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IALS Spring Newsletter 2016

Welcome to spring edition of the IALS Library Newsletter.

In this issue we update you with news from the Archive and our Document Supply Service. You can read more about our endeavours to create more online subject guides to assist you with your research, and also to promote the Library to researchers across the country in our 2016 programme of road shows. David Gee reports on the SLS / BIALL annual academic law library survey. Books News highlights a selection of recent titles on foreign and international aspects of constitutional law, and the Spotlight shines on FOGG, a very useful free database of official gazettes from around the world. In other news, IALS Library has recently welcomed delegations from the Indonesian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Kenyan judiciary. See page 6 for further details.

Best wishes,

Lisa Davies
Access Librarian



Easter Opening Hours

Please note the following changes to the Library opening hours over Easter 2016.

Maundy Thursday 24th March 2016:
10:00 – 17:30

Good Friday 25th March 2016:
Closed

Saturday 26th March 2016:
Closed

Easter Sunday 27th March 2016:
Closed

Easter Monday 28th March 2016:
Closed

Tuesday 29th March 2016:
10:00 – 17:30

Normal opening hours will resume from 09:00 on Wednesday 30th March 2016. The Document Supply service for subscribers will close for the Easter Holiday at 17:00 on Wednesday 24th March 2016 and resume at 09:30 on Wednesday 30th March 2016.

New Online Library Subject Guides

Two new online subject guides on Human Rights and on Industrial and Intellectual Property have recently been made available onsite and offsite to all Library users at <http://libguides.ials.sas.ac.uk/subjects>. The online guides have similar content to our printed guides but with additional features. Direct links to the Library Catalogue records for books and journals are available together with suggestions for quality web resources. The web resources have been taken from our Eagle-i internet portal <http://ials.sas.ac.uk/eaglei/project/eiproject.htm>.

The guides are based on reading recommendations for the LLM courses but would also be valuable as a starting point for any new users.



21 Subject Guides are now available in online format

Road Show Programme for 2016

Lisa Davies, Access Librarian

Each spring the Library team goes on the road to promote the national role of the IALS Library, namely to provide a library service and maintain a world-class law collection for the benefit of postgraduate and academic researchers in law from across the United Kingdom. Each year we speak to researchers at a number of universities across the country to highlight and demonstrate the wealth of materials that are available to them in print and online. So far this academic year we have visited the University of Brighton, Bangor University and Kingston University. In March we shall visit Middlesex University. As always, the road shows provide us with a great opportunity to speak to law researchers to find out what they need in terms of library provision. If you would like us to visit your law school in 2016 please contact me at lisa.davies@sas.ac.uk.



Dr Alison Mawhinney (l) and Mairwen Owen (c) from Bangor Law School with James Parker from the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies

Behind the Scenes at the Document Supply Service

Helen Gaterell, Document Supply Services Supervisor

I have started the New Year in a new role at IALS Library, having moved from the Serials department to manage the busy Document Supply Service. This is a commercial service which operates within the Institute and plays a major role in income generation for the Library. However, it also serves to help IALS maintain its long-standing relationships with other legal institutions by offering subscription-based memberships.

Subscribers are entitled to free entry to the Library and access to our reference service. Subscribers may also request items to be scanned and emailed directly to their firm. One item is defined as either one journal article, one case, one act, or 20 pages from a book. The Institute's Copyright License allows us to copy and send these to our members and we charge a fee for each item. Members can choose between an Express 60-minute delivery or a Standard same day or next working day delivery. This service enables law firms to access a wider range of material, in particular the large foreign and international collection housed at IALS. At present, Nigerian Weekly Law Reports is our most frequently requested title.



Helen Gaterell, Document Supply Services Supervisor

Most of the members of staff at the IALS Library work one session every week on the Document Supply and Reference Desk. During this session they are responsible for dealing with new reference enquiries and receiving document supply orders. They must keep on top of two telephone lines and two email inboxes. Once an order is received it is passed on to the Library Assistant or the Graduate Trainee who will photocopy, scan and email the required items. They must manage the workload when large orders are received, especially if there are multiple Express items in one order!

The Document Supply Service currently has around 140 active members and we aim to increase this in the coming year by conducting customer feedback sessions and actively marketing the service to potential new subscribers.

Report on latest SLS / BIALL Law Library Survey Just Published

David Gee, Deputy Librarian

The most recent report on the annual SLS / BIALL academic law library survey has just been published in *Legal Information Management* and is also available on the IALS website at: http://ials.sas.ac.uk/library/SLS_BIALL_survey.htm.



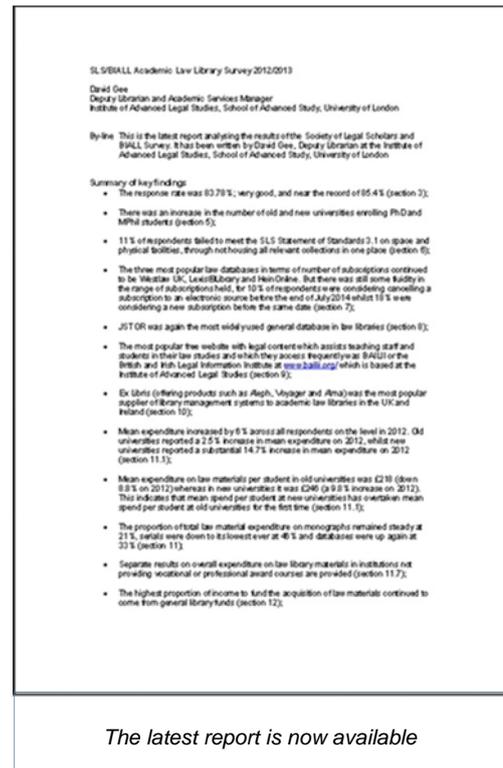
The comprehensive report, written by David Gee on behalf of the Society of Legal Scholars (SLS) and British and Irish Association of Law Librarians (BIALL), provides a useful snapshot of the staffing, funding, collections and range of services provided in 2013/2014 by university and college law libraries in the UK and Ireland.

Comparative year-on-year data and analysis is provided on student numbers, provision of seating and workstations, law library usage, opening times, support services for distance learning courses, acquisitions expenditure, sources of income, contributions from law schools, staffing levels, qualifications of library staff, the location of the law library within the university library and subscriptions to legal databases, e-journals and e-books. In addition the most popular law databases, e-book publishers, suppliers of library management systems and free websites with legal content and are also identified.



The SLS / BIALL academic law library survey has been running since 1996 and has established itself as the leading survey of its kind for the UK and Irish academic legal communities. It provides authoritative and trusted data which academic law library managers use to benchmark their own services, collections and funding requirements, and law course validation bodies note when appraising the provision of institutions seeking to run law courses. The report also greatly assists the Society of Legal Scholars in monitoring the continuing influence of its 2009 Statement of standards for university law library

provision in the United Kingdom: <http://www.legalscholars.ac.uk/documents/SLS-Library-for-a-Modern-Law-School-Statement-2009.pdf>.



News from the Archive

Lesley Young, Information Resources Manager

Our cataloguer Melanie Peart recently finished cataloguing new accruals to four of our existing collections, each of which provides a fascinating insight to the history of legal education and information in the UK.

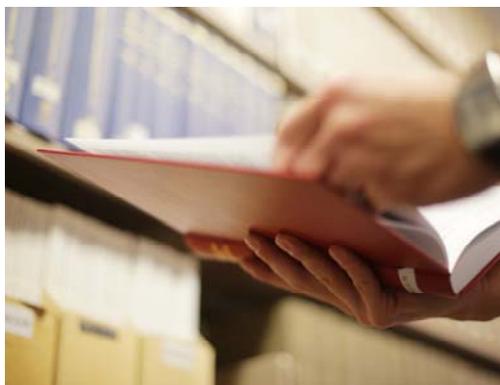
The history of how a society educates its legal profession tells us a lot about it: these are, after all, the people entrusted with codifying the rules that bind that society together. So we're very lucky to have the records of the Society of Public Teachers of Law (SPTL) among our holdings. Founded in 1909, the SPTL took as its original objects "the furtherance of the cause of legal education in England and Wales, and of the work and interests of public teachers of law therein by holding discussions and enquiries, by publishing documents, and by taking other steps as may from time to time be deemed desirable". It remained true to its aims over the intervening century, and, as a learned society for legal academics, re-named the Society of Legal Scholars in 2002, it continues to support legal education, research and enquiry through its advocacy, its publications and its

programme of events and conferences. Our most recent accessions bring the collection up to 2014.

We're also fortunate enough to have the records of Professor William Twining, one of the country's most distinguished legal educators, and also a major figure in capturing the history of legal education and practice through his work to rescue their records. Catalogued so far among his own records, and available to consult at the IALS archives, are papers relating to his roles in the Commonwealth Legal Education Association and the Council on Legal Education, and a large amount of material relating to his own wide-ranging research. This includes substantial records of his development of the Law in Context series of textbooks, which at their inception in the 1960s were revolutionary in the broad base of their approach, adopting themes and methods from disparate subject areas to contextualize the legal issues they presented.

Furthering this approach is the Socio-Legal Studies Association, which grew out of an informal group of academics who wanted to create a structure for regularly exchanging ideas and information in their field. Their archives chart the development of inter-disciplinary investigations into, and debates around, the impact of the law and legal institutions on different spheres of society from the 1990s onward.

The British and Irish Association of Law Librarians was formally established in 1969, with the aim of promoting and enhancing the professionalism and status of the legal information profession. With remarkable prescience, the founding members of BIALL realised that the world of information management was changing rapidly, and that this would bring both challenges and opportunities to the work of the law librarian. Their archives chronicle how they adapted to the remarkable shift in our ways of creating and thinking about information from those early days of mainframe computers, through the invention of the Internet, to our current world of virtual exchange.



Those wishing to consult the IALS archive should contact IALS Archivist, Ruth Frendo at ruth.frendo@sas.ac.uk

Spotlight on FOGG

The Foreign Official Government Gazette database (FOGG) was established by the Foreign Law Research Group (FLARE). It is a free web resource that guides researchers to the official online source of the official gazettes from countries all around the world. For European countries, details are also provided of libraries in the UK that hold the print versions of the gazette. The database is very easy to use. The simplest way to search is by country; choose the country you are interested in from the drop-down list and click "Submit Query" to see the results.

Foreign Official Government Gazettes Database: Search for Gazettes

Find gazettes by:

Country

- AND - Peru
- Malta
- Mexico
- Moldova
- Monaco
- You can - Montenegro
- Netherlands
- AND - Norway
- Peru
- Poland
- AND - Portugal
- Romania
- Russia
- AND - Russian Federation
- Serbia
- Serbia and Montenegro
- AND - Slovakia
- Slovenia
- or BROW - Spain
- Sweden
- Switzerland

Submit Query

Searching the FOGG database

Your search found 1 records

Viewing 1 of 1 records

Gazette details

Country: Peru

Title: El Peruano Diario Oficial

Notes: Interim record for online service

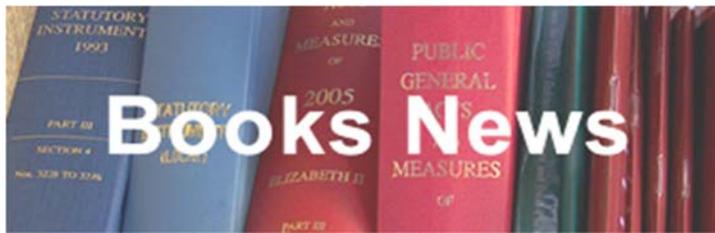
Continent: South America

Online version / website

Website: <http://www.elperuano.com.pe/>

Website description: After 1980, all legislation published in separate edition entitled, Normas Legislativas.

The FOGG record for Peru



Lesley Young,
Information Resources Manager

Our spring newsletter looks at a selection of recent titles on foreign and international aspects of constitutional law.

Carrubba C and Gabel M J,
International Courts and the Performance of International Agreements: a General Theory with Evidence from the European Union (CUP 2015)

The authors begin by presenting a theoretical model showing how a court can facilitate government compliance with an international regulatory regime. They then go on to analyse the rulings of the European Court of Justice and their impact between 1959 and 2000. While acknowledging that the Court does not have the power to enforce its rulings, they note that it can successfully facilitate cooperation with international law albeit within political constraints. In their conclusion they also refer to the similar issues faced within federal court systems such as the United States.

Ferrari G F and O'Dowd J (eds),
75 Years of the Constitution of Ireland: an Irish-Italian Dialogue (Clarus Press 2014)

This volume presents essays from a seminar held in 2011 to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Irish constitution. Italian scholars form the majority of the 13 contributors looking at various aspects of the Irish constitution and comparing them to other states such as US and Switzerland, as well as supranational courts. Topics include judicial review of legislation, the role of religion and the growing influence of European civil law on administrative law.

Halmai G,
Perspectives on Global Constitutionalism: the use of Foreign and International Law (Eleven International Publishing 2014)

This book looks at the globalisation and convergence of constitutionalism with reference to ten countries including South Africa, Turkey and Hungary. The author analyses the patterns of constitution making in individual jurisdictions, focusing particularly on emerging democracies and noting the increasing use of foreign and international law in national courts especially in human rights cases. He uses case studies on Germany after the Second World War, India and Israel to illustrate his point. The final two

chapters look at universal jurisdiction in criminal law, considering multinational treaties and leading cases such as Pinochet and Eichmann. In the preface the author notes that the original Hungarian edition has been supplemented and improved his points in this English edition.

O'Brien D,
The Constitutional Systems of the Commonwealth Caribbean: a Contextual Analysis (Hart Publishing 2014)

This book is part of a continuing series that provides a contextual analysis of individual constitutions throughout the world. It considers the constitutional history and development of the islands and mainland countries of the Caribbean, excluding the British Overseas Territories. Topics include the head of state, electoral systems, the executive, Parliament, the constitutional role of the courts and the implications of regional integration through bodies such as CARICOM and the Caribbean Court of Justice. A final chapter looks at post-independence constitutional reform noting that by 2000 only two countries had enacted new constitutions although several are in the process of considering the issue.

Yap P J,
Constitutional Dialogue in Common Law Asia (OUP 2015)

This title examines the constitutional systems of Hong Kong, Malaysia and Singapore, in particular the structures and traditions that were inherited from the British colonial period, and the major constitutional developments since then. The author reviews the judicial crises that have occurred in each jurisdiction and discusses the process of dialogic judicial review as a solution; in particular focusing on the issues of freedom of expression and religion, the right to equality and the right to due process.

Specialist Training for Law Librarians

Each spring the librarians at the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies provide training on foreign and international law resources for the benefit of new law librarians and graduate trainee librarians. The training was originally devised to provide the Institute's own in-house graduate trainee librarians with a firm footing in the use of law resources and the audience has since been widened to include graduate trainees from the Inns of Court, the FCO and the British Library, new academic law librarians in the London area and librarians from law firms and barristers' chambers who are subscribing members of the Library's commercial document supply service. Four separate half-day sessions are provided on sources of law of the Commonwealth, EU, USA and public international law materials respectively.

Indonesian Visit

On 17th February, a delegation from the Indonesian Ministry of Foreign Affairs visited IALS. Mr Abdulkadir Jailani, Director for Treaties and Legal Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, was accompanied by Ms Gita Murti, First Secretary for Political Affairs at the Indonesian Embassy in London, and Ms Lina Maulidina Rosalind from the Directorate for Treaties and Legal Affairs at the Indonesian Foreign Ministry. Mr Jailani is leading a task force to review the Indonesian law of treaties and was in the UK to conduct a comparative study of UK and Indonesian treaty law. The visitors were greeted by Deputy Librarian David Gee and given a tour of the Library by Hester Swift, the Foreign and International Law Librarian. They were shown key titles from our collection on treaty law and practice, as well as our holdings of the United Kingdom Treaty Series. They also met and had discussions with Dr Stefanou,



Hester Swift (second from right) providing a Library tour for the visitors

Director of the Sir William Dale Centre for Legislative Studies.

Kenyan Visit

David Gee, IALS Deputy Librarian

On Wednesday 24th and Friday 26th February, a small delegation from the Kenyan judiciary visited IALS Library. Mr Naim Bilal Yaseen, Director (Public Affairs & Communication) led the group which was seeking to find legal documents and books relating to Kenyan Independence on 12th December 1963 in order to contribute to a newly established museum. Apparently many of the key legal documents relating to the transfer of power from Great Britain to Kenya were lost at the time and the high-level delegation were hoping to copy relevant items from our extensive collections.

Following on from the transfer under trust deed of material from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in 1992, IALS Library holds one of the best collections of Commonwealth legal materials in Europe. We were able therefore to provide copies of a number of the key legal documents including the “Report of the Kenya Constitutional Conference of 1962” and the UK Statutory Instrument entitled, “The Kenyan Independence Order in Council of 1963”. Copies of these items will be placed in the new Kenyan Independence Museum.



David Gee (far left) and Hester Swift (centre) with delegation from Kenya

Interestingly our collection also includes a number of key textbooks covering the period and a very rare typed official transcript of the 1948 Supreme Court of Kenya case on the trial of “Rex v Ngugi Mungai and 16 others”. As this verbatim case transcript is so rare and important in the history of Kenyan independence, IALS Library has decided to digitise it and therefore make it available more widely for legal researchers via our website.

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