

IALS Library News

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Spring 2021

Our national training days have gone online for 2021. IALS is once again offering our popular How to Get a PhD in Law days. The 2021 programme, which will be delivered entirely online, features a host of talks aimed at preparing PhD candidates to navigate the different stages of their PhD journey.

Day One: 18 March 2021

The PhD journey: Supervision, research ethics and preparing yourself for upgrade and vivas

[Link to more information and how to book](#)

Day two: 30 April 2021

The PhD journey: The PhD in Law and research methods

[Link to more information and how to book](#)

Day three: 26 May 2021

Researching, disseminating and publishing in the digital world

[Link to more information and how to book](#)

A snapshot of our achievements during the pandemic

KEY IALS LIBRARY ACHIEVEMENTS

Mid-March 2020 - January 2021



**1,084,039
E-RESOURCE PAGE
VIEWS**

We offered an expanded number of commercial subscription e-resources. Use of e-books was a key highlight.

**173,773
RESEARCH GUIDE
VIEWS**

Our online research guides were used more than ever, aiding users with many aspects of their legal research.



**1,100
ATTENDED
TRAINING**

Our group training sessions, library inductions and one-to-one reference advice appointments took place online.

**1,088
ENQUIRIES**

A new webchat service and our virtual Reference Desk were staffed by our specialist law librarians.



Since the imposition of lockdown restrictions in mid-March 2020, the staff at IALS Library have focused on offering online support to our members.

This has been achieved by providing remote access to our expanded **subscription e-resources**, expanded online library services (such as our new live webchat service and virtual Reference Desk), our **online research training** programme, our online **research guides**, and our in-house **digital legal research tools**. Use of these online services has been very high throughout the pandemic.

Our achievements were recently highlighted in a video celebrating work done by the Senate House and School of Advanced Study libraries to support researchers during the pandemic. The video is available to watch on **YouTube**.



Modern artworks installed at IALS

As part of the IALS Transformation Project, IALS has been keen to loan modern artworks from the [University of London Art Collection](#) to adorn the walls of the refurbished building and to provide a source of inspiration and creativity for those who visit, study and work at IALS. Now that the major phase of the refurbishment project is completed, 10 large modern artworks have just been installed. The theme of most of the art chosen is works created in the 1970's. This was thought to be appropriate as the listed Grade II* IALS building was designed in the Brutalist style by the renowned British architect Sir Denys Lasdun and opened in 1976 (<https://ials.sas.ac.uk/about/ials-information/history/charles-clore-house>).

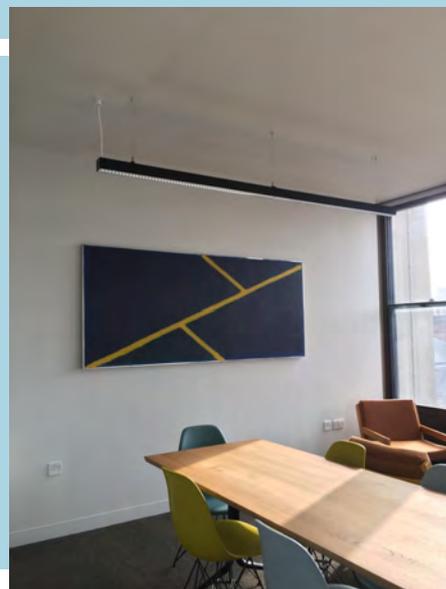
Artists such as **Sean Scully**, **Claude Rogers**, **Jack Simcock**, **John Edwards** and **Andrew Yates** are among the modern artists represented.

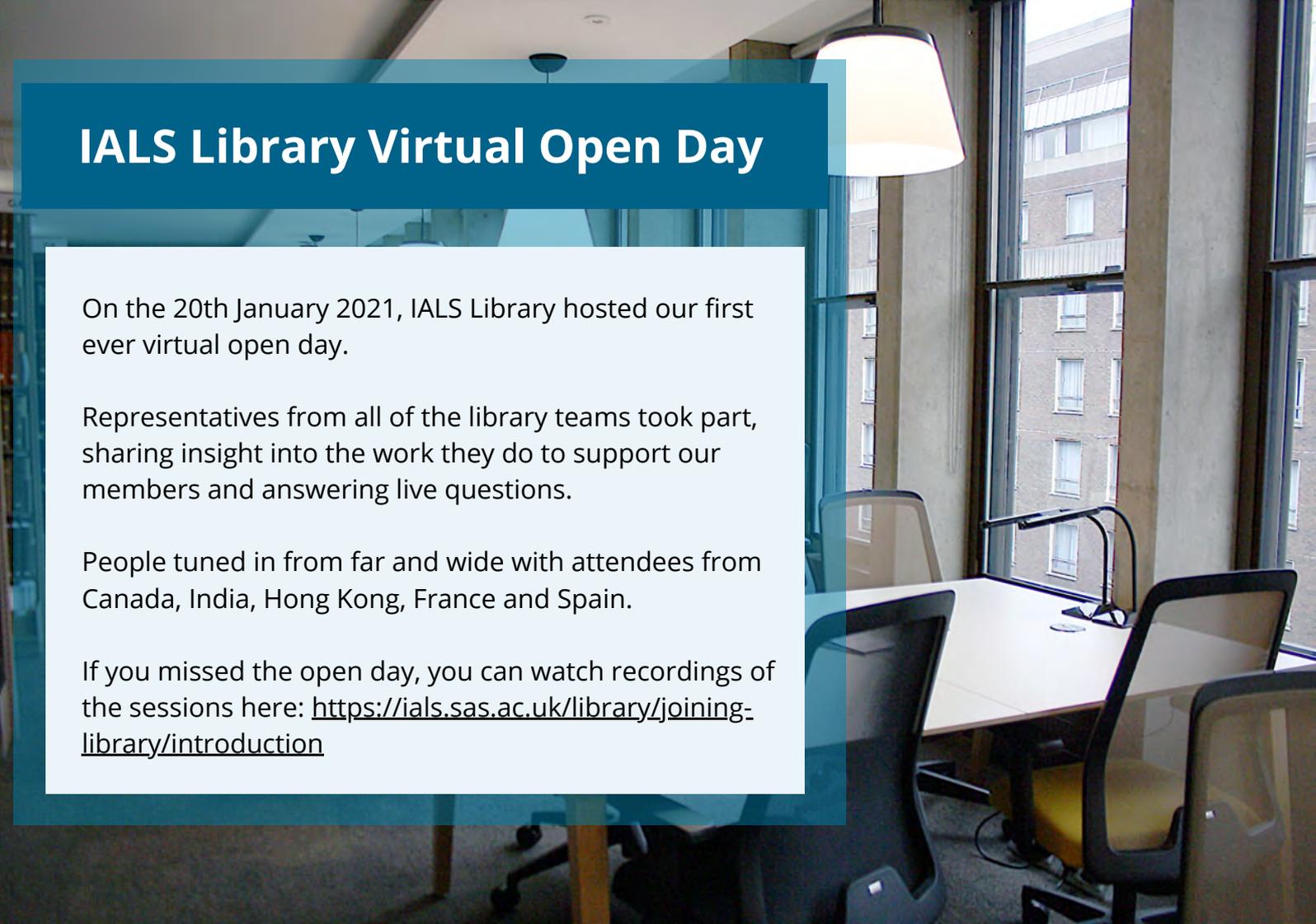


John Swarbrick (British b.1955) installing his work entitled: Table 1 (yellow) and Table 2 (blue).

Painted on a wood impression laminate surface, the simple format of each panel represents the outline of a desk. The two paintings link together to form a group study area and the coloured circles represent objects and people using the desks. John Swarbrick trained at the Central School of Art & Design London in painting and in silk-screen printing.

John Edwards British (1938-2009). Yellow grid and blue. A leading abstract artist of his generation, John Edwards was also acclaimed in the USA and India. His early work involves a perceptual ambiguity. The stretched scale of this seemingly abstract painting, takes the eye from corner to corner. Suggestive of paving slabs in the two colours of its title, on inspection, the work is in fact much more painterly than anticipated; expressive layers of softly-brushed colour clearly show round the edges of the grid lines and the canvas





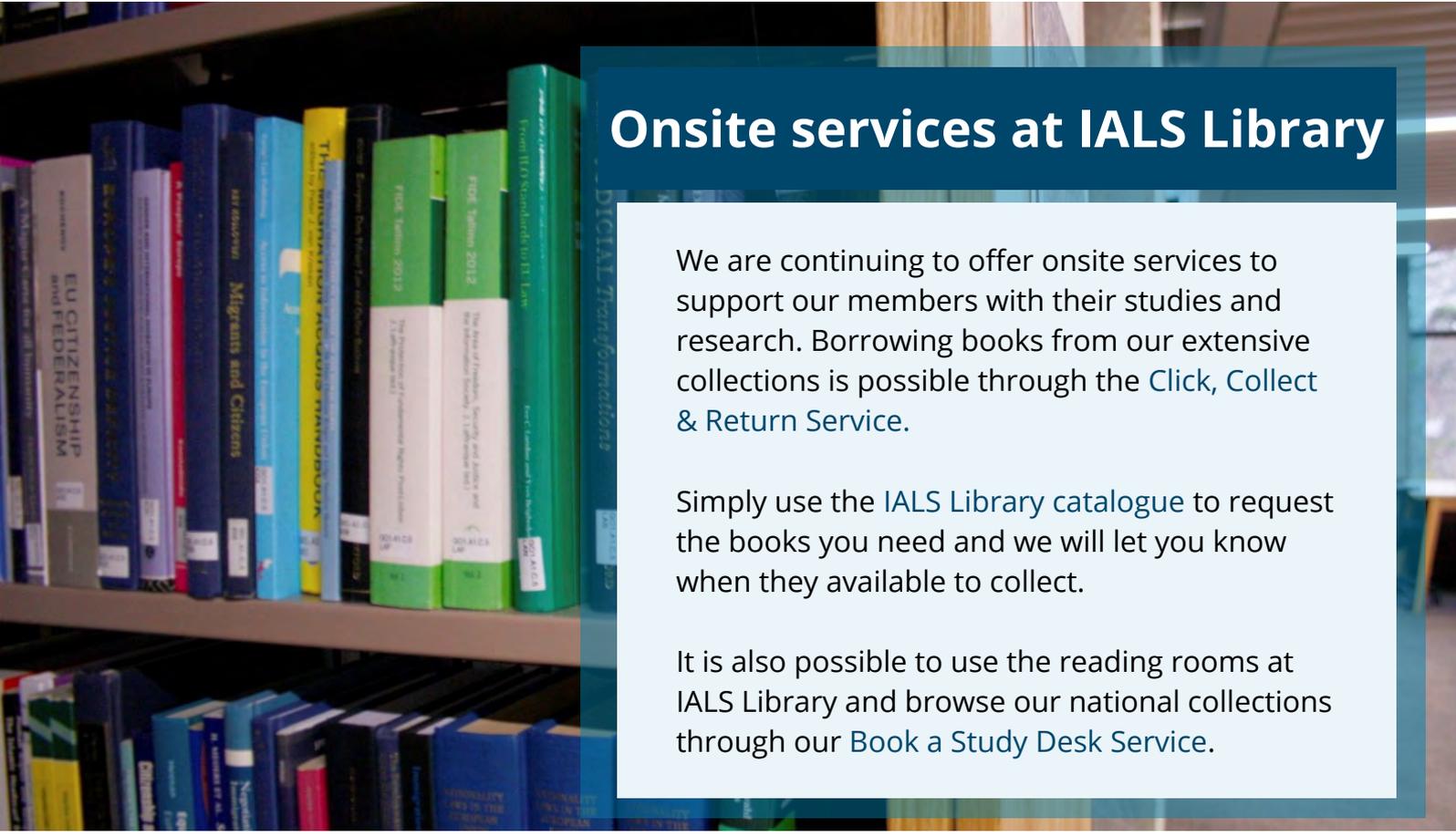
IALS Library Virtual Open Day

On the 20th January 2021, IALS Library hosted our first ever virtual open day.

Representatives from all of the library teams took part, sharing insight into the work they do to support our members and answering live questions.

People tuned in from far and wide with attendees from Canada, India, Hong Kong, France and Spain.

If you missed the open day, you can watch recordings of the sessions here: <https://ials.sas.ac.uk/library/joining-library/introduction>

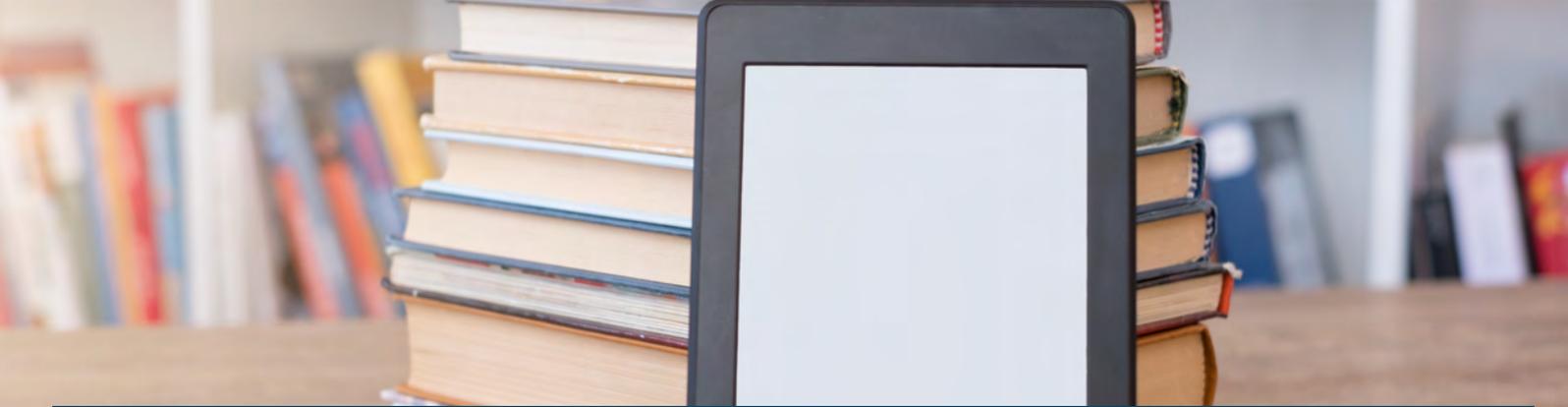


Onsite services at IALS Library

We are continuing to offer onsite services to support our members with their studies and research. Borrowing books from our extensive collections is possible through the **Click, Collect & Return Service**.

Simply use the **IALS Library catalogue** to request the books you need and we will let you know when they are available to collect.

It is also possible to use the reading rooms at IALS Library and browse our national collections through our **Book a Study Desk Service**.



E-resource and Books News

E-resources

IALS Law E-book Collections

Academic members of IALS Library have remote access to thousands of law eBooks as we subscribe to a number of large e-packages, for example we subscribe to Cambridge Core Online: law, Oxford scholarship Online: law, Oxford Legal Research Library and Oxford Scholarly Authorities on International law. We also purchase law e-book collections via various publishers platforms, e.g. Elgaronline, Brill Online and Hart/Bloomsbury Collection: law.

Specific book titles can be most easily identified and accessed remotely by searching our Library Catalogue:

<https://catalogue.libraries.london.ac.uk/search~S6/> A link to access a specific e-book remotely will be contained within its catalogue record. For more details on how to find IALS e-books click here- <https://libguides.ials.sas.ac.uk/books#s-lg-box-wrapper-18191092> In addition to this, if you cannot find a specific law e-book on the IALS catalogue you can send us an online recommendation form here- <https://www.ials.sas.ac.uk/library/ials-collections/recommend-book>

HeinOnline

[Hein Online](#) is a substantial collection of legal research materials, primarily US-focused, but also encompassing international law and other jurisdictions (Canada, UK, etc.). It includes a Law Journal Library; Treaties; the English Reports; Classic law treatises; United Nations material; the United States Reports and other US primary materials, World Constitutions, Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals; and more. Remote access is available to IALS and SAS staff, fellows and students, University of London law staff and students (including LLM students) via the [Electronic Law Library](#) or via the [library catalogue](#).

Collected Courses of the Hague Academy of International Law (Recueil des cours de l'Académie de Droit International de la Haye)

The Hague Academy of International Law is a global centre for research and teaching of public and private international law. The Collected Courses of the Academy are available online from 1923 onwards (in English & French) as part of the IALS subscription to Brill Online.

Remote access is available to all IALS Library academic members via the [Electronic Law Library](#) or via the [library catalogue](#).

E-resources

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Remote Access to IALS E-resources

Academic members of IALS Library continue to have remote access to many of our subscription e-resources (e.g. legal databases, eBook packages and e-journal packages). Please see our [Electronic Law Library](#) webpage for the complete alphabetical list and details on how to access: <https://ials.sas.ac.uk/library/legal-databases-and-digital-resources/electronic-law-library>.

Books News

Internet jurisdiction law and practice

Julia Hornle (Oxford University Press, 2021)

From a technological standpoint, geography is largely irrelevant. Data flows through the internet without regard for political borders or territories. Services, communication, and interaction can occur online between persons who may be in different countries. Illegal activities, like hacking, cyberespionage, propagating terrorist propaganda, defamation, revenge porn, and illegal marketplaces may all be remotely targeted and accessed from various countries. As such, the internet has created an interesting and complex set of challenges for the concept of jurisdiction and conflicts of law. This title takes a comparative approach covering the EU, UK, US, Germany, and China.

EU and CARICOM: dilemmas versus opportunities on development, law and economics

Edited By Alicia Elias Roberts, Stephen Hardy, Winfried Huck (Routledge, 2021)

Investigating the unique EU-CARICOM legal relationship, this book explores the major theme of globalisation, which shapes inter-regional organisations individually and determines their relationship to one another. It evaluates how EU-CARICOM relations have fostered trade, security and other development measures, reflecting on the past, future and present of the Caribbean states that are active in the EU-CARICOM framework.

The history of Chinese legal civilisation: modern and contemporary China (from 1840-)

Jinfan Zhang (Springer, 2020)

This book, based on the theory of Marxism-Leninism, aims to study the essence, content and features of various legal systems in China in different historical periods, as well as the rules of the development of Chinese legal systems. It effectively combines classic analysis and historical analysis to probe historical facts and elaborate the historical role of the legal system, revealing both the general and the specific rules of the development of China's legal system on the basis of the existing relevant research. The subject matter is of abundant theoretical and practical significance, as it enriches Marxist legal studies, deepens readers' understanding of China's legal civilization and offers guiding principles for the creation of socialist legal systems with Chinese characteristics.

Democracy in times of pandemic: different futures imagined

Edited by Miguel Poiars Maduro, Paul W. Kahn (Cambridge University Press, 2020)

The COVID-19 pandemic has presented an important case study, on a global scale, of how democracy works - and fails to work - today. From leadership to citizenship, from due process to checks and balances, from globalization to misinformation, from solidarity within and across borders to the role of expertise, key democratic concepts both old and new are now being put to the test. The future of democracy around the world is at issue as today's governments manage their responses to the pandemic.



People news

Everyone at IALS Library is extremely proud of our colleagues Laura Griffiths and Claire Miller who came 1st and 3rd place out of around 100 players in the recent University of London Staff Association's quiz.

Well done Laura and Claire!



Laura with her 1st place prize, a copy of the Bilderatlas

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