.

Once again we are ready to support you in your studies so don't hesitate to contact us if you have questions regarding our collections or resources. Our popular autumn training sessions are now in full swing. More information on future training is available at:

<http://libguides.ials.sas.ac.uk/training>

Included in this issue are a look at the IALS PhD training day, the first of three scheduled for the 2017/2018 academic year, and the IALS PhD book prize, to be launched in November along with our regular features.

We look forward to seeing you at the IALS. Membership is free for postgraduate students, academics and researchers. Please take a look at our website for more information on how to join.

Extended library opening hours 2017/2018

The Library's extended opening hours run from October 2017 to mid-June 2018.

Monday to Friday: 09:00 to 23:00
(only current library card/SAScard holders after 19:45)

Saturday: 10:00 to 20:30
(only current library card/SAScard holders after 17:15)

Sunday: 12:30 to 20:30
(only current library card/SAScard holders)



Socio-legal training day on 24th November 2017

This IALS one-day training day, organised in collaboration with the British Library and the Socio-Legal Studies Association, offer insights and shared experience in research methods and sources relevant to family and social welfare law.

Event speakers include: Professor Anne Barlow, Exeter University, Jaime Lindsey, Essex University and Professor Phil Fennell, Cardiff University Jonathan Sims, the British Library.

Topics covered are:

- Family and Social Welfare Research in Courts and Tribunals
- Socio-Legal Research with Vulnerable Subjects
- Sources and Methods in Family Justice
- Social Context of Family and Social Welfare Research

All welcome to attend but this day would be of particular interest to PhD/MPhil students, early career academics and policy researchers.

Further information including how to book can be found at, <https://www.sas.ac.uk/events/event/14017>

How to get a PhD in law training day on Saturday 25th November

The first of three national research training days open to students enrolled for an MPhil / PhD in Law from across the UK. This event, organised by David Gee - IALS Deputy Librarian, provides the chance for informative discussion, legal research guidance and opportunities for networking

Topics in this first training day on legal research methods include:

- Becoming a legal researcher: what is a PhD in law
- Literature reviews
- Comparative legal research
- Qualitative and quantitative research
- IALS Library: successful researching using our electronic resources

There will be optional tours of the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies Library led by senior library staff.

Information on how to book a place can be found at <https://www.sas.ac.uk/events/event/13841>



IALS PhD Thesis Book Prize

The Institute of Advanced Legal Studies is pleased to announce its PhD Thesis Book Prize, the winner of which is awarded a publishing contract for their doctoral thesis to be published as an 'open access' monograph.

The competition for the IALS PhD Thesis Prize is an exciting opportunity for researchers whose doctoral thesis has been awarded in the preceding two years.

This book prize is an initiative of the IALS Open Book Service for Law, an open access monograph imprint of the School of Advanced Study, University of London. Accordingly, the open access monograph series has the stature of 'traditional' academic publishing: the editorial board comprises distinguished legal scholars and law librarians, with Richard Hart (of Hart Publishing) as consulting editor. The winner will be awarded a publishing contract for their doctoral thesis to be published as an 'open access' monograph under a creative commons licence (i.e. free to download but with 'print on demand' options available to purchase for a price).

Eligibility: Doctoral thesis in law which has been conferred in the preceding 2 years (after 1 Nov 2015 and before 1 Nov 2017)

The competition opens on 16th November 2017 at the launch of IALS Digital as part of the *IALS@70* anniversary celebrations.

The closing date for submissions is 16th February 2018. A shortlist of the 4-5 best submissions will be announced in May 2018.

The prize will be awarded in early June 2018. One to three prizes will be awarded annually.

How to apply

Please register online and complete the proposal form

<http://ials.sas.ac.uk/digital/humanities-digital-library/observing-law-ials-open-book-service-law/ials-phd-thesis-book>

Your application will need to include:

- An abstract of the thesis/proposed book (up to 300 words)
- PhD examiners' report required as part of submission
- 2-3 sample thesis chapters selected by you to best represent your work
- a brief statement of any revisions undertaken and of any proposed revisions; it is your choice whether to submit sample chapters unaltered

- Indication whether the doctoral thesis is already available on OA institutional repository or pending + provide the relevant URLs.
- Indication if any part of the work has been published elsewhere (e.g. as part of another book or as journal article etc.)

The Judging Panel (drawn from the IALS Open Book Service for Law Editorial Board and Advisory Board) will be looking for original work of legal scholarship or scholarship in a strongly related cognate field, with the potential to set the scholarly agenda and also to reach a wider audience of readers.

SAS Humanities Digital Library <http://humanities-digital-library.org/>



Spotlight on The FLARE Index to Treaties

The FLARE Index to Treaties (FIT) is a free research tool on the IALS website. It provides the key details of more than 2,000 multilateral treaties concluded from the seventeenth century to the twenty-first century. Bilateral treaties are also covered, for the period 1353 to 1815. For each treaty, FIT gives the title, date and place of signature, citations and other information; if the text of the treaty is available on an authoritative website, a link is provided.

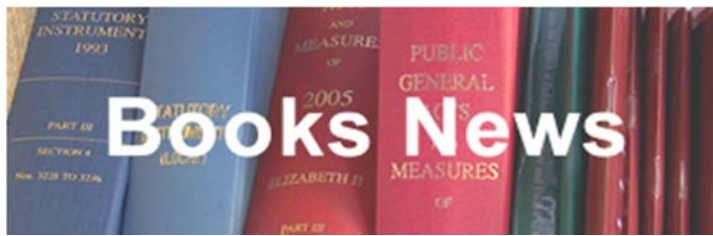
The Index can be searched by key word, title, date and/or place from the main search page. Its Advanced Search facility has additional options, such as searching for bilaterals by party, or multilaterals by name of depositary. With a couple of quick searches you can discover eight treaties relating to space law and sixteen relating to intellectual property; fifty-five treaties of alliance are covered, and seventy-four trade agreements. More than 120 of the treaties listed were signed in London, but many more were signed

More than 120 of the treaties listed were signed in London, but many more were signed in Paris (156). The database has many uses, but at IALS Library we often recommend it to students who need to find an authoritative treaty citation for their thesis or dissertation footnotes.

The main FIT search page

The Index was launched in 2009 and is updated periodically. It was originally compiled by Dr Peter Clinch, formerly of Cardiff University, and the database and search interface were devised by Steven Whittle, Information Systems Manager at IALS. The contents are based on printed and online sources, including Bowman and Harris, Multilateral Treaties: index and current status; the American Society of International Law's International Legal Materials series; and the websites of international organisations. The FIT project was supported by the Foreign Law Research (FLARE) group, whose members are IALS Library, the Bodleian Law Library, the Squire Law Library, the British Library and the SOAS Library.

Flare Index to Treaties: Treaty details	
Title	Convention on biological diversity
Additional keywords	Biodiversity
Date concluded	05/06/1992
Place concluded	Rio de Janeiro
Published in	1760 UNTS 79; UKTS 51 (1995), Cm 2915; Misc 3 (1993), Cm 2127; 31 ILM 818
Check abbreviation	Check abbreviation for Treaty source
Web version1	http://www.biodiv.org/convention/articles.asp
Web version2	http://www.austlii.edu.au/au/other/dfat/treaties/1993/32.html
Extract from the FIT record for the Convention on Biological Diversity	



New Additions to the IALS Library Collections

IALS Library has recently acquired some new law ebook packages; all our ebooks can be found individually on [our library catalogue](#).

- [Cambridge Core Books Online](#) – law collection
- [ElgarOnline](#) law ebook collection including Corporate & Financial Law; International Economic Law; and Public International Law.
- [Westlaw UK](#) – ebook collection – available onsite only.
- Brill International Law ebooks – coming soon...

These are in addition to the ebook packages we already take:

- [Oxford Scholarship Online](#) – law collection
- [Dawson's ebook collection](#)

You can see a list of our new books here – <http://catalogue.libraries.london.ac.uk/search~S6/ftlist%5Ebib98,1,0,7/mode=0>

Here is a small sample of our new books:

The Letters of John Collier by Richard Saville (Sussex Records Society, 2016)

“Being all alone this long evening and in a very pensive mood on the losse of our dear child, and the necessity I was under of comeing from you, and as the post will convey this to you tomorrow evening, I could not devote the time better than in writing to you; and itt's a pleasing satisfaction to me, and I hope not dissagreeable to you”.

*John Collier to his wife after the death of his son,
John, 8th February 1733*

The Sayer MSS comprise one of the most important collections of business and social correspondence involving a Sussex family in the 18th century. The papers describe the rise to affluence and political and social influence of John Collier (1685-1760), five times Mayor of Hastings. Originally from an Eastbourne inn owning family, he trained as an attorney and, when only 20, became town clerk of Hastings. His legal acumen, negotiating skills and boundless energy gave him a key place in the politics of the Cinque Ports; and under the care of the Duke of Newcastle and Henry Pelham he was later appointed Usher and Cryer of the King's Bench, and

received lucrative offices in the Customs of Kent and London in organising the prosecution of smugglers. The letters in this volume explain how his legal and government work was organised and give the reader a vision into the range of work of this Sussex lawyer during the era of Walpole, Newcastle and Pelham.

The correspondence offers valuable insight into the business partnership between Collier and his brother-in-law, William Cranston, located in London. Most of the surviving Collier letters during law terms were destined for Mary Cranston, his second wife, who organised much of his affairs when he was away from Hastings. Their correspondence also offers up much on their social life and illustrates the tragic side, the sufferings of childbirth and the death of children, the effects of disease and ailments, the constant worry over relatives, as well as the wear and tear during the weeks of separation. Political life was rarely far from Collier's concerns. Promoting the Whig interest in East Sussex was a particular concern; and the letters here add to our understanding of how the Whigs advanced their cause in the 1730s and 1740s. Letters also cover weather conditions, travel over the Weald, the connections with London, the social season at Bath and Tunbridge Wells and the effects of legislation upon Hastings townfolk, notably the troubles caused by the smuggling trade.

Introduction to Belgian Labour Law edited by Patrick Humblet and Marc Rigaux (Intersentia, 2016)

This book gives an overall picture of the principles of Belgian labour law, i.e. employment law as well as industrial relations law. It is intended for all those who want to become acquainted with Belgian labour law including foreign law firms, entrepreneurs who want to invest in Belgium, etc. The authors not only describe and analyse the legal aspects of labour relations, but also indicate developing trends in Belgium. The book provides an up-to-date survey of the legislation that is both sufficiently detailed and usefully brief to answer most questions likely to arise in a legal setting. The authors describe all important details of the law governing working hours and wages, benefits, trade union activity, employers' associations, collective bargaining, industrial disputes, and much more. Building on a clear overview of labour law and industrial relations, the book offers practical guidance on which sound decisions in the labour law context may be based.

Environmental Law in New Zealand – Edited by Peter Salmon & David Grinlinton (Thomson Reuters, 2015)

Environmental Law in New Zealand is a significant new and in-depth commentary on the range of distinct but often interconnected areas of law that comprise the field of environmental law.

Editors Hon Peter Salmon QC and Associate Professor David Grinlinton, lead a team of New Zealand's highly regarded academics and practitioners, all of whom provide expert commentary on different aspects of this diverse area of law and policy. These authors have collectively created a work of high quality scholarship which makes a substantial contribution to the jurisprudence on this important and multifaceted area of the Law.

New Resources

New resources to our collection include the [Max Planck Encyclopedia of comparative constitutional law](#)

The Max Planck Encyclopedia of Comparative Constitutional Law is a comprehensive online resource containing analytical comparative articles offering a global overview of constitutional law. Developed with constitutional lawyers, academics, and students in mind, the encyclopedia provides seamless navigation between encyclopedia articles, linking to commentaries and instruments from the Oxford Constitutions of the World and US Constitutional Law products, and through reference pages on the Oxford Law Citator.

German and History at the University of Glasgow, and worked part time at the university library.

Katie joined us in September for a year as our graduate trainee. After studying Modern Languages at undergraduate level, Katie has spent the last year completing a Masters in Applied Linguistics at the University of Birmingham.



She is hoping to pursue a career working in librarianship in the future, and is looking forward to learning more about the library this year, during which she will be dividing her time between Information Resources and Academic Services.

People News

The library welcomes two new members of staff this autumn, Lauren Cummings and Katharine Radford.



Lauren recently finished her graduate library traineeship here at IALS and is delighted to be back, working as Document Delivery Supervisor. In September she started a part time MSc in Library Science at City, University of London, and has received the BIALL Professional Studies Bursary 2017-18. Before coming to IALS she studied

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