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## IALS Spring 2013 Newsletter

**Greetings from everyone at the IALS library and welcome to the first newsletter of 2013.**

We look forward to being of service to all legal researchers, law schools and librarians during the year ahead. Please don't hesitate to contact us by phone or email if we can be of assistance. Or even better; come to visit us in person! We are always pleased to welcome visiting researchers and librarians to our library in Bloomsbury. If you're planning a visit to London do get in touch to arrange a library tour or to discuss your information needs. Don't forget you can keep up-to-date with events at IALS and library news by visiting our [Facebook](#) page or by following us on [Twitter](#).



Lisa Davies, Access Librarian

In this issue we report on the digitisation of an historic overview of the development of Jersey law. We announce new additions to the free online collection of IALS Masters students' dissertations. We highlight forthcoming training opportunities for legal research students. We announce an exciting collaboration with the Ghana Institute of Advanced Legal Studies. We introduce you to Eleanor Dale, the newest member of the library team. And on our books page we highlight some interesting new acquisitions to our books collection.

With best wishes,

*Lisa Davies, Access Librarian*



### Using Microsoft Word for Dissertations hands-on sessions

If you're an LLM or MA student your thoughts will now be turning towards your dissertation. We know that this can be a daunting time so we're running some hands-on training sessions on Microsoft Word. The sessions will help you with document layout, page numbering, footnotes, table of contents and bibliography, and will include other tips and tricks to make dissertation writing a little less stressful. The sessions will take place on 5 March and 14 March from 10:00 to 12:00 and further dates will be announced in the Summer. Sign up at the Library Enquiry Desk. If you can't make these dates please get in touch to arrange a one-to-one session with a computer services librarian.



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## How to Get a PhD in Law – book your place on the forthcoming National Training Days

This Spring we are running two national training days in the “How to Get a PhD in Law” series, each focusing on different aspects of the PhD process. The training days are aimed at MPhil and PhD students registered at universities across the UK and other interested researchers.

The session on 16th March covers legal research skills, literature reviews, qualitative and quantitative research methods and comparative legal research. Visit our website for a more detailed programme and to register: <http://events.sas.ac.uk/events/view/12063>

The session on 22nd May concentrates on preparing for the mini-Viva and the Viva, presenting skills, publishing research, and preparing for the Ethics Committee. The detailed programme and registration form is available on our website: <http://events.sas.ac.uk/events/view/12333>

Feedback from previous sessions has been extremely positive and researchers have commented on how much they value meeting other law PhD students from across the country and the opportunity to discuss the challenges of the research process. Here are some comments from researchers who attended the training day that was held in November:

*“The course today has been invaluable”*

*“I found the two professors inspiring”*

*“The course has proved very helpful to establish what is required of a PhD student and when”*

## Historic overview of the development of Jersey law digitised by IALS

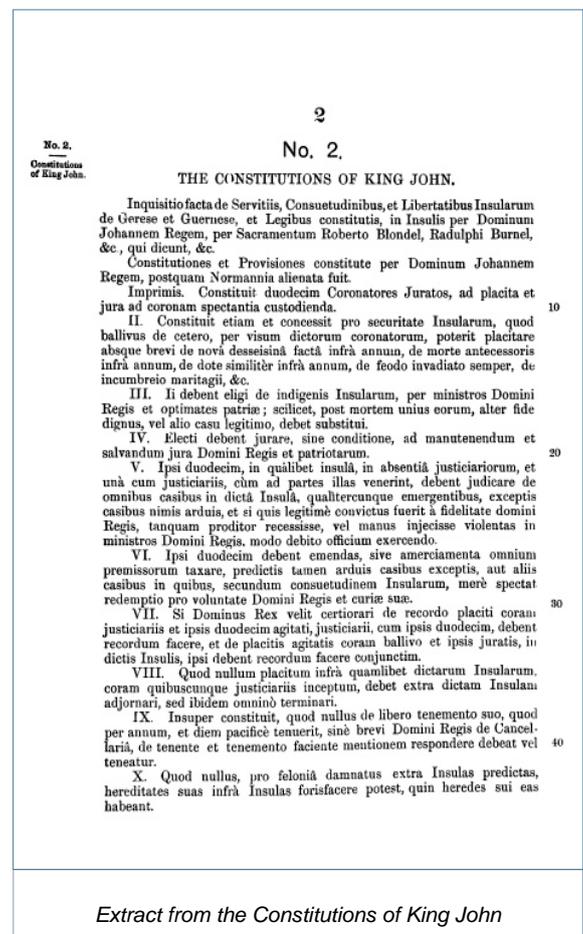
*Steven Whittle, Information Systems Manager*

IALS has just completed work on the digitisation of an appendix volume from the Petition of 1890 in the Privy Council by the States of the Island of Jersey. The digital version is freely available on the IALS website in full-text searchable PDF format:

[http://ials.sas.ac.uk/news/Digital\\_Jersey\\_new.htm](http://ials.sas.ac.uk/news/Digital_Jersey_new.htm)

The appendix volume, originally presented to the Institute by the States of Jersey, provides a brief history of the development of law in the Channel Island of Jersey through featured extracts from historic legal instruments and significant cases, including:

- The Constitutions of King John
- Letter of Henry III to Inhabitants of Guernsey and Jersey
- Pleas de Quo Warranto - Jersey 1324
- Charter of Edward IV
- Charter of Henry IV
- Charter of Henry VI
- Charter of Henry VII
- Charter of Queen Elizabeth
- Extract from Ordinance of James I
- Charter of Charles II
- Act of States on presentation of the Code
- Report of the Lords of the Committee of Council for the Affairs of Jersey and Guernsey 1771
- Registration of Pardon by Order in Council 1793 (Inglesent)
- Registration of Pardon by Royal Warrant 1836 (Caillot)



The appendix is an example from an important collection of rare related decision records and documents from the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council held by IALS.

These texts are far more detailed than the 8,000 reported decisions (already available on BAILII).

They can include: the case for the appellant and the case for the respondent prepared by their solicitors and records of pleadings and prior court proceedings. IALS is working on a project to raise the discoverability, visibility and usability of the documents.

More information about the Privy Council Decisions Documents collection at IALS is available on our website at:

[http://ials.sas.ac.uk/library/pcdocs/pcddd\\_project.htm](http://ials.sas.ac.uk/library/pcdocs/pcddd_project.htm)

More information about IALS Digital collections is available on our website at:

<http://ials.sas.ac.uk/library/digital/digital.htm>

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## More Masters dissertations from IALS students available online

*Steven Whittle, Information Systems Manager*

A number of new Masters dissertations from IALS students (LLM and MA) are now freely available in the IALS student collection on SAS-Space:

<http://sas-space.sas.ac.uk/view/collections/ialstud.html>

These dissertations have been written by recent students, awarded a distinction or merit, specialising in areas of Legislative Drafting, Taxation and International corporate governance, financial regulation and economic law.

You can find out more about: bilingual legislation, post-legislative scrutiny, regulatory controls in multinational enterprises, and the *Permanent Establishment* concept under tax treaties.

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## The Institute of Advanced Legal Studies' Legal Research Guides selected by Columbia Law School

16 legal research guides written by library staff at the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies have been included in one of Columbia Law School's Foreign Law Research Guides. The guide is called *A Selective List of Guides to Foreign Legal Research* and can be viewed on the following page of the Columbia Law School website:

[http://library.law.columbia.edu/guides/A\\_Selective\\_List\\_of\\_Guides\\_to\\_Foreign\\_Legal\\_Research](http://library.law.columbia.edu/guides/A_Selective_List_of_Guides_to_Foreign_Legal_Research)

## Collaboration news

The Institute of Advanced Legal Studies is assisting with the strategic planning of the Ghana Institute of Advanced Legal Studies. IALS is helping with the creation of a legal information centre and library at the new headquarters building of GIALS in Accra and has recently obtained a major donation of international law materials for it. Jules Winterton, Acting Director at IALS, has joined the GIALS Advisory Council.

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## People news

### Introducing Eleanor Dale, Senior Library Assistant and newest member of the IALS library team

Before joining the library staff at IALS, I worked in my local public library, and completed my undergraduate degree in Classical Civilisations.



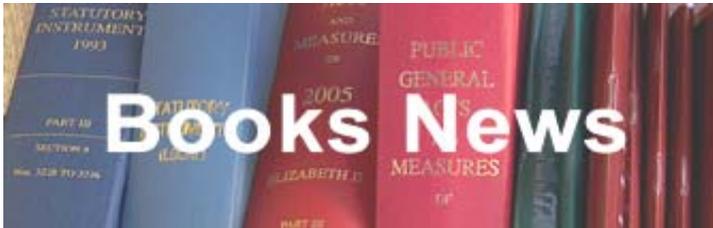
*Eleanor Dale, Senior Library Assistant*

My duties in the cataloguing and acquisitions section involve ordering books for the library, taking in these orders and getting the books ready to be catalogued and labelled for the open shelves. I will also be involved with some cataloguing work, but I am primarily involved in acquisitions.

Working in a law library is very different from my previous role but I am enjoying learning new skills and developing my understanding of legal materials.

Having heard about the Institute, and more generally the services offered by the School of Advanced Study libraries, and knowing how important these services are to students and researchers, I felt that I wanted to contribute my skills in some small way to this service and was thrilled when my application was successful.

I am planning to take a postgraduate course in library studies in the future, and feel that the experiences gained by working at IALS library will be invaluable in helping me to achieve my goals.



*Lesley Young, Information Resources Manager*

This month we highlight a small selection of our recent acquisitions that illustrate the breadth of our collections.

Butt, S. & Lindsey, T.  
*The Constitution of Indonesia: A contextual analysis*  
Hart Publishing, 2012

This title is part of an ongoing series on Constitutional systems of the world. It provides a useful overview and analysis of the current constitution including its history, the key institutions, and influential cases and continuing constitutional debates on areas such as human rights and pluralism. It provides a bibliography of mainly English language material as well as a glossary of terms and tables of cases and legislation.

Uzelac, A. & van Rhee, C.H.  
*The Landscape of the legal professions in Europe and the USA: continuity and change*  
Intersentia, 2011

This title contains sections on the legal profession in general and on specific roles such as the judge, the advocate, the state attorney, expert witnesses and mediators. It includes discussions of a number of European countries including Romania, Croatia, the Netherlands and Italy and each chapter ends with a short bibliography.

Creuz, L. R. Cruz e.  
*Commercial and economic law in Brazil*  
Wolters Kluwer, 2012

This title originally appeared as chapter in Kluwer's International Encyclopaedia of laws/Commercial and economic law. It provides a useful introductory account of the subject including a general introduction to the jurisdiction followed by brief sections on topics such as contract law, negotiable instruments and state regulation.

Freeman, M. & Mindus, P. eds.  
*The Legacy of John Austin's jurisprudence*  
Springer, 2013

This volume contains contributions by 15 academics from the UK, North America and several European institutions. They assess the legacy of John Austin, regarded as the founder of analytical jurisprudence, and include comparative studies on contemporaries that influenced his work. They were originally given as papers at a conference at University College London in 2009 and several have appeared previously in journals.

Fernandez, A. & Dubber, M.D. eds.  
*Law books in action: essays on the Anglo-American legal treatise*  
Hart Publishing, 2012

This title contains 11 contributions from a workshop in Toronto by North American academics plus one from Scotland. The introductory chapter by the editors considers the definition and role of the treatise and its relative popularity. Other chapters look at such topics as 19th century US domestic relations, UK contract law and the codification of criminal law in North America and India.

Butler, W.E.  
*Russian civil and arbitrazh procedure*  
Wildy, Simmonds & Hill Publishing, 2012

This volume contains translations of two codes of procedure for the Russian Federation as at 15 December 2011. Butler is well known for his work in making Russian primary material available to English speaking researchers. There is a very brief introduction and detailed tables of contents for each code.

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