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## IALS Summer Newsletter 2018

### IALS Transformation Project: Summer 2018 schedule of work

Over the summer, work to transform the IALS building is set to begin. The Library will operate normal opening hours throughout all of the work. Noisy work during Library opening hours will be kept to a minimum, although there will be minor preparatory works on the 5th floor and in the 2nd floor reading room.

In July the 4th floor will close and the library entrance/exit will move to the 2nd floor, along with the enquiry desk. We expect major renovation works on the 4th floor to begin in August.

The academic and administrative offices have now moved from the 5th floor to 1 Malet Street (Dilke House) Bloomsbury, London WC1E 7JN (this is approximately a five minute walk from the IALS building). Telephone numbers and email addresses are unchanged. The Sir William Dale Centre for Legislative Studies will remain in room 509a on the 5th floor at IALS.

Find out more about the Transformation Project and keep up to date with the latest news on our dedicated [webpage](#).

### You said, we did: IALS Library reader satisfaction survey results 2018

*David Gee, Deputy Librarian and Academic Services Manager*

In order to find out how satisfied readers are with the IALS Library's collections and information services and to help us continue to improve the Library, a survey of library users was carried out between Monday 26th February and Sunday 4th March 2018. We're very pleased that the overall satisfaction rate was 96%.

#### Highlights in brief

- Our top rating was for the helpfulness of library staff which was 98% (up 1% on the 2017 rating).
- The overall satisfaction rate remained the same at 96%.
- This year we had 5 satisfaction ratings above 90% which were for our range of electronic journals and databases, range of print journals and research training sessions; as well as for the helpfulness of library staff and overall satisfaction.
- We had 10 satisfaction ratings above 80%. These included, our range of books, opening times and closing times, ease of access to e-resources, ease of use of library catalogue, study facilities, study environment - quietness, quality of computing facilities, availability of PC's and availability of photocopiers.



Some positive comments made a number of times:

- “Perfect place to study seriously.” (x33)
- “Wonderfully helpful staff who are invariably welcoming to all users.” (x23)
- “Excellent collection – the best in London.” (x18)
- “I love IALS – it is a great library.” (x14)

### **Library actions: you said, we did**

#### *Refurbished Library*

The survey comments about wanting a refurbished Library (e.g. the need for improved temperature control, less noise from the busy roads outside, more seating in the reading rooms, better chairs and desks with integrated power and data points, more comprehensive WiFi provision, new bookable group study rooms, and more lockable research carrels) have been anticipated by the IALS Library Management Team in their IALS Refurbishment Business Plan. We are therefore pleased to announce that a more detailed refurbishment plan, assembled by architects Burwell Deakins, has recently been approved by the University's Board of Trustees. As a result, the University of London is now committed to a £11.5 million refurbishment of the IALS building and library which will start in July 2018.

This major refurbishment project will replace the building infrastructure with new heating, cooling, ventilation, cabling and WiFi. IALS Library will be completely refurbished and re-designed. We will be able to offer a new 2nd floor entrance looking out on to Russell Square, 50 additional study desks, bookable group study and training rooms, a special needs room, 10 additional lockable library research carrels, new desk and chair furniture throughout the library, more control over our reading room heating and cooling, secondary glazing to reduce the noise from the busy roads outside, more self-issue laptops and improved IT services. This exciting project should take around two years to complete, but IALS Library will remain open throughout the works with a temporary entrance.

Once available, we will arrange for examples of the proposed new library study desk and adjustable chair to be available in the Library for testing and comment by readers.

#### *Book suggestions*

The individual suggestions about improving areas of our research collections have been passed to Liz Murray, Information Resources Manager, who will act on them.

#### *Improved library catalogue*

A project already in progress will help us to address the comments about ease of use of the library catalogue. We are working to introduce a new discovery platform later this year which will improve access to our many electronic resources and enable article-searching from our e-resources subscriptions.

#### *Opening and closing times*

A further investment in library opening hours two years ago helped us to achieve an improved satisfaction rating for our closing times this year. For most of the year we are open 7 days a week. From October to June we are open 9.00am to 11.00pm, Monday to Friday; 10.00am to 8.30pm on Saturdays; and 12.30pm to 8.30pm on Sundays. These extended opening hours are longer than any other library within the central University. We had 5 adverse comments this year about our later opening time on Sundays. Although this type of comment has been in decline in recent years, we will continue to monitor the opening time rating closely.

#### *Cost of printing*

The lowest satisfaction rating of 58.6% was for the cost of public photocopying/printing. However on investigation it was found that the IALS charge of 5p per A4 copied sheet was very comparable to the current charges at the University of London colleges which have the benefit of much larger economies of scale.

#### *Eating and drinking in the Library*

There were 3 requests for us to allow the consumption of hot drinks within the Library. As the nationally-funded legal research library which preserves and makes available often unique legal materials for use by its users, we believe our existing regulations which only allow cold water to be drunk inside the library are sufficient. This view is in line with the regulations of all other research libraries within the School of Advanced Study and with the Bodleian Law Library, Oxford and the Squire Law Library, Cambridge. We would encourage readers to use the large café space on the ground floor of IALS to eat and drink and to make use of the two self-service food and drink machines that are available to readers on floor L1.

#### *Toilets*

We are glad to report no negative comments about the general cleanliness of the public toilets since extra cleaning sessions were provided. You can read more about the survey and the results at:

<http://ials.sas.ac.uk/library/library-services/ials-library-reader-satisfaction-survey-0>

## FLARE Group update

David Gee, Deputy Librarian and Academic Services Manager

The FLARE Group is a collaboration between the major libraries collecting foreign law in the United Kingdom: Institute of Advanced Legal Studies Library (Chair), Bodleian Law Library, University of Oxford, Squire Law Library, University of Cambridge, the British Library, School of Oriental and African Studies Library and the Inns of Court libraries. It is working to improve the coverage and accessibility of foreign legal materials at the national level and to raise expertise in their use.

### History:

IALS Library had been co-operating with the British Library for many years in the collaborative acquisitions of foreign legal materials and agreed a concordat between the two libraries. In collaboration with the Bodleian Law Library, the Squire Law Library and the School of Oriental and African Studies, the libraries developed the [FLAG Foreign Law Guide](#) to help researchers locate primary foreign law print collections in UK libraries. The FLAG project highlighted the importance of continued co-operation among the major UK libraries with foreign law collections and resulted in the formation of FLARE - the Foreign Law Research group of libraries.

### Aims:

Building on work from established relationships and earlier projects, FLARE aims to develop collaborative collection policies, improve access to foreign, comparative and international law and to increase the expertise of library staff by providing information and training courses in the collection, management and exploitation of these materials. The [FLARE webpage](#) includes the union list of European official gazettes, course materials and documents produced by the FLAG project and FLARE initiatives. FLARE was particularly helpful in advising the IALS development of the [Flare Index to Treaties](#).

The FLARE Group met again on Friday 13th April and the library partners hope to collaborate more in the future.



## IALS Summer Opening Hours

From Monday 11th June to Friday 14th September 2018 IALS operates the following summer vacation hours:

**Monday to Friday: 9.00am to 8.00pm**

**Saturday: 10.00am to 5.30pm**

## Spotlight on databases

**JustisOne** is a subscription database that includes a large collection of common law cases and an extensive collection of legislation. IALS Library's subscription covers UK legislation, UK judgments, Caribbean judgments and several leading series of law reports. JustisOne is available onsite at IALS to all members of IALS Library. Remote access is available for academic members of IALS Library and Senate House Library. Access JustisOne from our [Electronic Law Library](#).

**Sabinet** provides online access to South African law journals. Accessing the database through IALS will allow users to search or browse a selection of subscription and open access journals. IALS library has recently added three new titles to our subscription:

- African Yearbook on International Humanitarian Law
- Journal of Comparative Law in Africa
- SADC [South African Development Community] Law Journal

Sabinet is available onsite to all users and IALS library academic members can access it remotely via the [Electronic Law Library](#).

**ETHOS** is the UK's national thesis service. This free database aims to provide a record of all doctoral theses awarded by UK higher education institutions. Currently, the database contains records of at least 90% of all UK theses; that's a massive 480,000 records according to the database FAQ! In many cases a link to download the full text thesis is available. For older theses, which may not already be available electronically, users can request that a copy be scanned via the 'digitisation on demand' facility (there may be a charge for this service). Access the ETHOS database at <http://ethos.bl.uk/Home.do>.

## IALS Library Roadshows

Alice Tyson, Access Librarian

Each year IALS Library staff take to the road to visit law schools across the UK. Our mission is to tell PhD and MPhil students and staff all about the free resources and services available to them through IALS library. As the national research library for law, it's especially important to us that researchers know all about the online resources available to them, no matter where in the country they are based.



So far this year we have visited Bangor University, the University of Birmingham, the University of Southampton, De Montfort University Leicester and the University of Sheffield.



If you think that researchers at your law school would benefit from finding out about how IALS Library can support their research, contact us to arrange a Roadshow by emailing [alice.tyson@sas.ac.uk](mailto:alice.tyson@sas.ac.uk).



## New e-resources at IALS Library

Liz Murray, Information Resources Manager

We have recently acquired a few new e-resources here at IALS library.

On **Elgaronline**, we have now added the Intellectual Property full-text e-books, which brings our total number of e-book on Elgar to 285. You will also find these books by going to our Elgaronline library record - <http://catalogue.libraries.london.ac.uk/record=b3385145~S6> and they are also individually listed in our library catalogue.

Full text is available on and offsite and you can print and download chapters in pdf format.

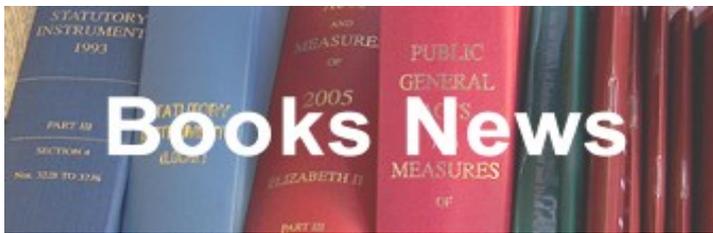
**Cambridge Core law e-books** – we continue to upload new additions to our Cambridge Core law e-books collection every month; we currently have the whole collection of 2208 law books.

At the end of this academic year, we will purchase outright the most heavily used e-books from Cambridge Core – you can search all our Cambridge books here - <http://catalogue.libraries.london.ac.uk/record=b3389770~S6> – and they are also individually listed on our library catalogue.

There is full text access to all these e-books on and offsite for all library users, and you can print and save chapters in pdf format.

**Dawson ERA** – we have added a number of new LLM reading list titles to this e-book collection.

You can search all 28 books on Dawson Era here - <http://catalogue.libraries.london.ac.uk/record=b3292314~S6> – or find them individually listed on our library catalogue.



Here is just a small selection of some of our new books at IALS Library. You can see the full list on our new books page:

<http://ials.sas.ac.uk/library/ials-collections/new-additions-library>.

If you would like to suggest or recommend any books for our collection, please fill out our new book suggestion form:

<http://ials.sas.ac.uk/library/ials-collections/recommend-book>.

### **The Digital Estate**

**Leigh Sagar (Thompson Reuters, 2018)**

The Digital Estate provides an analysis of the rights and liabilities associated with digital information passing from, to and through computing and other devices owned and controlled by fiduciaries, including trustees, personal representatives, lasting and other attorneys. In doing so, Leigh Sagar explores the principles of English law that define the proprietary nature of information, taking into account the approach to this issue in other jurisdictions, such as the United States, Australia and New Zealand.

### **Legal Integration and Language Diversity: Rethinking Translation in EU Lawmaking**

**C.J.W. Baaij (Oxford University Press, 2018)**

How can the European Union create laws that are uniform in a multitude of languages? Specifically, how can it attain both legal integration and language diversity simultaneously, without the latter compromising the former? C.J.W. Baaij argues that the answer lies in the domain of translation. A uniform interpretation and application of EU law begins with the ways in which translators and jurist-linguists of the EU legislative bodies translate the original legislative draft texts into the various language versions.

The author provides practical solutions to the conflict between the equality of all language versions, and the need for uniform interpretation and application of EU law.

### **Iterations of Law: Legal Histories from India**

**Edited by Aparna Balachandran, Rashmi Pant, Bhavani Raman (Oxford University Press, 2018)**

Originating from the conference, Thinking Through Law: South Asian Histories and the Legal Archive (2013, Delhi), Iterations of Law: Legal Histories from

India presents new perspectives on legal history from South Asia. While earlier historians looked at the results rather than the performance of law, the contributors to this volume, who include young as well as established scholars, examine the socioeconomic and political contexts that shape law-making and its practice. The chapters interrogate “from below” the framing of legal regimes and explore the physical and epistemic violence of colonial law.

The contributors look at the ways in which colonized subjects shape the contours of legal spaces through constant interchange, conflict and adjustment between the rulers and the governed.

The contributors critically engage with both archival materials from case law to legal treatises and everyday records of rule, to investigate the relationship between the discipline of history and the institution of law. This compilation focuses on the complex moments in the life of the law when rights or claims simultaneously bring in to existence a new economy of power and authority.

### **The European Union and the Arctic**

**Editors, Nengye Liu, Elizabeth A. Kirk and Tore Henriksen (Brill Nijhoff, 2017)**

Published as part of the Publications on Ocean Development series, this book brings together academics from a range of disciplines to discuss the EU's potential roles in shaping Arctic governance. Divided into three parts, the first part examines the EU's current Arctic policy framework. The second focuses on the EU's engagement with Arctic governance at the regional level and encompasses the EU's engagement with the so-called Arctic Five (five coastal States of the Arctic Ocean), providing examples of some of those relationships. The third part takes a sectoral approach, analysing the EU's potential contribution to regulation of key human activities in the Arctic, including shipping, fisheries, oil and gas operations, and marine mammals.

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