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IALS Summer 2013 Newsletter

Best wishes from the library team at IALS Global Law Library.

If you will be using the Library over the summer please read on to find out how our refurbishment work and summer opening hours will affect your visit. Also in this issue we announce the results of the latest reader satisfaction survey, introduce you to some additional law resources you can access via the Justis database and fill you in on improvements to the library's classification system.

In training news we report on the completion of this year's UK road shows and remind you of the training opportunities that are on offer throughout the summer vacation. And in people news we hear from Jules Winterton, IALS Librarian, who has recently been appointed Director of the Institute.

With best wishes,

Lisa Davies, Access Librarian



IALS in summer

IALS Summer Opening Hours 15 June to 13 September

Monday to Friday: 09:00 to 20:00
(Last admission to Library at 19:45)

Saturday: 10:00 to 17:30
(Last admission to Library at 17:15)

Sunday: Closed

The library will close to readers at 17:00 on Friday 13th September 2013 for its annual stocktake and will reopen at 09:00 on Monday 30th September 2013.



Results of Reader Satisfaction Survey 2013

Laura Griffiths, Academic Services Librarian

This year's annual reader survey made welcome reading for the IALS Library. The same questions we have been marking ourselves on were once again made available to all readers, both here in the library and remotely. The overall satisfaction rate (those who indicated they were either often or usually satisfied) was 97.09% (93.96 % in 2012). This excellent score is only just short of our all-time high in 2009 of 98.39, and most likely reflects approbation of our recent improvements to services such as an improved café and longer opening hours.

As per the last 3 years, the top rating was for helpfulness of the staff, at 97.69% with overall satisfaction at 97.09%, range of books at 95.53%, and electronic training



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sessions at 93.51%. The fact that the rating for our electronic training sessions has remained above 90% for the sixth year running is particularly gratifying as we have expanded and developed these, and this result clearly shows that researchers and students view our annual programme of training sessions as a major value-added service. We were also very pleased to note that our rating for range of books has retained the 90% plus rating it has received every year since its inception, underlining our importance as a national research resource.

The full results of the survey are as follows:

Question	% of respondents who ticked often or always satisfied	
	2012	2013
Range of books?	95.53%	91.91%
Sufficient copies of core LLM textbooks?	82.11%	79.7%
Range of journals?	94.8%	87.21%
Range of electronic journals and databases?	94.77%	86.91%
Ease of use of library catalogue?	88.38%	86.39%
Quality of computing facilities?	86.62%	88.96%
Availability of PCs?	79.38%	82.72%
Photocopiers?	78.13%	81.48%
Printing?	80.14%	82.17%
Cost of photocopying / printing?	55.77%	55.77%
Helpfulness of library staff?	99.43%	97.69%
Electronic training sessions?	92.81%	93.51%
Study facilities?	87.65%	89.09%
Study environment – noise?	82.46%	85.62%
Study environment – heating?	45.19%	64.67%
Opening times?	92.04%	87.21%
Closing times?	87.57%	85.46%
More materials available in the library or more lending?		
- in library	61.67%	73.41%
- more lending	38.33%	26.59%
Overall, how satisfied?	93.96%	97.09%

Refurbishment of IALS Library

David Gee, Deputy Librarian

A programme of planned refurbishment work will be continuing at the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies from Mid-June to the end of September 2013. During the three-month improvement project sections of Floor L1 and Non-Library sections of Floor L2 will remain closed to the public for which we apologise.

The project is planned to start in mid-June 2013 and is due to be completed by the end of September 2013. During the three-month improvement project Floor L2 will remain closed to the public for which we apologise.

The following areas on these floors **will be affected** :

- L1 - All seminar rooms and the Lecture Theatre
- L1 - Ladies WC (nearest available Ladies WC is on the 5th Floor)
- L1 - Lockers will be relocated to the Ground Floor
- L2 - Non-Library areas

The following areas on these floors **will be open as usual** :

- L1 - Queen Mary Intellectual Property Archive tries
- L1 - Disabled WC
- L1 - Disabled access and lift access to rest of building
- L2 - Library Reading Room L2

Otherwise IALS and IALS Global Law Library will be open as usual. The Library Reading Room on Floor L2 will be open as usual.

Please also note that our collection of University of London PhD theses in law and some of the archive material held at IALS **will not be available** from mid-June to the completion of the project.

The work this year is the second phase in a major programme of modernisation, scheduled over several years, which will upgrade the building infrastructure at 17 Russell Square and include improvements to our working environment such as the heating system and cooling facilities as well as upgrades to the public spaces, events rooms and areas of our Library.

We will aim to minimise disruption caused by this essential work and look forward to starting the new academic year with much improved facilities.



Library floor L2

If you have any questions about this refurbishment project, please do not hesitate to contact me at David.Gee@sas.ac.uk or on 020 7862 5822. (revised 19 June 2013)



International Law Reports and other new additions to Justis database

Hester Swift, Foreign and International Law Librarian

The Library has recently extended its Justis subscription to cover three new modules, as well as the JustCite search facility and citator. The new modules are International Law Reports, Singapore Law Reports and Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court cases.

The International Law Reports module is an online version of Cambridge University Press's prestigious ILR series, 1919 onwards. IALS has the print edition as well, of course, and will continue to receive new volumes. The Singapore Law Reports module includes an archive of cases not included in the print series, which takes its coverage back to 1965, as against 1992 for the print edition. IALS will continue to subscribe to the printed version as well. The Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court module does not have a print equivalent. It covers judgments from both divisions of the ECSC - the High Court and the Court of Appeal - from 2003 onwards.

The Cases screen on Justis is set up to search all seven of the law report modules now included in IALS Library's subscription: International Law Reports, Singapore Law Reports, Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court, Bermuda Law Reports, Justis Jamaican Cases, Justis BVI Cases and EU Cases. If you do not want to search everything, select one or more titles by clicking on 'Data Sources' (to the right of the search form).

JustCite is a search tool covering cases, legislation and journal articles; it is also a case and legislation citator. It covers cases from multiple jurisdictions, mostly common law, and uses a ranking system to flag up the leading cases on a given topic. It covers UK and Irish legislation only. Most of the journals covered are published in the UK, though they may focus on the law of other jurisdictions. The JustCite search box is at the bottom of the Justis home page; there are also links to JustCite data throughout the Justis database.

The unusual feature of JustCite is that it links to the full text of cases, legislation and articles on other databases, for example Lexis Library, Oxford Journals, as well as the various modules of Justis itself. It also links to free websites, such as the Irish Statute Book and the British and Irish Legal Information Institute. JustCite could therefore be seen as a multi-database search engine, but it does not cover all the databases to which IALS Library subscribes.

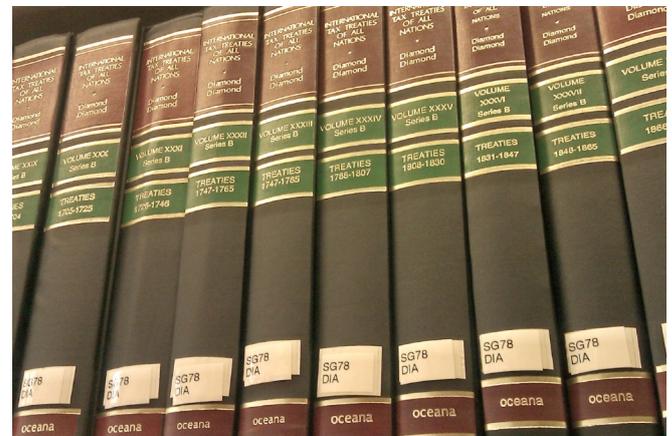
Justis is available remotely to all academic members of IALS Library. To log in, go to the [Electronic Law Library](#) page of the website and select 'Justis.com'. You will need to enter your name and the barcode from your IALS Library card. If you are at IALS, using one of our computers ID and password are not required.

Updating IALS classification scheme

Lesley Young, Information Resources Manager

IALS Library uses an in-house classification scheme which was devised for its unique collections in the early years of the Institute. Over the years the scheme has been adjusted to take account of new developments in legal research but there has been no major update. We needed to take action to make it easier to use both for researchers and for Library staff and to improve the arrangement of monographs on the open access shelves.

Two general areas required attention: the development of new areas of legal research and the appearance of new jurisdictions.



As new research topics have evolved they have been accommodated within existing classmarks containing broadly related subjects rather than allocated their own. Therefore several classmarks are now too general and contain too many topics which make it difficult for researchers to locate material easily. Over time, there have been major political changes which have led to changes in legal systems and the creation of new states. These have been put at the same classmark as their predecessor which does not reflect their current legal status.

The Library has decided at this time not to reclassify to a completely different scheme such as the Library of Congress, a general scheme used in many large academic libraries, or the Moys classification for legal materials. When the Library's classification scheme was created in the late 1940's the notation was designed to allow for expansion within individual classmarks and so it is feasible to update the scheme in sections. The recent publication of the new 2013 edition of the Moys scheme will allow us to take advantage of an up to date and detailed legal thesaurus.

In January, the Library began a short project to investigate what changes to the classification could be carried out to address these issues within existing resources and what the consequences of such decisions would be. We are looking at three main areas: identifying and prioritising the subjects most in need of subdivision within classes SG and SA; considering how our classification of common law subjects in classmark SJ should be amended in the light of the changes in the way in which research is conducted; and identifying which jurisdictions in our geographic classmarks GA to GU need to be updated. After some discussion it was decided to retain the Library's existing relatively simple notation which is clear and easy to read at the shelf rather than introduce more complex characters in an effort to express detailed relationships between subjects.

We began by reviewing the structure of the scheme, looking at the way it works at the shelves and conducting catalogue searches in order to identify areas in need of updating and the numbers of titles involved. We then carried out two small pilot projects on different parts of the classification, selecting international tax law and the new Central, Eastern and South-eastern European states. Titles on international tax law were originally classified at SG75, international economic law. This is a large section that includes topics such as international environmental law, offshore banking and international trade. We reclassified 179 volumes to the new classmark SG78. In the second project we allocated a new range of classmarks, GO51 to GO70, to the end of the existing range of country classmarks to accommodate the new jurisdictions. These pilots have given us a good idea of the issues that can arise; the skill sets and number of staff who need to be involved at different stages to make policy decisions and resolve queries; and the amount of time required to identify, reclassify and re-label, then to create space and re-shelve volumes in the new location.

We shall produce a final report to document our experiences. We have already noted that the most time consuming parts are the initial preparation of the new classmark structure in a particular subject area and also the time and effort required to create space for the reclassified volumes. By the end of the project

in July we should be able to produce a prioritised list for future small scale projects and have efficient workflow procedures in place based on practical experience as well as a good sense of the resources required.

Training news

Lisa Davies, Access Librarian

Using Microsoft Word for Dissertations hands-on sessions

As promised, we will be running additional Using Microsoft Word for Dissertations training in June and July. The sessions will cover technical aspects of using Word, including formatting text, generating a table of contents, adding footnotes, page numbers and bibliographies. They will take place on 17th & 19th June, and 1st, 3rd, 8th and 10th July on the 4th floor of the Library. Please contact us to book your place. Don't forget that one-to-one sessions are still available through-out the summer vacation.

Successful series of road shows for 2012/13



We are very pleased to announce the successful completion of our series of Library road shows for the current academic year.

During the road show series, librarians from the Institute travelled to universities across the country to talk to law researchers and academics about the national role of the Institute and to highlight the wide range of resources, collections, expertise and training available to them at the IALS Library. The sessions also included demonstrations of the national legal

research tools developed by the Institute, which are freely available online and available to legal researchers across the globe.

Over 100 academics, researchers and law librarians from eight universities attended the road shows, with many signing up for a reader ticket on the day.

The programme included the following universities:

- Aberystwyth University (with attendees also from Bangor University)
- The University of Hull
- The University of Kent
- The University of Manchester
- Plymouth University
- The University of Sheffield
- Swansea University

The IALS Library team would like to sincerely thank all of the law schools and librarians for their hospitality and assistance in arranging the sessions.

If you would like the IALS Global Law Library to come to your law school, please contact Lisa Davies, Access Librarian on 020 7862 5821 or email: lisa.davies@sas.ac.uk.

People news

Jules Winterton appointed as Director of the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies

It is with pleasure that we announce the appointment of Jules Winterton to the post of Director of the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies. Jules has been the Librarian of the Institute for many years and will now be combining the posts of Director and Librarian. The Library team would like to take this opportunity to concur with the recent comments of Lord Hope, Chair of the Advisory Council, in welcoming Jules to the role and also in thanking Professor Avrom Sherr for his successful tenure and distinguished service to the Institute.



Jules Winterton

Let us finish with a message from Jules:

"I believe that the role of the Institute, as recently refined by HEFCE, is exceptionally important to legal research nationally and to our local constituencies. The Institute has the potential to do much more. It is a matter of real pride to have the opportunity to make a further contribution to the Institute's development and I shall dedicate myself to that task. I am grateful to all those within the Institute, not least Professor Sherr, and to those colleagues from other institutions, who have supported the Institute and encouraged me personally."

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