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IALS Autumn Newsletter 2015

It's the most exciting time of the year at the IALS Library – the beginning of the new academic year!

For the benefit of new students, this termly Library Newsletter rounds up events, training and resources news. To find out what is going on at the Library between issues, remember to check the news feed on the IALS Library homepage, and to follow us on Facebook or Twitter. We also send monthly emails to everyone with a Library card, just to make sure you don't miss out on anything.

In this issue you can read about our upcoming training on the use of OSCOLA and our new online research guides. We also update you on important changes to Westlaw International, as well as a new addition to HeinOnline – the World Treaty Library. In Books News we highlight some of our books on the subject of constitutional law including three titles on Magna Carta. We provide an update on the exciting new Law PORT project, creating interactive online tutorials for PhD researchers. This issue also features a report from the International Association of Law Librarians Conference, which took place recently in Berlin.

Best wishes,
Lisa Davies, Access Librarian

Introduction to OSCOLA

Many of you will be required to cite references in your essays using OSCOLA, the Oxford University Standard for the Citation of Legal Authorities. If you are new to this citation method, or if you need a refresher, you can come along to our free Introduction to OSCOLA lecture on Monday 14th December. The lecture will take place in the IALS Council Chamber at 3pm. There is no need to book, just turn up.



Subject Guides

To help those of you who are researching an unfamiliar area of law, the Library team has created a wide range of Subject Guides.

These guides list key and frequently asked for books, journals, law reports, as well as useful websites, for 23 legal topics. Our new online guides include links to the catalogue record for each title, so you will be able to see where each item is located and whether it is available.

The guides are available to view at: <http://libguides.ials.sas.ac.uk/subjects>.



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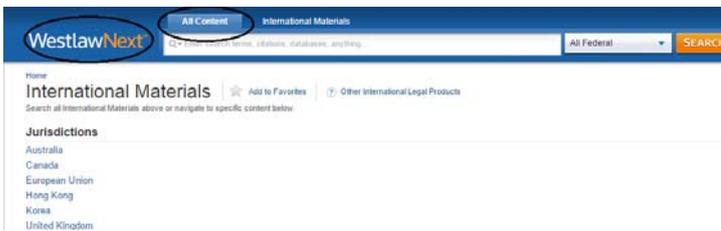
Westlaw's New International Materials Platform

Hester Swift, Foreign and International Law Librarian

In November Westlaw launched a redesigned foreign and international law database, called 'International Materials'. It uses the Westlaw Next platform that has been available in the United States for some time now.

To access the new database, go into Westlaw UK, open the Services menu and select 'International Materials'. You will see that the 'Westlaw International' option is no longer available.

The most striking difference between Westlaw Next and Westlaw International is the layout. The default International Materials page only covers jurisdictions foreign to the United States, so for US law research you have to select 'All Content' at the top of the screen, or click on the 'Westlaw Next' logo, as shown below:



To switch back to the default page, click on 'International Materials' in the right-hand column on the US 'All Content' tab.

To find international law content, such as International Court of Justice cases and ASIL's International Legal Materials, use the 'International Materials Index', marked with an arrow below:



The index is A-Z by title. It covers foreign law (except US law) and UK law as well as international law.

For journals, select 'World Journals', on the right. This allows you to search journals from the US, UK, Australia, Canada and elsewhere. To limit your search to all US journals, click on the Westlaw Next logo to display the US screen, select 'Secondary Sources', then click on 'Law Reviews and Journals'. Thomson Reuters' general Westlaw Next User Guide is available on the internet at:

http://westlawinternational.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/WestlawNext_GettingStarted.pdf.

It has been written for US users, so not everything in it applies to UK-based researchers. For example, it says that Westlaw Next defaults to showing US material, whereas the IALS subscription defaults to showing material from other jurisdictions.

A searching guide is available here:

http://static.legalsolutions.thomsonreuters.com/product_files/westlaw/wlawdoc/web/wlinterms.pdf.

The terms and connectors remain the same as those on the old Westlaw International interface.

If you have any trouble using the new Westlaw International Materials interface, IALS Library will be happy to advise you: email us on ials@sas.ac.uk, call 020 7862 5790 or ask at the Enquiry Desk.

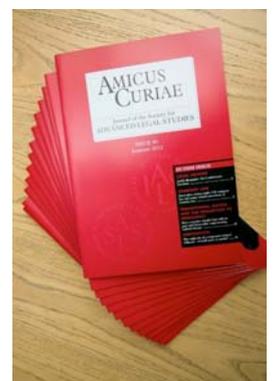
New Guide to Jamaican Legal Research

IALS Library has published a brand new online guide to assist legal researchers who are interested in the jurisdiction of Jamaica. The guide highlights the key resources that should be consulted when conducting Jamaican legal research, including materials held in the IALS Library, free online resources, and materials that are available through an electronic subscription database. To view this guide visit <http://libguides.ials.sas.ac.uk/jamaica>. The Jamaica guide is the latest addition to IALS' suite of free online legal research guides. We now have guides to researching 30 jurisdictions, including international law. All can be accessed at <http://libguides.ials.sas.ac.uk/guides>.

Celebrating 100 Issues of Amicus Curiae

Amicus Curiae, the official journal of both the Society for Advanced Legal Studies and the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, has just published its hundredth issue. <http://ials.sas.ac.uk/publish/amicus/amicuscent.htm>.

Many congratulations and thanks to Professor Barry Rider (founding General Editor), Julian Harris (Deputy General Editor), the Advisory Boards, consultant editors and all contributors and readers. Issues 1 to 96 are freely available in Amicus Curiae online from SAS Open Journals. This open journal version of Amicus Curiae includes over 660 articles by more than 430 authors. Issues 97 to 100 are currently available online exclusively to SALS members and are also available in print in the IALS Library and will appear in Amicus Curiae online in SAS Open Journals in 2016.



Coming Soon – Free Online Interactive Tutorials for Legal Research

Lisa Davies, Access Librarian

Law PORT is a 12 month SAS-funded project established to create free, online, interactive tutorials for postgraduate researchers in law. The tutorials, once published, will be housed on a SAS-wide website called PORT (Postgraduate Online Research Training) which is available at <http://port.sas.ac.uk/>. These tutorials will also be available via the IALS website. The project, led by Project Manager James Parker, has made excellent progress so far.

User needs survey

In order to identify the online training needs of postgraduate researchers in law and to ensure that the most appropriate topics are chosen for inclusion in Law PORT, a survey of UK postgraduate research students (PhD/MPhil) in law was conducted in summer 2015. The survey, which received 130 responses, asked researchers about their current knowledge and level of confidence in certain areas and whether they already received support to develop their skills. Researchers were also asked about their ability to use interactive online training without the assistance of a tutor to help us ascertain the type and level of support that should be provided alongside the new resources.

The key conclusions from the survey can be summarized as follows:

- There is a need for interactive resources for UK postgraduate researchers. IALS Library therefore has an opportunity to be one of the first to offer open training courses on various law topics and thesis writing support.
- There is a need for training on sources of public international law and use of OSCOLA (Oxford University Standard for Citation of Legal Authorities).
- Few online courses exist for legal researchers on research methods, legal subscription database searching, writing and communication skills, and keeping up-to-date with changes in the law.

The full results of the survey are available at <http://ials.sas.ac.uk/library/lawport/lawport.htm>.

Next steps

James is currently working with the IALS librarians to create the new resources for Law PORT. The first training resources to be created will focus on citing

references using OSCOLA. This training will include guidance and examples for secondary sources as well as primary legal material from the UK, EU and international jurisdictions. The second suite of resources to be created will cover public international law research skills. This set of training resources will help researchers understand and find sources of customary international law and treaties and we hope that it will soon be expanded to cover teachings of highly qualified publicists and judicial decisions.

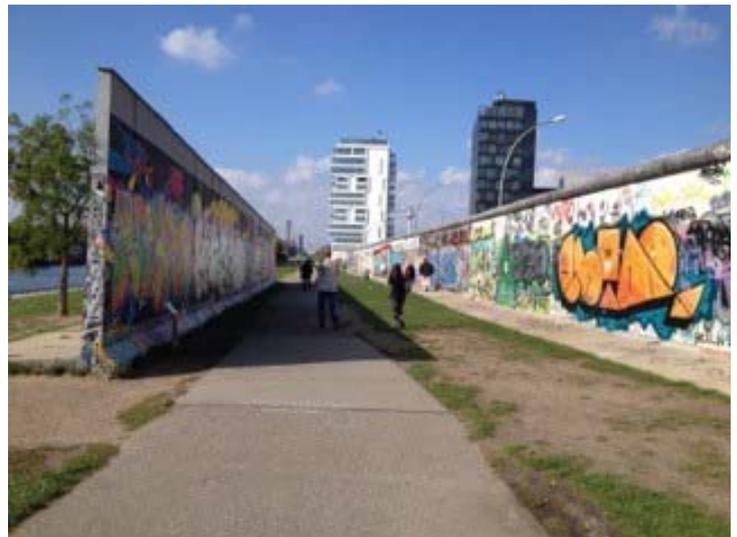
Keep in touch

For updates on this project, or to get involved, follow Law PORT on Twitter [@LawPortTeam](https://twitter.com/LawPortTeam) or visit <http://ials.sas.ac.uk/library/lawport/lawport.htm>. Project Manager James Parker can be contacted at james.parker@sas.ac.uk.

International Association of Law Libraries (IALL) Conference 2015

Hester Swift, Foreign and International Law Librarian

This year's IALL Conference was held in Berlin, with the theme 'Within and In Between: German Legal Tradition in Times of Internationalization and Beyond'. I attended together with the IALS Deputy Librarian, David Gee, who is on the Board of the Association. The Conference was an excellent opportunity to meet other librarians specialising in foreign and International law: there were delegates from Korea, Brazil, Australia and Canada, as well as from all over



Europe and the United States.

At the opening ceremony we were entertained by the Berlin Fire Brigade's brass ensemble, after a lecture on the transnationalisation of law by Prof. Dr. Thomas Duve of the Max Planck Institute for European Legal History. Three days of academic sessions followed, at Berlin State Library. Highlights included Prof. Dr. Kirstin Drenkhahn's presentation on the criminology of

state crime, which raised interesting questions about the extent to which definitions of crime and established criminological approaches can be applied to criminal behaviour by states. Many speakers had a pan-European perspective: Dr. Marion Röwekamp gave a survey of the history of European women's rights and there were lectures about Germany's role in the European Union and on civil rights protection in Germany and Europe. A particularly fascinating presentation dealt with the unification of the East and West German legal systems after the fall of the Berlin Wall, focusing on the complicated property law claims which arose; some of these cases are only now being resolved, twenty-five years later.

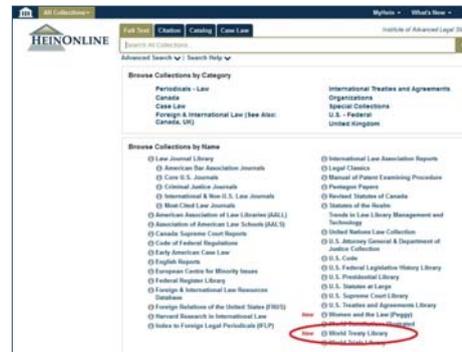
Representatives from three database providers updated the conference delegates regarding developments on HeinOnline, Getting the Deal Through and Kluwer Law Online. We learnt that 93% of the journals in HeinOnline's Law Journal Library are now available up to and including the current volume. Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals, now goes back to 1984 on HeinOnline and will eventually be extended back to 1960. The HeinOnline interface has also been enhanced: improvements include a search bar that stays in the same position throughout the database. Several new HeinOnline collections have been launched, including the vast World Treaty Library (to which IALS has taken a subscription) as well as Women and the Law, and Law in Eastern Europe. Forthcoming collections on Hein include Canadian Provincial Statutes, Space Law and the US Serial Set (the latter consisting of US agency and departmental publications).

The conference organisers put on a very enjoyable programme of visits and optional trips for delegates to the academic sessions. Invited to look behind the scenes at Berlin State Library, we had a bookbinding demonstration at which we were delighted to be presented with our own mini-bookbinding kits. There was an interesting coach tour of the city taking in upmarket shopping streets, the graffitied alternative district of Kreuzberg and some strikingly eclectic embassy architecture. We also went to the site of the 1945 Potsdam Conference and visited the summer residence of Frederick the Great of Prussia, Sanssouci Palace and its spectacular gardens. The final day was beautifully sunny and we saw Berlin from a new angle on an extremely enjoyable cruise down the River Spree.

The conference gave me the chance to see new aspects of Berlin, a fascinating place. Next year the location will be the very different, but equally interesting, city of Oxford.

Spotlight on... World Treaty Library

The World Treaty Library is an excellent new addition to the HeinOnline database. It is the largest collection of electronic treaties and related materials that we have access to at the Institute Library, and it will be of interest to those researching both historic and modern treaties. It is fully searchable, making it a very powerful research tool.

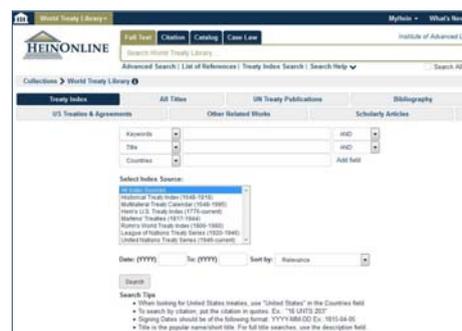


Where to find the World Treaty Library

Indexes

A large number of treaty indexes are available in the World Treaty Library including the following key titles:

- Historical Treaty Index (1648-1919)
- Parry's Index to British Treaties (1101-1968)
- Multilateral Treaty Calendar (1648- 1995)
- Hein's US Treaty Index (1776- current)
- Martens' Treaties (1817- 1944)
- Rohn's World Treaty Index (1900-1980)
- League of Nations Treaty Series (1920-1946)



Treaty Index search screen

- United Nations Treaty Series (1946- current)

Full-text treaties

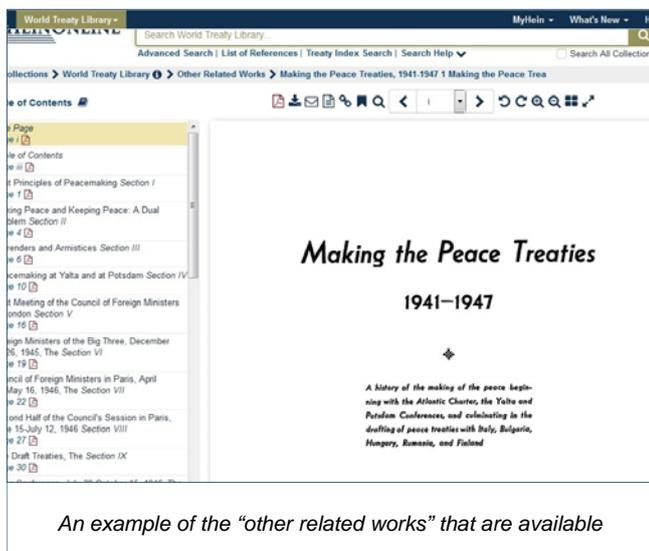
It is also possible to head straight for the full-text treaty collections, of which there are a great number. The section of the database called 'Major Treaty Collections' provides access to *Martens' Treaties*,

British and Foreign State Papers and *Herslet's Commercial Treaties*, to name but a few.

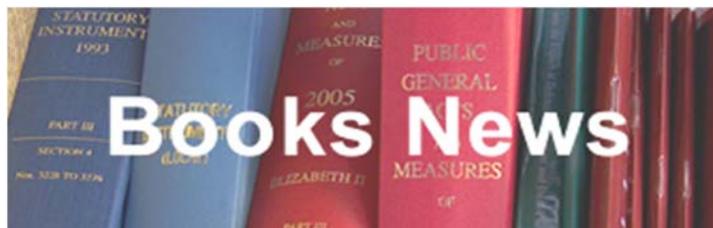
Those researching treaties involving the United States have a dedicated search page under the 'US Treaties and Agreements Library' heading where you can search for a treaty in the US Treaty Index or access a full-text treaty series directly. The collection that covers the United States is diverse in range and includes the *US Treaty Series*, *International Legal Materials*, *TIAS Agreements*, *Bevans' Treaties and Other International Agreements of the United States of America* and more.

The 'UN Treaty Publications' section is also extremely useful and comprehensive, including the full LNTS and UNTS series (and index), *Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary General*, the *United States Treaty Handbook* as well as other official documents and collections. Worth noting is the very helpful feature in the United Nations Law Collection that allows you to search for a treaty by UNTS citation.

In addition to the indexes and full-text treaty collections, the World Treaty Library provides access to bibliographies of related publications, scholarly articles and other related works. Again, this part of the database is fully searchable.



HeinOnline is available onsite in IALS Library to all postgraduate students and academics and offsite to University of London postgraduate students and academics. If you need any assistance using the World Treaty Library don't hesitate to get in touch.



Lesley Young, Information Resources Manager

In this, the last Newsletter of 2015, we highlight some of our recent books on the subject of constitutional law including three titles on Magna Carta in the year of its 800th anniversary.

Hazell R and Melton J (eds)

Magna Carta and its modern legacy (Cambridge University Press 2015)

This title contains contributions to a 2014 workshop by thirteen academics and researchers based in the UK, Australia and the United States. The British chapters consider topics such as socio-economic rights and constitutional design. Other contributors look at Magna Carta and jury trial in America, slavery in the Caribbean, court delays in the Pacific, the proportionality principle, and judicial supremacy.

Galligan B and Brenton S (eds)

Constitutional conventions in Westminster systems: controversies, changes and challenges (Cambridge University Press 2015)

This volume contains essays by fifteen mainly academic contributors who examine the convention system which governs the institutions and operations of most aspects of Parliament and government in Australia, Canada and New Zealand and the UK. This group has been selected from the wider "Westminster group" because they have the most similar systems. Early chapters define the character of conventions and consider key institutions of executive government. These are followed by chapters on each of the four jurisdictions and a final section looks at codification and reform.

Blick A,

Beyond Magna Carta: a constitution for the United Kingdom (Hart Publishing 2015)

The author begins his book with the 2014 Scottish referendum on independence and the constitutional issues this raised. He then considers a number of documents from the Anglo-Saxon period through to the work of Dicey and on to the 1911 Parliament act. The second part looks at twentieth century issues including the consequences of European integration and the final section puts the case for a written constitution.

Hirschl R *Comparative matters: the renaissance of comparative constitutional law* (Oxford University Press 2014)

The author takes an interdisciplinary approach to his subject using social theory, religion, history, political science and public law. He makes a case for a more coherent approach to comparative constitutional law and illustrates his points using cases from a wide variety of jurisdictions including Uganda, Turkey, India and the European Court of Human Rights.

Baker, J (ed) for the Selden Society

Selected readings and commentaries on Magna Carta 1400-1604 (Selden Society Publications, vol. 132, 2015)

This volume contains a collection of fifteenth and sixteenth century commentaries on Magna Carta. It demonstrates how various chapters of the charter were interpreted by lawyers in their lectures in the Inns of Court. Topics considered included widows' rights, common pleas, amercement, wager of law, county courts and mortmain in addition to constitutional issues. In particular the discussions show how the emphasis placed on particular subjects changed over time.

People News



We bid a fond farewell to Adam Woellhaf, Document Supply Services Supervisor, who has left to take up a position at Middle Temple Library. Good luck in your new role Adam! Happily we aren't saying goodbye to Adam completely – you will still see him in the Library on Sundays.

Many congratulations to Helen Gaterell who will take up the position of Document Supply Services Supervisor in January 2016. Helen currently works as a Senior Library Assistant in the Continuations team.



Congratulations to Professor Helen Xanthaki on her appointment to the Faculty of Laws of University College London and to the post of Director of the University of London's International Postgraduate Laws Programme by the joint lead colleges, QMUL and UCL. Helen is a leader in her field, she has created the Sir William Dale Centre for Legislative Studies and implemented a wide range of academic initiatives at IALS.

The Institute has relied on her good judgement and academic experience, particularly in her role as Director of Research Programmes. Physically Helen will not be moving far because the International Postgraduate Laws Programme has offices on the 5th floor of IALS. Helen will be leaving the Institute staff at the end of the calendar year 2015 but will continue to teach on the LLM in Legislative Studies until the



Professor Helen Xanthaki (centre) with Legislative Drafting course students, summer 2014

end of the academic year and will continue to contribute as a Senior Associate Research Fellow to activities at IALS. Congratulations to Helen on this prestigious appointment and the very best to her in taking the programme forward in the next stage of its development.

Meanwhile the Sir William Dale Centre will continue to be a key activity of the Institute under the Directorship of Dr Constantin Stefanou and will, with the help of the extensive expert network built up over the past years, continue to excel with the full support of the Institute. The Institute in 2016 will recruit a professor of law and the call will concentrate on academic leadership and the role of Director of Research Programmes, leaving the area of research expertise open.

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