Welcome to spring edition of the IALS Library Newsletter.

In this issue we update you with news from the Archive and our Document Supply Service. You can read more about our endeavours to create more online subject guides to assist you with your research, and also to promote the Library to researchers across the country in our 2016 programme of road shows. David Gee reports on the SLS / BIALL annual academic law library survey. Books News highlights a selection of recent titles on foreign and international aspects of constitutional law, and the Spotlight shines on FOGG, a very useful free database of official gazettes from around the world. In other news, IALS Library has recently welcomed delegations from the Indonesian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Kenyan judiciary. See page 6 for further details.

Best wishes,

Lisa Davies
Access Librarian

New Online Library Subject Guides

Two new online subject guides on Human Rights and on Industrial and Intellectual Property have recently been made available onsite and offsite to all Library users at http://libguides.ials.sas.ac.uk/subjects. The online guides have similar content to our printed guides but with additional features. Direct links to the Library Catalogue records for books and journals are available together with suggestions for quality web resources. The web resources have been taken from our Eagle-i internet portal http://ials.sas.ac.uk/eaglei/project/eiproject.htm.

Easter Opening Hours

Please note the following changes to the Library opening hours over Easter 2016.

Maundy Thursday 24th March 2016: 10:00 – 17:30
Good Friday 25th March 2016: Closed
Saturday 26th March 2016: Closed
Easter Sunday 27th March 2016: Closed
Easter Monday 28th March 2016: Closed
Tuesday 29th March 2016: 10:00 – 17:30

Normal opening hours will resume from 09:00 on Wednesday 30th March 2016. The Document Supply service for subscribers will close for the Easter Holiday at 17:00 on Wednesday 24th March 2016 and resume at 09:30 on Wednesday 30th March 2016.
Behind the Scenes at the Document Supply Service

Helen Gaterell, Document Supply Services Supervisor

I have started the New Year in a new role at IALS Library, having moved from the Serials department to manage the busy Document Supply Service. This is a commercial service which operates within the Institute and plays a major role in income generation for the Library. However, it also serves to help IALS maintain its long-standing relationships with other legal institutions by offering subscription-based memberships.

Subscribers are entitled to free entry to the Library and access to our reference service. Subscribers may also request items to be scanned and emailed directly to their firm. One item is defined as either one journal article, one case, one act, or 20 pages from a book. The Institute’s Copyright License allows us to copy and send these to our members and we charge a fee for each item. Members can choose between an Express 60-minute delivery or a Standard same day or next working day delivery. This service enables law firms to access a wider range of material, in particular the large foreign and international collection housed at IALS. At present, Nigerian Weekly Law Reports is our most frequently requested title.

Most of the members of staff at the IALS Library work one session every week on the Document Supply and Reference Desk. During this session they are responsible for dealing with new reference enquiries and receiving document supply orders. They must keep on top of two telephone lines and two email inboxes. Once an order is received it is passed on to the Library Assistant or the Graduate Trainee who will photocopy, scan and email the required items. They must manage the workload when large orders are received, especially if there are multiple Express items in one order!

The Document Supply Service currently has around 140 active members and we aim to increase this in the coming year by conducting customer feedback sessions and actively marketing the service to potential new subscribers.
News from the Archive

Lesley Young, Information Resources Manager

Our cataloguer Melanie Peart recently finished cataloguing new accruals to four of our existing collections, each of which provides a fascinating insight to the history of legal education and information in the UK.

The history of how a society educates its legal profession tells us a lot about it: these are, after all, the people entrusted with codifying the rules that bind that society together. So we’re very lucky to have the records of the Society of Public Teachers of Law (SPTL) among our holdings. Founded in 1909, the SPTL took as its original objects “the furtherance of the cause of legal education in England and Wales, and of the work and interests of public teachers of law therein by holding discussions and enquiries, by publishing documents, and by taking other steps as may from time to time be deemed desirable”. It remained true to its aims over the intervening century, and, as a learned society for legal academics, re-named the Society of Legal Scholars in 2002, it continues to support legal education, research and enquiry through its advocacy, its publications and its
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Those wishing to consult the IALS archive should contact IALS Archivist, Ruth Frendo at ruth.frendo@sas.ac.uk

Searching the FOGG database

The FOGG record for Peru

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Our spring newsletter looks at a selection of recent titles on foreign and international aspects of constitutional law.

Carrubba C and Gabel M J,

The authors begin by presenting a theoretical model showing how a court can facilitate government compliance with an international regulatory regime. They then go on to analyse the rulings of the European Court of Justice and their impact between 1959 and 2000. While acknowledging that the Court does not have the power to enforce its rulings, they note that it can successfully facilitate cooperation with international law albeit within political constraints. In their conclusion they also refer to the similar issues faced within federal court systems such as the United States.

Ferrari G F and O'Dowd J (eds),
*75 Years of the Constitution of Ireland: an Irish-Italian Dialogue* (Clarus Press 2014)

This volume presents essays from a seminar held in 2011 to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Irish constitution. Italian scholars form the majority of the 13 contributors looking at various aspects of the Irish constitution and comparing them to other states such as US and Switzerland, as well as supranational courts. Topics include judicial review of legislation, the role of religion and the growing influence of European civil law on administrative law.

Halmai G,
*Perspectives on Global Constitutionalism: the use of Foreign and International Law* (Eleven International Publishing 2014)

This book looks at the globalisation and convergence of constitutionalism with reference to ten countries including South Africa, Turkey and Hungary. The author analyses the patterns of constitution making in individual jurisdictions, focusing particularly on emerging democracies and noting the increasing use of foreign and international law in national courts especially in human rights cases. He uses case studies on Germany after the Second World War, India and Israel to illustrate his point. The final two chapters look at universal jurisdiction in criminal law, considering multinational treaties and leading cases such as Pinochet and Eichmann. In the preface the author notes that the original Hungarian edition has been supplemented and improved his points in this English edition.

O'Brien D,

This book is part of a continuing series that provides a contextual analysis of individual constitutions throughout the world. It considers the constitutional history and development of the islands and mainland countries of the Caribbean, excluding the British Overseas Territories. Topics include the head of state, electoral systems, the executive, Parliament, the constitutional role of the courts and the implications of regional integration through bodies such as CARICOM and the Caribbean Court of Justice. A final chapter looks at post-independence constitutional reform noting that by 2000 only two countries had enacted new constitutions although several are in the process of considering the issue.

Yap P J,

This title examines the constitutional systems of Hong Kong, Malaysia and Singapore, in particular the structures and traditions that were inherited from the British colonial period, and the major constitutional developments since then. The author reviews the judicial crises that have occurred in each jurisdiction and discusses the process of dialogic judicial review as a solution; in particular focusing on the issues of freedom of expression and religion, the right to equality and the right to due process.

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**Specialist Training for Law Librarians**

Each spring the librarians at the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies provide training on foreign and international law resources for the benefit of new law librarians and graduate trainee librarians. The training was originally devised to provide the Institute’s own in-house graduate trainee librarians with a firm footing in the use of law resources and the audience has since been widened to include graduate trainees from the Inns of Court, the FCO and the British Library, new academic law librarians in the London area and librarians from law firms and barristers’ chambers who are subscribing members of the Library’s commercial document supply service. Four separate half-day sessions are provided on sources of law of the Commonwealth, EU, USA and public international law materials respectively.
Indonesian Visit

On 17th February, a delegation from the Indonesian Ministry of Foreign Affairs visited IALS. Mr Abdulkadir Jailani, Director for Treaties and Legal Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, was accompanied by Ms Gita Murti, First Secretary for Political Affairs at the Indonesian Embassy in London, and Ms Lina Maulidina Rosalind from the Directorate for Treaties and Legal Affairs at the Indonesian Foreign Ministry. Mr Jailani is leading a task force to review the Indonesian law of treaties and was in the UK to conduct a comparative study of UK and Indonesian treaty law. The visitors were greeted by Deputy Librarian David Gee and given a tour of the Library by Hester Swift, the Foreign and International Law Librarian. They were shown key titles from our collection on treaty law and practice, as well as our holdings of the United Kingdom Treaty Series. They also met and had discussions with Dr Stefanou, Director of the Sir William Dale Centre for Legislative Studies.

Interestingly our collection also includes a number of key textbooks covering the period and a very rare typed official transcript of the 1948 Supreme Court of Kenya case on the trial of “Rex v Ngugi Mungai and 16 others”. As this verbatim case transcript is so rare and important in the history of Kenyan independence, IALS Library has decided to digitise it and therefore make it available more widely for legal researchers via our website.

Kenyan Visit

David Gee, IALS Deputy Librarian

On Wednesday 24th and Friday 26th February, a small delegation from the Kenyan judiciary visited IALS Library. Mr Naim Bilal Yaseen, Director (Public Affairs & Communication) led the group which was seeking to find legal documents and books relating to Kenyan Independence on 12th December 1963 in order to contribute to a newly established museum. Apparently many of the key legal documents relating to the transfer of power from Great Britain to Kenya were lost at the time and the high-level delegation were hoping to copy relevant items from our extensive collections.