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IALS Library Autumn Newsletter 2018

Welcome to the new academic year from all of the staff at the IALS Library.

This newsletter is published every term to round up news about the events, training and resources at IALS Library.

Changes are afoot here, as the project to transform the IALS Library space is now well underway. The Library will remain open throughout the works. To read the latest project update, visit our website: http://ials.sas.ac.uk/about-us/news/ials-transformation-project-2018-2020.

For the benefit of new readers, the IALS Library is the national research library for law. Joining IALS Library is free and membership is open to current academic staff and postgraduate research students (MPhil, PhD) from any university. Find out more about how to join the library on our website: https://ials.sas.ac.uk/library/joining-library.

Extended opening hours

Until Sunday 16th June 2019, IALS Library will be operating extended opening hours. The Library will be open as follows:

**Monday - Friday** 9.00am to 11.00pm
(Last admission to Library at 10.45pm)
(Only current IALS Library card or SAScard holders after 7.45pm)

**Saturday** 10.00am to 8.30pm
(Last admission to Library at 8.15pm)
(Only current IALS Library card or SAScard holders after 5.15pm)

**Sunday** 12.30pm to 8.30pm
(Last admission to Library at 8.15pm)
(Only current IALS Library card or SAScard holders)
(Issue & Enquiry Desk is closed on Sunday)

New and improved printing and photocopying

IALS Library has recently introduced a new system for photocopying, printing and scanning. New multifunctional machines have been installed and are available on the 2nd floor. The machines can print and copy in colour, scan to email and support online top-ups.

To find out more about how to create an account, see the guide to Printing, Copying and Scanning on our website at http://libguides.ials.sas.ac.uk/printing.
How to get a PhD in Law

The first How to Get a PhD in Law training day took place on Saturday 24 November. Further training days will be held in February and May 2019. These days provide a chance for informative discussion, legal research guidance and opportunities for networking. PhD and MPhil law students from across the UK are invited to attend.

You are welcome to book for one or more sessions as fits best for you.

Day Two: The PhD journey: Supervision, research ethics and preparing yourself for upgrade and vivas
Thursday 28th February 2019
Book: https://ials.sas.ac.uk/events/event/16868

Day Three: Researching, disseminating and publishing in the digital world
Friday 10th May 2019
Book: https://ials.sas.ac.uk/events/event/16869

New and updated Library Guides

Over the summer, the IALS Library staff updated a number of our helpful Library Guides. The guides are designed to assist you with using the IALS Library and conducting legal research. Amongst the updated guides are our guides to public international law and the United Nations, as well as the following jurisdictions: Argentina, Brazil, Canada, Hong Kong, India and Uganda.

We have also created a brand new jurisdiction guide to Zambia. This guide outlines key resources for the researcher interested in the law of Zambia, covering the constitution, legislation, law reports and official publications. The guide also refers researchers to a selection of relevant books, journals and websites.

The Library Guides are available from the IALS website: http://ials.sas.ac.uk/library/ials-collections/ials-library-guides.

New e-resources at IALS Library
Liz Murray, Information Resources Manager

IALS Library has purchased a number of key legal resources over the last year, as part of its continued investment in e-resources, along with print. All these new resources are available in full-text offline as well as onsite to all our library users and can be accessed from the Electronic Law Library http://ials.sas.ac.uk/library/legal-databases-and-digital-resources/electronic-law-library.

Brill Online Books
http://catalogue.libraries.london.ac.uk/record=b3399621~S6
This year, we have extended our collection of Brill ebooks to include:

- International Law 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018
- Human Rights Law 2017 and 2018

Cambridge Core Books Online
http://catalogue.libraries.london.ac.uk/record=b3389770~S6
IALS Library has signed up for another year of the full collection of the Cambridge Law ebooks.

Collected Courses of the Hague Academy of International Law
http://catalogue.libraries.london.ac.uk/record=b2679876~S6
This is the Hague Academy’s flagship collection. These contributions by prestigious authors deal with the theoretical and practical aspects of the subject, including legislation and case law.

International Encyclopedia of Comparative Law Online
http://catalogue.libraries.london.ac.uk/record=b3498326~S6
Offers full-text searching across all archival content published in this renowned reference work over the last three decades. The Encyclopedia is the first broad, systematic and international compendium of comparative law. It incorporates not only detailed descriptions of the legal systems of more than 150 countries but, above all, thoroughly documented comparative analyses of the main issues in civil and commercial law and related issues world-wide.

Oxford Scholarly Authorities on International Law
http://catalogue.libraries.london.ac.uk/record=b3419675~S6
OSAIL contains full-text online editions of market-leading reference works and treatises published by Oxford University Press, such as Oppenheim, and the Oxford Commentaries on International Law.

We always welcome feedback and suggestions for new resources – liz.murray@sas.ac.uk.
Bellow is just a small selection of some of our new books at IALS Library. You can see the full list on our new books page: [http://ials.sas.ac.uk/library/ials-collections/new-additions-library/](http://ials.sas.ac.uk/library/ials-collections/new-additions-library/).


**Self-Determination in Disputed Colonial Territories**  
**Jamie Trinidad** (Cambridge University Press, 2018)

Self-Determination in Disputed Colonial Territories addresses the relationship between self-determination and territorial integrity in some of the most difficult decolonization cases in international law. It investigates historical cases, such as Hong Kong and the French and Portuguese territories in India, as well as cases that remain very much alive today, such as the Western Sahara, Gibraltar, the Falkland Islands and the Chagos Islands. This book provides a comprehensive analysis of colonial territories that are, or have been, the subject of adverse third-party claims, invariably by their neighbouring states. Self-Determination in Disputed Colonial Territories takes a contextual, historical approach to mapping the existing law and will be of interest to international lawyers, as well as scholars of international relations and students of the history of decolonization.

This volume is part of the Cambridge Studies in International and Comparative Law series.

**A Sociology of Justice in Russia**  
**Marina Kurkchiyan, Agnieszka Kubal** (Cambridge University Press, 2018)

“Much of the academic literature, analytical reports and media commentary suggest that the justice system in Russia is unreliable, corrupt and therefore ineffective [...]. Scholars and practitioners alike stress the numerous dysfunctionalities of the Russian justice system. They say it does not provide equal access to justice, it does not treat its litigants fairly, its enforcement of rights and obligations is erratic and it suffers from what some scholars describe as “telephone law” (telephone justice)” - Introduction.

In this collection, which aims to look beyond Western preconceptions of the Russian legal system, scholars address these stereotypes through empirical research, court observations, interviews with legal professionals and analysis of historical, social and political factors to illuminate the complexities of legal culture in post-Soviet Russia and to argue for a more nuanced understanding. Offering unique insights, it will be of interest to all students of comparative law.

**Commentaries on European Contract Laws**  
**Nils Jansen, Reinhard Zimmermann** (Oxford University Press, 2018)

After the collapse of the European Commission's plans to codify European contract law, this landmark volume reflects on what has been achieved over the last decades and offers an assessment of the current situation through critical examination and comparison of the relevant reference texts, from the CISG to the Draft Common European Sales Law. Further, the discussion considers the historical and comparative backgrounds of these texts, to investigate whether they can be considered to constitute a common core of European contract law, and what they can contribute to its further development.

- Provides rule-by-rule commentaries on European contract law (general contract law, consumer contract law, the law of sale and related services)
- All relevant reference texts (from the CISG to the Draft Common European Sales Law) are critically examined
- Adopts a broad perspective and an integrative approach

**By all means necessary: Protecting civilians and preventing mass atrocities in Africa**  
**Dan Kuwali and Frans Viljoen** (Pretoria University Law Press, 2017)

Recent times have witnessed civilians increasingly becoming the main casualties of violence, often deliberately targeted rather than merely caught up in armed conflict, leading to a high toll on life and the livelihoods of civilians around the globe, and particularly in Africa.

In this collection of papers presented at the Colloquium on the Protection of Civilians in Armed Conflict (Pretoria 2014), whose aim was to consider the legal, procedural and practical challenges in the implementation of measures to protect civilians in armed conflicts and prevent mass atrocities, contributors examine the notion of “responsibility to protect” and its relationship to relevant African Union legislation and the "protection of civilians".

They further examine the scope and effectiveness of states' obligations under international human rights law, international humanitarian law, and the law relating to vulnerable populations in armed conflict.
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People News

Naomi Reeve

The Library has recently welcomed a new member of staff, Naomi Reeve. Naomi joined the Library team in September as our new graduate trainee. Naomi completed an undergraduate degree in French and German at the University of Bristol and has previously worked as a library assistant at Rothamsted Agricultural Research Library in Harpenden. During her year as graduate trainee, Naomi will gain experience working in both the Academic Services and Information Resources teams.

Catherine Williams

Catherine Williams joined IALS in November as our new archivist. Catherine is a very experienced archivist who, in addition to experience in dealing with enquiries and archive cataloguing, also has experience of fund-raising and digitising archives at the BBC and The National Archives.

Steven Whittle

Steve Whittle, IALS Digital Manager, retired from the IALS Library at the end of September 2018 after 35 years of improving the library and helping the staff and students who use and value it.

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