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## IALS Library Newsletter June 2012

### Hello from everyone at IALS Library!

Let's hope that the sunshine and warm weather of late May continue into June and July. There will be lots of excitement in London for the Olympic Games, 27 July to 12 August, but we can assure you that it will be business as usual at IALS and we plan to open throughout the summer months, with our usual vacation opening hours (Monday to Friday 09:00 – 20:00, and Saturday 10:00 – 17:30). The key message is: if you plan to visit London this summer, allow yourself more time to move about, as the public transport network will be busier than usual and there will be traffic restrictions in some areas. Read more below.

In this issue, we report on the good outcomes of the reader satisfaction survey 2012, on the national training day on 23rd May "How to Get a PhD in Law", and on a fascinating new online resource to help scholars of Early English Law. Our books page considers some recent titles on international criminal law.

Contact us at any time if we can help you with IALS Library collections and services!

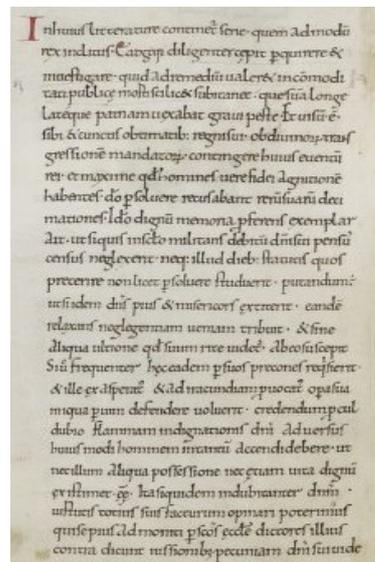
Best wishes from us all.

Gerry Power, IALS Access Librarian

### Early English Laws Website Launched

Early English Laws was launched in March 2012 and can be found on the web at <http://www.earlyenglishlaws.ac.uk/> It aims to provide new editions, translations and commentary of almost 150 laws made between circa 600 AD and the first issue of Magna Carta in 1215. The

project is a collaboration between the Institute of Historical Research of the University of London and the Department of Digital Humanities at King's College, London. Funding for the first 3 years of the project, 2009-2011, was provided by the Arts and Humanities Research Council.



Digital reproduction of manuscript relating to canon law (Corpus Christi College, Cambridge)

High-quality reproductions of over 70 manuscripts are presented, with "Open Book" views to turn the page, or folio, on screen and to zoom in and out on the text, as required. Also, many standard editions of early laws have been digitised and are presented in the "Open Book" format.

The project intends to transform the way these texts are used for scholarship, to provide essays on law, history, palaeography, archaeology and related disciplines, and to allow scholars to register with the site in order to share interpretations of different texts.



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## IALS Library Reader Satisfaction Survey 2012

A survey of readers was carried out between Monday 19th March and Sunday 25th March 2012 in order to find out how satisfied readers are with the library's collections and information services.

In total 183 completed survey forms were returned, of which 112 were from LLM students or other postgraduate taught course students, 39 from academic and research staff, and 27 from postgraduate research degree students. Respondents did not always answer every question.

As in the last 2 years, the top rating was for helpfulness of the staff, at 99.43%, with range of books at 95.53%, range of journals at 94.8%, range of electronic journals and databases at 94.77%, overall satisfaction at 93.96%, electronic training sessions at 92.81%, and opening hours at 92.04%. The library is particularly pleased to note that the rating for opening hours is above 90% for the first time since the inception of the survey. The extremely positive reaction in the 2012 survey to this means we are planning to offer the longer opening hours from October to mid-June in 2012/2013.

You can read the full report of the survey on the IALS website at [http://ials.sas.ac.uk/library/satisfaction\\_survey\\_results\\_2012.htm](http://ials.sas.ac.uk/library/satisfaction_survey_results_2012.htm)

Thanks very much for all your feedback. Your comments and ratings help us very much to keep our services and collections on track!

*Laura Griffiths*  
Assistant Librarian,  
Academic Services

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### Follow Us on Twitter and Find Us On Facebook!

IALS now has a presence on Twitter. Follow us @IALS\_law. You can view lots of photos and keep up with IALS events on our Facebook page. Just follow the links on the IALS website home page!



Facebook members can find IALS at the "Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, University of London". There are many photos of the recent national training day for PhD students, held at IALS on the 23rd May and entitled "Preparing yourself for the Vivas. Getting yourself known - presenting skills, publishing your work, and networking." This event attracted 64 researchers from law schools around the UK, and got very good feedback. View the programme on the IALS events page. IALS hopes to offer the popular "How to Get a PhD in Law" national training days again in the next academic year, so please keep an eye on the website and on our Twitter feed for more details which will be available around November 2012.

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### Building Works at the IALS During the Summer

There will be some building works at IALS during the Summer, on the ground floor and on floor L1. The works will not affect the Library, which will remain open as usual. Work will start on floor L1 on 11 June and is due to finish on 6 July. There will be major work closing the Ground floor for 8 weeks from 16 July to 7 September. This will necessitate an alternative entrance at L1 level.

The building works are part of a programme of modernisation over several years. We will start the new academic year with much improved facilities. If you need any more information on the building works, please contact us by phone or e-mail, but please be assured that the Library will be open throughout the summer.

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### Olympic Games in London in Summer 2012

The Summer of 2012 is extra special in the UK, with the celebration of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in June, and the Olympic Games in London during July and August. If you plan to visit IALS at 17 Russell Square during July or August, please be sure to allow extra time to move about London!

The Olympic Games will take place in London from 27 July to 12 August 2012. The IALS Library intends to open for its normal hours during July and August, but please note that there will be travel disruption throughout London before and during the Games, and that Russell Square has been designated as the Games Media Transport Hub, which will cause

additional local transport disruption in the Bloomsbury area. Please check the IALS website in advance of your visit to find out if any IALS services are at risk, and please allow extra time to travel within London during July and August.

You can also phone us during opening hours throughout the Summer on 020 7862 5790, if you want to check in advance if any of our library and information services are at risk. Just to remind you that the IALS Library planned opening hours throughout the Summer will be Monday – Friday 09:00 – 20:00, and Saturday 10:00 – 17:30.

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## Housekeeping in the Library in June

A team of book cleaners will be working on the 2nd floor of the Library in June. They will be in over 7 weekdays between the 18th and 26th June. They will not be working over the weekend.

The 2nd floor will be temporarily closed between 9 am and 5 pm on these days. Library staff will offer a fetching service for books shelved on the 2nd floor from the 4th floor Issue and Enquiry desk during these hours. Between 5.00 and 8.00pm, readers will be able to go down to the 2nd floor themselves. Just ask at the Library Issue and Enquiry desk if you need any help or have any questions!

This project is part of a continuing programme intended to protect our national research collections and to provide a more pleasant research environment for readers

*Lesley Young,  
IALS Library Information Resources Manager*

We can help you to:

- Get the most out of databases for cases, legislation and journal articles
- Use a variety of resource discovery tools online and in print
- Find material in languages other than English, if you need it
- Discuss your information needs for your dissertation
- Cite your sources correctly and accurately for footnotes and bibliography
- Use Microsoft Word effectively to manage your document

It's easy to book an appointment. Just sign up on one of the available time slots at the Issue and Enquiry Desk. Appointments can be booked on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursday afternoons and Friday mornings for reference and database advice, and indeed at other times for help with MS Word. We can book appointments for any academic member, whether taught masters, MPhil / PhD, or academic staff. You can also phone us on 020 7862 5790 or send us an e-mail to [ials@sas.ac.uk](mailto:ials@sas.ac.uk)



The focus of the 2012 W.G.Hart Legal Workshop to be held in June (details on the IALS website) will be globalisation, criminal law and criminal justice. Here is a selection of recent books on international criminal law available in the Library.

Henham, R & Findlay, M eds, *Exploring the boundaries of international criminal justice*. (Ashgate, 2011, ISBN 9780754649793)

This collection of essays by contributors from a number of countries is divided into 2 sections. The first section looks at justice in post-conflict societies including accountability and victim expectations and the second part covers global governance and international criminal courts.

Forde, M. & Kelly, K, *Extradition law and transnational criminal procedure* 4th ed. (Roundhall, 2011, ISBN 9781858006222)



**Book an appointment during the summer if you want an advice session!**

With most of the exams behind us by mid-June, masters students and other researchers will be working on their dissertations during the Summer. Don't forget that the IALS Library can offer you an individual advice session if you need it! You can book an appointment for 30 minutes and talk to one of our friendly librarians.

This title looks at the European arrest warrant and other aspects of extradition from an Irish point of view. They note that the EAW system has expanded considerably since the last edition of their book leading to a substantial body of case law. Apart from Ireland, they discuss legislation and cases from the European Court of Human Rights and several common law jurisdictions including the UK, Australia, Canada, New Zealand and the USA. Appendices provide the texts of relevant Irish acts and a few selected international documents.

Cohen, P & Marriott, A., eds. *International corruption* (Thomson Reuters, 2010, ISBN 9780414041721). The contributors review legislation in a number of jurisdictions including the US, Brazil, Australia, Hong Kong India. They look at the OECD anti-bribery convention and the problems with implementation. The last few chapters look at specific areas such as international mergers and acquisitions and the book ends with a discussion of the key elements of an effective anti-corruption programme.

Meron, T. *The making of international justice: a view from the bench: selected speeches* (Oxford University Press, 2011, ISBN 97801996089). From the perspective of his long experience as legal scholar and judge, Meron has selected a number of speeches that between them provide an account of the development of the international criminal justice system. The final section looks at the responsibility and role of the judge.

Ouwerkerk, J. *Quid pro quo? a comparative law perspective on the mutual recognition of judicial decisions in criminal matters* (Intersentia, 2011 ISBN 9789400001763)

This comparative view begins with general principles and the problems that arise within the European Union context. It goes on to look at the situation in two federal jurisdictions, Switzerland and the US with their long experience of accepting and enforcing judicial decisions handed down in another jurisdiction. Finally the author directly compares all three jurisdictions directly with the aim of pointing up lessons that can be learned.

*Lesley Young,  
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View a list of new books at IALS Library on our [acquisitions](http://ials.sas.ac.uk/library/acquisitions.htm) list online at <http://ials.sas.ac.uk/library/acquisitions.htm>

## People news

Congratulations to IALS Librarian and Associate Director, Jules Winterton, who will be awarded the Joseph L. Andrews Bibliographical Award in 2012 by

the American Association of Law Libraries. Jules will receive the award jointly with Professor Richard Danner, Library Director at Duke Law School, Duke University, Durham, North Carolina, for the book which they co-edited and which was published in 2011, *The IALL International Handbook of Legal Information Management*.



*David Gee, IALS Deputy Librarian*

Congratulations also to IALS Deputy Librarian, David Gee! David was recently presented with his Chartered Management Institute (CMI) Level 5 Diploma in Management and Leadership by the University of London Vice-Chancellor, Professor Geoffrey Crossick, at a Graduation Ceremony in the University's Chancellor's Hall, Senate House. David successfully studied for his CMI Level 5 Diploma (which is equivalent to degree-level) during 2011.

Welcome to Joseph Semugabi, who is visiting IALS Library for his library placement during May. Joseph is the Chief Librarian at the Law Development Centre (LDC), Kampala, Uganda.



*Joseph Semugabi (left) seated with Lesley Young and David Gee*

During his two weeks at IALS, he is following a busy programme of training, discussions with senior staff, and visits to other law libraries in London. Joseph will give a talk on law libraries in Uganda to the IALS Library staff on 1st June.

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