BLHC 2024: Insiders and Outsiders in the History of Law

Conference schedule

Day 1 – Wednesday 3 July

- 12 noon to 1 pm – Registration and lunch
- 1 pm to 2 pm – Panel session 1
  - Panel A
    - Ciara Kennefick, *Mathematicians and the Just Price in Contracts before European Codifications*
    - Catharine Macmillan, *Why English law is not codified: inside and outside the common law*
  - Panel B
    - Amanda Bevan, *Invisible actors: litigants, deponents, commissioners*
    - Charlotte Smith, *Insiders, Outsiders, and the shaping of the archive: the Denning Committee on Legal Records (1963 – 1966)*
  - Panel C
    - Marie-Andrée Jacob, Priyasha Saksena and Amrita Limbu, *Beyond Registration: Medical Refugees, Professional Organizations, and British Immigration Policy, 1932–1940*
    - Christoph König, *Double Lives in the Law: Reflections on the study of intellectual migration of legal thought to Britain*
- 2 pm to 2:30 pm – Break
- 2:30 pm to 4 pm – Plenary session I Michael Lobban, *Political Murder, Extradition and Empire*
- 5 pm to 6 pm – ECR networking event
- 6:30 pm – Reception, Goldney Hall
Day 2 – Thursday 4 July

- 9:30 am to 11 am – Panel session 2
  o Panel A
    ▪ Angharad Elias, Dr John David Rhys of Brecon (1533/4–c.1620) and Medieval Welsh Law
    ▪ Sarah Elin Roberts, Friends and Strangers: Aliens in Medieval Wales
    ▪ Thomas Glyn Watkin, "Alas! It Was Borrowed": Legal Knowledge in Renaissance Wales following the union with England
  o Panel B
    ▪ Chloe Ingersent, Widows in the Star Chamber, c. 1558-1603
    ▪ Emma Lyons, ‘Why mourne you so, you that be widdowes?’: Widows’ inheritance of property in seventeenth-century Ireland
    ▪ John Marshall, Partitioning a transnational inheritance in thirteenth-century Britain and Ireland: who’s in and who’s out?
  o Panel C
    ▪ TT Arvind, Agricultural debt and the law of contract in colonial India
    ▪ Raymond Cocks, Combining Insider and Outsider Roles: Indian Lawyers in Late-Nineteenth Century British India
    ▪ Victoria Lacis, William Empson, Colonial Legal Education, and the Roman Law
  o Panel D
    ▪ Niamh Howlin, Women as both Insiders and Outsiders in the History of the Legal Profession
    ▪ Erika Rackley, Outsiders on the Inside: Women Judges on the Industrial Court
    ▪ Harriet Samuels, Shaping the law from the outside in: The National Union of Women Teachers, Emily Phipps and the challenge to the marriage bar in the nineteen twenties
- 11 am to 11:30 am – Break
- 11:30 am to 1 pm – Plenary session 2
  o Krista Kesselring, Lawless Women in the Court of Star Chamber
- 1 pm to 2 pm – Lunch
- 2 pm to 4 pm – Panel session 3
  o Panel A
    ▪ Jennifer Aston, Domestic Abuse and Pregnancy in Marriage in England and Wales, 1858-1918: Evidence from the Court for Divorce and Matrimonial Causes.
    ▪ Sara Butler, Regulating Pregnancy and Childbirth in Medieval Europe: Mapping Concerns about Women, Children, and their Bodies
    ▪ Melissa Glass, Women as Tenants, Tenants as Political Actors: Women’s Social Power and the Decline of the Manor Courts in Seventeenth-Century England
    ▪ Anthony Musson, Inside and outside the palace: Henry VIII’s queens at law
  o Panel B
    ▪ Rosalind Acland, Edward Coke’s Ciceronian Common Law
• Bruce Brasington, “Ivo Next Quoted and Abused.” The Canonical Collections and Letters of Bishop Ivo of Chartres (+1115) in Seventeenth-Century English Legal Treatises
• Andrew Cecchinato, Constitution and Contemplation: Three Platonic Asides in John Selden
• Carolyn Sale, Preserving the Common: Coke’s Report of Gateward’s Case and Shakespeare’s Coriolanus
  o Panel C
    ▪ Mark Coen, 'Unfit to face the moral dangers of life': Insiders and Outsiders in Ireland’s Magdalene Laundry System
    ▪ Kevin Costello, The Domestic Servant and the County Courts 1846 to 1906
    ▪ Caroline Derry, Insiders or outsiders? Louise Mourey and her co-defendants
    ▪ Stephanie Dropuljic, The case of Margaret Ramsay (1662): do the archival materials reveal misconceptions?
  o Panel D
    ▪ Nicole Breault, Quotidian Legal History: Local Policing in Eighteenth-Century Boston
    ▪ Joshua Getzler, The Gove Land Rights Case – revising the history of native title
    ▪ Ruth Ginio, Keeping Colonial Subjects Outside the French Legal system: The Jeandet Affair and the colonization of West Africa at the late 19th Century
    ▪ Benjamin Hingley, Enemy Subjects: First Nations People and the Law in 1820s New South Wales
• 4:15 pm to 5:30 pm – Plenary session 3
  o Bristol: facing its histories?
  o Roundtable with Foluke Adebisi, Edson Burton, and Richard Stone
• 6 pm –Reception, Royal West of England Academy
Day 3 – Friday 5 July

- 9:30 am to 11 am – Panel session 4
  - Panel A
    - Philip Handler, Judicial Insiders: the Coleridge Dynasty
    - Ashley Hannay, Sir John Vavasour (d. 1506): Lawyer, Judge, Northerner
    - Patricia McMahon, Law Reform in the Age of Henry Brougham: A Legal Biographical Interpretation
  - Panel B
    - Graham Moore, How to get away with murder: tracing the jurisdictional limits of the seventeenth-century High Court of Admiralty
    - Ted Powell, How do you solve a problem like the Hanse? Litigation against Alien Merchants in Fifteenth Century England
    - Fleur Stolker, Breaking into the Inner Circle: Merchant Strangers and Cross-Border Insolvency in Early Modern England
  - Panel C
    - David Hoffman, Insiders and Outsiders on the Northern Circuit of the Bar in the 18th Century
    - Catriona Mullay, Insiders and Outsiders: Who Practised Law at the Edge of Scotland?
  - Panel D
    - Lorren Eldridge, Inside Legal History and Outside Law: Susan Reynolds and the History of Corporations
    - Steve Hedley, ‘Waiting for the barbarians’: Structure and Function in English Private Law Theory, 1920 to present
    - Poppy Kershaw, Toward unknown regions: Peeling back the hard rind of legal history in F.W. Maitland

- 11 am to 11:30 am – Break
- 11:30 am to 12:45 pm – Plenary session 4
  - Carissa Harris, Ancillary Histories: Ancilla Beyond the Law

- 12:45 pm to 1:45 pm – Lunch
- 1:45 pm to 3:15 pm – Panel session 5
  - Panel A
    - Paul Cavill, The problem with purgation: clerks convict in Tudor England
    - Jennifer Pearce, Canon Law and Religious Minorities in the Latin East (1099-1350)
    - Karl Shoemaker, The Devil before the Law in the Middle Ages
  - Panel B
    - Sarah Ailwood, Eighteenth-century women’s legal memoirs
    - Clare Egan, ‘Libellous Articles’ and ‘Scandalous Interrogatories’: Defamatory Manipulations of Early Modern Law from Outside and Inside
- Laura Flannigan, *Commonplacing the law: lay legal literacy in late medieval and early modern England*
  
  o Panel C
  - Justine Collins, *The Issue of Private Bill Passing in Colonial Jamaica, 1700*
  - Marissa Jackson Sow, *The Auntie-Canon and the Curious Case of Irene Morgan*
  - Joy Porter, *The Laws of War and Peace in North America*
  
  o Panel D
  - Martin O’Donoghue, *Outsiders turned insiders? Revolutionaries, parliament and the 1922 Irish constitution*
  - Rhiannon Ogden-Jones, *Insiders and Outsiders in drafting the National Park and Access to the Countryside Act 1949*
  - Anat Rosenberg, *Cultural Legal History and the Boundaries of Law*

- 3:15 pm to 3:45 pm – Break
- 3:45 pm to 5:15 pm – Panel session 6
  
  o Panel A
  - Coleman Dennehy, ‘I stepped out and she stepped in again, learning to dance to English law’: othering, assimilation, and civilisation through the law
  - Nicholas Le Poidevin, *Jurisdictional boundaries and judicial policing in late medieval England*
  - Attilio Stella, *Local customs and central powers in the ‘long twelfth century’. Italy and England compared*
  
  o Panel B
  - Emily Ireland, *Legal Personhood and Subordination Under the English Common Law, 1689-1760*
  - Neil Jones, ‘Insiders’ and ‘Outsiders’ in the Early-Modern Court of Chancery*
  
  o Panel C
  - Alice Krzanich, *Insiders and Outsiders in Emotional Injury Claims: Solatium under Scots Law for Death of a Relative*
  
  o Panel D
  - Kay Crosby, *The Jury System of Bristol, 1919-1939*
  - Stephen Kos, *Unhappy History: Criminal Appeals in New Zealand*
  - Henry Mares, *New Light on Larsonneur’s Case*

- 6 pm – Conference dinner, Bristol Museum and Art Gallery
Day 4 – Saturday 6 July

- 9:30 am to 11 am – Panel session 7
  - Panel A
    - Jonathan Rose, *Lawyers and the Legal Profession: A Historical Perspective on Honor and Loyalty*
    - Ryan Rowberry, *Judges as Outsiders: Judicial Writs and Court Sealing Practices 1272-1327*
    - Ian Williams, *Insider Training? Star Chamber and Precedent in Early-Modern Equity*
  - Panel B
    - Henry Kha, *Wife Sales and Legal Responses in Colonial Australia*
    - Piotr Michalik, *Application of the Institution of Consent to a Jewish Civil Marriage in the Free City of Cracow (1815-1846)*
    - Rebecca Probert, ‘Bigamy with adultery’: inside divorce law and outside the criminal law
  - Panel C
    - Donal Coffey, *Constitutional Law and civil servants in the British Empire, 1900-1950*
    - Assaf Likhovski, *Early Twentieth-Century Scholars of Ancient Constitutional History: Indians, Westerners, and the Hindu Polity Literature*
    - Geetanjali Srikantan, *Imperial Strategies in Interwar Indian Constitutional Reform: Examining the Language of Inclusion and Exclusion in the Simon Commission Report*

- 11 am to 11:30 am – Break
- 11.30 am to 12:30 pm – Plenary session 5
  - Insiders and outsiders in the history of law
  - Roundtable with Joanna McCunn, Gwen Seabourne, and David Sugarman
- 12:30 pm – Lunch