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IALS Autumn 2014 Newsletter

Welcome back to the IALS Library on behalf of the entire Library team.

We hope you enjoy this, the first Library Newsletter of the new 2014/15 academic year. If you have any questions about our collections or services don't hesitate to get in touch. We can be contacted by email (ials@sas.ac.uk), by phone (0207 862 5790) or in person at the 4th Floor Issue & Enquiry Desk. Don't forget that we are the national library for legal research, and as such postgraduate researchers and members of academic teaching staff from anywhere in the world may use the Library for free. We look forward to hearing from you!

In this issue we introduce you to our longer opening hours, revised range of subject guides, extended suite of legal research guides and improved printing facilities. We provide an overview of the legal research training offered this autumn. MPhil and PhD researchers will be especially interested to read about our national training day, How to Get a PhD in Law, which is coming up in December.

In Book News we highlight some of the latest additions to the library collections. Katherine Read writes about the key sources of German law. David Gee tells us about his experiences at the IALL Conference in Buenos Aires.

Our regular Spotlight feature focuses this time on a truly massive full-text law database that you may not have heard of, namely LLMC Digital. And finally, in People News we introduce Sharayne, Michael and Helen, the newest members of the Library team.

With best wishes,
Lisa Davies, Access Librarian

Longer Library opening hours

In response to feedback we received in the last reader survey, we are pleased to announce that the Library will now be open longer on Saturdays during the term and vacation from October 2014 to mid-June 2015. The new Library opening hours are as follows:

Monday to Friday: 09:00 to 23:00
(only current library card/SAScard holders after 19:45)

Saturday: 10:00 to 20:30
(only current library card/SAScard holders after 17:15)

Sunday: 12:30 to 18:30
(only current library card/SAScard holders)

Christmas closure dates can be found on our website and will be advertised shortly.



IALS building



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IALS Student Law Review – Special Edition on Law Reform and Child Protection now available online

The latest issue of *IALS Student Law Review* is now freely available online. It is a special issue on reforming the law on child protection. The edition arose out of a workshop organised by the Sir William Dale Legislative Drafting Clinic on the mandatory reporting of child abuse held on 10 December 2013, which considered the necessity and the content of possible legislative intervention in the UK. The papers in this edition reflect and continue the debate at the workshop and are written by a wide range of professionals; academics, practising lawyers, child protection experts and law commissioners.

<http://journals.sas.ac.uk/lawreview/issue/view/318/showToc>

Training News

Lisa Davies, Access Librarian

Legal research training autumn 2014

In addition to our popular Lexis Library and Westlaw hands-on training, in response to requests from readers the Library introduced three additional training



Hand-on training session

sessions this autumn; an introduction to EU law databases, an introduction to public international law resources and an introduction to OSCOLA. The additional sessions have proved very popular and were quickly fully booked. Due to the high demand we will be repeating the training in the Spring term (dates to be announced). We will also be running an additional introduction to OSCOLA on 1st December 2014 at 3pm. This session will take place in the Council Chamber and no booking is necessary, just turn up.

How to Get a PhD in Law

Bookings are now opening for our “How to get a PhD in Law” training day for early PhD researchers on Wednesday 10th December. MPhil/PhD law students from across the UK are warmly invited to attend this specially tailored day of presentations and networking opportunities at the Institute. To book visit <http://events.sas.ac.uk/events/view/16538>

The day will include:



Researchers at a PhD Day in 2013

- The challenges of researching a PhD in the early years: where to start?
- Handling the supervision relationship.
- Free law e-resources available from IALS including the BAILII gateway.
- Three research students who have completed or nearly completed their PhDs will discuss how they approached researching their theses and the legal research skills they needed. This session will be open to questions from the audience and discussion.
- IALS Global Law Library: making the most of our electronic resources.
- The particular challenges of being an overseas PhD student.
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Law researchers getting to know each other at a previous PhD Day

Wireless printing from laptops at IALS

Narayana Harave, Computing Services Librarian

IALS has recently launched follow-me printing in the Library which makes it possible for users to be able to print wirelessly from their laptops.

Users will need to have a valid print/photocopy account and download a 'package' from IALS website (http://ials.sas.ac.uk/uniprint/packages_pcs.asp) on to their laptop which is very easy and straightforward to install. The package will automatically detect which version of Windows operating system is on the laptop and will install the correct driver for it. Mac users have a separate package which works in the same way and installs the necessary files.

Once installed, users can send their print jobs to the printers at IALS from anywhere, so long as they are connected to the Internet and are able to collect the print jobs within two hours of sending it. When a job is sent to the printers, users are asked to identify themselves by entering their IALS Library card number. They can then logon to one of the three print-release stations in the library using the same library card number to collect their print jobs.

More information on printing, copying and scanning at IALS can be found at <http://libguides.ials.sas.ac.uk/printing>.

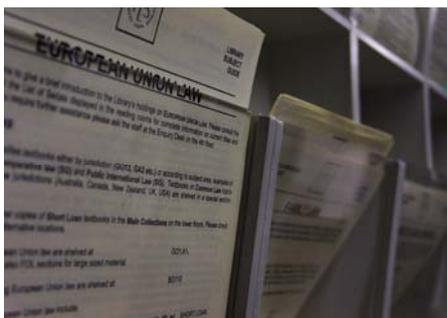
Subject Guides revised and extended

Lisa Davies, Access Librarian

The Library maintains a range of subject guides to help readers identify library resources for 23 legal topics. The guides are available in print in the Library and online in Word or PDF format:

<http://libguides.ials.sas.ac.uk/subjects>.

The guides can be a very good starting point for research as they list the classmarks that are relevant for a particular subject, as well as key books, journals and law reports. The guides were fully revised over the summer and now also include details of online resources for each subject.



Subject guides available in library and online

New online Research Guides

Lisa Davies, Access Librarian

Since the last issue of this newsletter the Library has published 4 new online guides to help with legal research (<http://libguides.ials.sas.ac.uk/>).

Commonwealth countries

This new jurisdiction guide gives an overview of the Commonwealth; its structure, history and current role. It lists the key official and unofficial publications that are concerned with law in the Commonwealth and explains how to find them in IALS Library or on the internet. The guide provides an overview of legal materials that cover the Commonwealth region, including journals, law reports, conference proceedings and more. It also provides guidance on finding legal histories, independence documents and constitutions from former British colonies.

Referencing and citations – OSCOLA

This guide breaks down the OSCOLA citation rules into more manageable pieces. It gives a basic overview of how to cite the main types of primary legal material (such as legislation and law reports) and secondary material (including books, journals and websites). It also provides links to the official OSCOLA rules and sites where you can find additional help and support.

Keeping up-to-date with the law

This guide gives tips on how to stay on top of changes to the law in your area of research with minimal effort on your part. Find out how to set up email or RSS alerts on new bills and legislation, case law, books, articles, news, events and more.

Training at IALS Library

This guide provides a summary of the range of legal information resources training offered by IALS Library through-out the academic year. Click on Autumn, Spring or Summer to find out what is available in each term. There is also a section on training for PhD students.

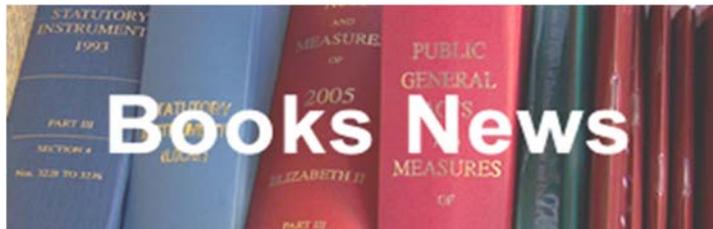


Research guides

German sources of law

Katherine Read, Principal Library Assistant

At the beginning of 2014 I was asked to write an article for the June issue of *Legal Information Management* which was to feature German legal information, libraries and the German legal system. The article gives an introduction to printed and electronic German legal resources that are collected by the Library of the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies and also includes those which are accessible through the web. Particular attention is given to the availability of English language sources. The article is now available for free download from the SAS-Space e-repository: <http://sas-space.sas.ac.uk/5692>.



Lesley Young, Information Resources Manager

The focus of the W.G.Hart legal workshop organised by the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies this summer was legal education and training and the professions. Below is a selection of books on related topics which are available in the Library, including several by speakers at the workshop.

Francis A, *At the edge of law: emergent and divergent models of legal professionalism* (Ashgate 2011)

The author offers a series of case studies based on empirical research and focusing on the margins of the legal profession. These include non-traditional students and legal work carried out "at the edge" by legal executives, legal aid activists and wealth professionals. Examples are drawn mainly from England and Wales but the author also includes comparative material from the USA and Canada.

Frenkel D (ed), *The Legal profession: education and ethics in practice* (Athens Institute for Education & Research 2013)

This collection of six essays is based on presentations given at an international conference organised by the Athens Institute. Most of the contributors are British with a few from the USA and one from Israel. The education segment includes pieces on teaching methods, assessment and an interdisciplinary European masters course. The ethics portion contains two contributions; one analysing the way in which the behaviour of the lawyers affected the outcome of the trial of Oscar Wilde and the second on female corporate lawyers.

Heringa AW, *Legal education: reflections and recommendations* (Intersentia 2013)

The author's university teaching experience has been in the Netherlands but she also looks beyond this towards consideration of a broader European legal education. Topics include the increasing globalisation of law and the need for education to take this into account, the value of having practitioners teaching in the law school, and the benefits of students gaining practical experience from legal clinics and internships.

IALL Conference

David Gee, Deputy Librarian

The International Association of Law Libraries organised its 33rd international course on international law and legal information in Buenos Aires, Argentina between 28th September and 2nd October. The theme of the conference was "Libraries and the rule of law" and the strong academic programme covered such topics as gender and human rights; foreign law in Argentina; Mercosur; Argentinian regional and international cooperation; and legal research in Argentinian law.



Torre Monumental, Buenos Aires

As an IALL Board Member, I chaired a popular conference panel session on the struggle for human rights in Argentina and helped to lead the pre-conference workshop on developing legal information literacy standards for training on public international law sources. I also attended two IALL board meetings during the conference. Further details on the IALL conference at www.iall.org/iall2014.

Howarth D, *Law as engineering: thinking about what lawyers do* (Edward Elgar 2013)

This is a theoretical book which proposes a new way of thinking about law in the aftermath of the 2008 crash. It presents a view of law as a profession and discipline that has something in common with engineering in the way it produces devices useful for its clients. Two chapters consider the implications of this approach on legal ethics and on legal education and research.

Killian M, *Developments in the German legal profession 2000-2010* (Deutscher Anwaltverlag 2012)

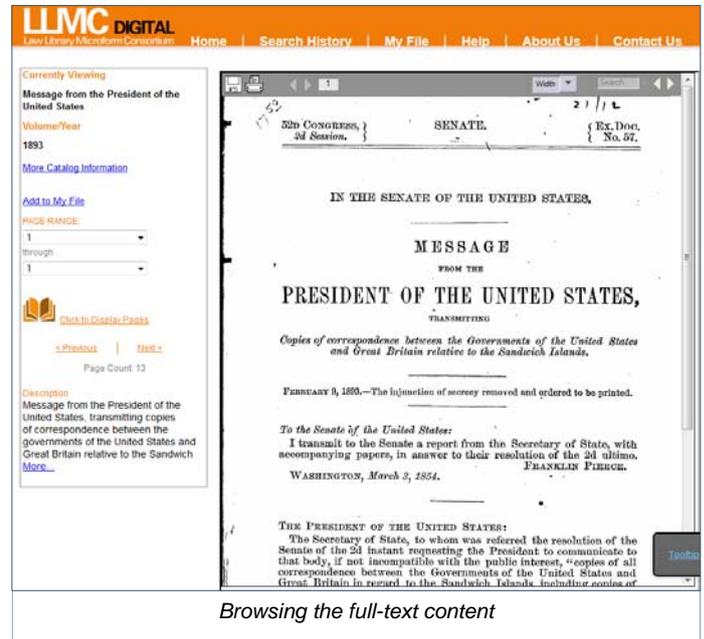
This volume in English, French and German contains ten annual reports that trace developments in the German legal profession. They cover changes in legal education and in the way the profession operates. Each report includes details of relevant new legislation and significant case law from the two highest courts and provides citations to legislation and case law available in two free online bar journals.

Policastro P (ed), *Towards innovation in legal education* (Eleven 2013)

This title contains 15 short essays which resulted from an EU project that looked at legal education from a number of aspects including subject areas e.g. human rights, methods e.g. problem-based learning and innovation in training for the profession. The authors are drawn from a variety of jurisdictions including Lithuania and Turkey. A companion volume looks more specifically at legal education and judicial training in Europe.

increasingly from Commonwealth and European countries and related to international law. Remote access to the LLMC Digital service is now extended to include all academic (staff and student) members of IALS Library.

LLMC Digital includes books, journals, law reports, legislation, government publications and other materials. Much of the content dates from the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.



Browsing the full-text content

Here is an A-Z Listing of LLMC Digital contents, featuring more than 7,000 titles:

<http://catalogue.ulrls.lon.ac.uk/search~S6?ftlist%5Ebib167%2C1%2C0%2C97/mode=2>

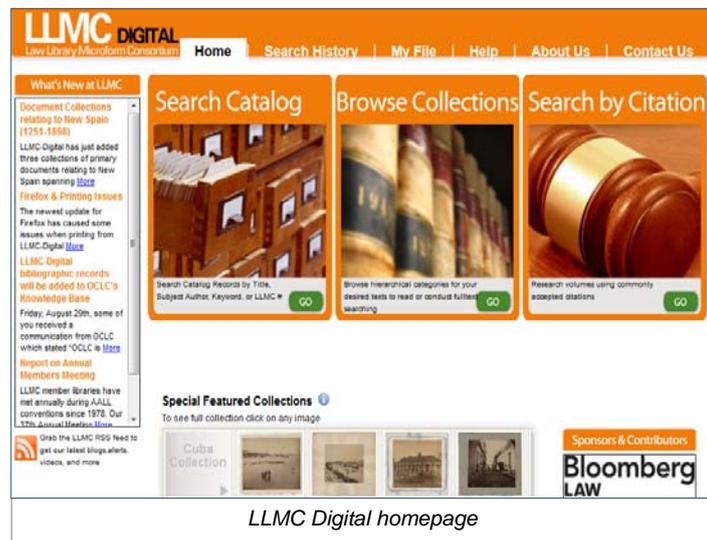
The Law Library Microform Consortium (LLMC) www.llmc.com is a non-profit, library cooperative based at the University of Hawaii in the United States, formed with the aim of preserving legal titles and government documents in microform and digital formats and making these available to legal research libraries at cost. The LLMC was founded in 1976 and provides a subscription service giving access to legal and government publications in microfiche format and digitally online. The service includes: US federal and state legal materials, US military law, Native American law, canon law, Anglo-American legal periodicals, Anglo-American legal treatises, foreign jurisdictions, international law and organisations, and multi-jurisdictional subject materials. The Consortium is converting its filmed materials to digital format and making them available via the LLMC Digital subscription service. The service is continuing to build content through scanning initiatives in partner libraries in the USA and Europe.

The IALS Library is a charter member of LLMC-Digital. IALS Library has contributed materials from its substantial Commonwealth Law Collection and the IALS Librarian has advised the project through

Spotlight on LLMC Digital

Steven Whittle, *Information Systems Manager*

LLMC Digital is a database of full-text legal and law-related publications, mainly from the US and



LLMC Digital homepage

membership of LLMC Digital board and multinational Advisory Council. Building on this established partnership with the LLMC Digital consortium, IALS has beneficial access to the LLMC Digital online service in an arrangement that includes access for the School of Advanced Study, Senate House Library and the Law Schools of the Colleges of the University of London.

Remote access, using a current IALS Library card or SAScard as applicable, is available to IALS and SAS staff, fellows and students, University of London law staff and postgraduate students, and all other academic members (staff and students) of IALS Library.

Access is provided through our Electronic Law Library <http://ials.sas.ac.uk/library/eservice/elibrary.htm> and through individual title records in our Library Catalogue <http://ials.sas.ac.uk/catalogue.htm>.

Follow this link for further information on access to LLMC Digital for IALS Library members http://ials.sas.ac.uk/library/eservice/info/llmc_digital.htm.

People News

We are very pleased to introduce three new members of Library staff; Helen Gaterell, Sharayne Kerr and Michael Cheng.

Helen studied English Literature at Cambridge University before taking a gap year in China. When she returned she gained an MA in Information Studies at the University of Brighton and, since then, has worked in public and school libraries on the south coast. She joins us as a Senior Library Assistant in the continuations department.



Sharayne and Michael join us for one year as graduate trainees.

Sharayne studied Maths and Psychology at Royal Holloway University of London and she is now interested in pursuing a career in Information Management or Librarianship.



Michael studied Natural Sciences at the University of Cambridge before working and volunteering in libraries around the Yorkshire area.



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