Wake up to Money

Michael Jefferson of the School of Law was interviewed by Radio 5Live as part of the 'Wake up to Money' programme about the enforcement of the National Minimum Wage (NMW) in light of the overnight news that 37 firms across the U.K., including both well-known ones and local ones, had been both fined and named and shamed for not paying the NMW. Among topics covered were deductions from the NMW for uniforms and living accommodation.

The current NMW ranges from £6.50 for those aged 21 and over down to £2.73 for certain apprentices. Catch up with Michael's interview here, starting at 20:45.

Michael also spoke on the Howard Pressman show and Eastern Air on BBC Radio Sheffield.

UK Only Western European Country to Ban Prisoners Voting

Dr Cormac Behan has contributed to Newsweek article about the right to vote by prisoners. The article 'UK Only Western European Country to Ban Prisoners Voting' reflects on how the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR) has now ruled breaches inmates' human rights four separate times.

You can read the full Newsweek article here.

Alumni News: Dr Ellis on Radio 5 live

Our recent PhD graduate Dr Anthony Ellis, appeared on BBC Radio 5 Live Men's Hour on 15 March 2015, discussing men and their relationship with violence. Click the link below to listen, begins at 18.00.

Listen now here

Dr Ellis is now a lecturer in Sociology and Criminology at the University of Salford.
Awards


Dr Pablo José Castillo Ortiz’s PhD dissertation on ‘The Judicial Politics of National Courts in the Processes of Ratification of European Union Treaties’ was just awarded the prize to the best PhD dissertation (‘premio extraordinario de doctorado’) of the Department of Politics of the Universidad Autónoma de Madrid for the period 2012-2014.

The PhD is under contract with Routledge for its publication as a book in the series Law, Courts and Politics.

Award Winning Research: Andraz Kastelic and the Microsoft Cyberspace 2025 Essay Contest

We are proud to announce that our doctoral candidate Andraz Kastelic’s paper was selected to be one of the three winning papers of the Microsoft Cyberspace 2025 Essay Contest.

This is a highly prestigious award recognising the quality of his original research that can be used to inform future policy development.

You can learn more about the contest and how Microsoft are engaging with some of the worlds best and the brightest students here.
Policing in a time of austerity: what levels and kinds of services would citizens expect, and from whom?

Organised by Professor Joanna Shapland, this seminar sought to explore the effects of financial austerity upon the delivery of policing in the medium term, in a context of substantive cuts to policing budgets. Thoughtful and informative presentations were made by Professor Martin Innes (Cardiff University), Professor Matt Matravers (University of York), and Chief Constable Chris Sims OBE QPM of West Midlands Police. Delegates working in the academy, policy, practice and the media joined Professors Antony Bottoms, Stephen Farrall and Joanna Shapland and Dr Philippa Tomczak from the University of Sheffield Centre for Criminological Research, for a day of stimulating debate at the British Academy. This seminar provided a rare opportunity for open discussion between delegates from different areas.

Chief Constable Chris Sims gave an account of how austerity has affected the West Midlands Police Force. Chief Constable Sims explained how his force has already closed a multimillion pound funding gap. Professor Martin Innes explored the impacts of austerity in changing the conceptual basis of policing, and considered how local situational insights could be attained in a context of smaller police forces but increased potential for engagement via social media. Professor Matt Matravers provided a broader philosophical analysis of the justification for and pitfalls of increasing privatisation of previously public services. Questions and discussion followed each of the papers.

A one day symposium at the Centre for Criminological Research, Sheffield - February 5th

Organised by Dr Maggie Wykes, this symposium sought to explore ‘risk’ in the domains of crime, harm, deviance and criminal justice. Presentations provided insights from theory and practice, and were made by speakers from universities in England, France and the Netherlands on subjects as diverse as probation reform, poverty, the Victorian security industry and child sexual exploitation. Photographs show a snowy journey into Sheffield, Dr Gwen Robinson (the University of Sheffield) presenting on ‘Probation, Risk and the Transforming Rehabilitation Agenda’, and Billie Lister and Colin Webster (Leeds Beckett University) presenting on ‘The Impact of Welfare to Work Policies on Poverty and Crime Risks Among Marginalised Groups’.
Presentations

**Keynote at the European Patent Office: Professor Burrell**

Professor Burrell was invited to deliver opening keynote presentation at the European Patent Office, Munich, as part of the IP Executive Education Week attended by leading representatives of patent offices from around the world.

The title of his Keynote was ‘Developing the IP system: legal certainty, an essential factor for innovation and economic growth’ 7-11 July 2014.

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**Dr Jay Cullen attends prestigious workshop at the London School of Economics**

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Dr Jay Cullen was invited to take part in a prestigious workshop at the London School of Economics (LSE) on March 12th, entitled: ‘Research Frontiers in Law, Finance and Governance’, organised by Professor Katharina Pistor (Columbia Law School). Following the workshop there was a lecture organised by the Systemic Risk Centre, LSE, entitled: The Law, Finance and the Abyss Chair: Dr Eva Micheler Speakers: Professor Charles Goodhart, Professor Katharina Pistor, Professor Julia Black, Dr Jon Danielsson.

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**Prof Hervey invited to discuss Socio-economic Rights Research and Litigation at the University of Nottingham**

Professor Tamara Hervey was invited to be a discussant at the JC Smith Visiting Scholar Workshop on New Directions in Socio-economic Rights Research and Litigation, the University of Nottingham, School of Law, 20 March 2015.

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**‘Understanding desistance from sexual offending’ by Joanne Hulley**

Joanne (second from the right) with her fellow presenters

Our PhD student Joanne Hulley was invited to present at a Research Symposium held at Queens University, Belfast, on the topic of ‘Understanding desistance from sexual offending’. The event was organised by Anne-Marie McAlinden and Shadd Maruna. A number of renowned international scholars presented their research, which was fascinating and insightful and of course, extremely relevant to her own PhD entitled ‘Exploring desistance in adult male child sex offenders’.

You can read more about the conference [here](#).

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**The EU’s Ambition for a Unified Patent System in Europe by Prof Plomer**

Professor Aurora Plomer was invited to present her research on “The EU’s Ambition for a Unified Patent System in Europe” at a Joint Workshop organised by the European University Institute, the ESIL Interest Group on The EU as a Global Actor and the Centre for the Law of EU External Relations (CLEER) at EUI (Florence) 19 - 20 February 2015.
Presentations

Presentations at International Corporate (Ir-)Responsibility and its Consequences in a Globalised World workshop

Dr Sorcha MacLeod and Dr Andreas Rühmkorf both gave papers at the international & interdisciplinary workshop Corporate (Ir-) Responsibility and its Consequences in a Globalised World, held at Ruhr University of Bochum (Germany), 20-21 February 2015. Sorcha MacLeod presented “Socialisation and Internationalisation of Human Rights in Private Security Companies: Towards Human Rights Preparedness” and Andreas Rühmkorf presented “Promoting Corporate Social Responsibility in global supply chains: Towards a hybrid regulatory approach”.

Presentations: Health, genetic data, ethics & commercialisation by Dr Taylor

Dr Mark Taylor has been giving a series of presentations and interviews about his research.

He gave a public presentation on the topic of ‘Use of genetic data for scientific research or financial gain’ for Sheffield U3A, 9 February 2015.

He was invited to deliver a seminar on “The Commercialisation of Tissue and Data” on 26 February 2015 at the University of Edinburgh as part of the Mason Institute Lunch Series. Ms Nayha Sethi and Mr Edward Dove responded.

The seminar was recorded and is available here.

While at the Mason Institute he was also interviewed. During the interview he discussed his research interests and its relevance to real world issues with Nayha Sethi of the Mason Institute. The interview with the Mason Institute has can be seen here.

Events

White Rose REF Celebration 12th February 2015

Staff from the Law Schools in the three White Rose institutions (the Universities of Leeds, York and Sheffield) enjoyed a REF celebration event in Sheffield on 12th February. Prof Adam Crawford from Leeds shared his experiences of being a member of the REF sub panel for Law, and reflected on the REF process and results for the UoA (Unit of Assessment). The Directors of Research from each Law School gave an overview of current research collaborations between the three institutions and outlined opportunities for future joint research initiatives. Claire Pickerden, Project Development Manager of White Rose Consortium, presented information on White Rose funding opportunities.

The event concluded with relaxed informal networking in Jessops Exhibition Space.
Project Updates

Long-term Trajectories of Crime in the UK

Researchers working on the Long-term Trajectories of Crime in the UK research project have had two new outcomes of their research published.

The project which is interdisciplinary in nature, will chart such trends generally as well as exploring the impact of the growing existence and tolerance of economic inequalities since the 1970s on a range of key processes related to crime (such as unemployment or growing levels of economic inequality). In this way we will be able to throw light on to the long term impact of shifts in social and economic policies on experiences of crime and associated phenomena.

Latest project publications


For more information about the project visit the website here.

Project presentations

Thatcherism, Crime & Society

Our researchers have been talking about their research on long term effects of Thatcherism, crime and society.

Is the “Crime Drop” the best framework with which to view recent crime trends?

Dr Emily Gray and Professor Stephen Farrall. University of Loughborough, 4 March 2015

The long term effects of probation supervision

Professor Stephen Farrall. Peterhouse College Cambridge, 18 March 2015

Theorising and Exploring the Thatcherite Legacy for the Criminal Justice System

Professor Stephen Farrall. Political Studies Association, University of Sheffield, 30 March 2015.

Can we detect ‘Thatcher’s Children’ in data on attitudes to crime and disorder: A longitudinal analysis of age, period and cohort effects.

Dr Emily Gray.
Publications

Requiring genetic knowledge: a principled case for support

Dr Vicky Chico's latest research published. Her article 'Requiring genetic knowledge: a principled case for support' was published in Legal Studies, on 17 March 2015.

Abstract

Should people be required to know information about themselves that arises from their genetic test? This question is highly relevant given the NHS’s plans to sequence 100 000 whole genomes before 2017. The approach to this issue in the US generated significant opposition to requiring knowledge on the basis that it interferes with autonomy. This piece presents a different perspective arguing that requiring knowledge may not undermine the legal conception of autonomy, giving reason to doubt that it would be unlawful to require people to have genetic information about themselves. Following this the piece presents an alternative principled position which might support a legal recognition of the interest in not having information about oneself; namely that of preventing personal harm. However this approach runs into difficulties if the reasons for requiring knowledge are also based on preventing personal harm. The argument considers how interests might be balanced in this competing harms context.

Find our more about this article here

Excessive leverage and bankers’ incentives: refocusing the debate

Dr Jay Cullen’s latest research has been published.

Excessive leverage and bankers’ incentives: refocusing the debate, by Emilos Avgouleas, Professor of International Banking Law and Finance, University of Edinburgh; Jay Cullen, Lecturer in Commercial Law, University of Sheffield, Journal of Financial Perspectives, (2015) 3(3)
Publications

New Book: Executive Compensation In Imperfect Financial Markets

Dr Jay Cullen’s latest research on ‘Executive Compensation In Imperfect Financial Markets’ has been published.

This important book discusses the issue of executive compensation in Anglo-American financial markets following the financial crisis. The book begins by contextualizing the problem facing financial institutions in the US and the UK and argues that approaches to government and compensation reform are flawed. It then goes on to offer solutions and suggests that new reforms to executive compensation in financial institutions would be very welcome, despite certain limitations.

‘Cullen’s timely and important book demonstrates exactly what the problem is with executive compensation in banking and how to improve it. The current populist approach to simply cut banker pay is rejected in favour of a far more nuanced approach, fully cognizant of the inefficiencies in the very markets which value bonus share awards. The book encourages a much-needed long-term approach to compensation whilst also examining in an intelligent way the flaws in our seemingly efficient markets.’ – Trevor Pugh, HSBC and University of Sheffield, UK


Positive Criminology

Our Doctoral Candidate Dana Segev has co-edited a book on Positive Criminology with Professor Natti Ronel from the Bar-Ilan University, Israel.

Dana co-authored the introduction with Prof Ronel on “The good” can overcome “the bad”. She also contributed her own chapter to the book on ‘Positive Criminology and Therapeutic Jurisprudence: Relevant Techniques for Defense Lawyers’.

More about the book

How can we best help offenders desist from crime, as well as help victims heal? This book engages with this question by offering its readers a comprehensive review of positive criminology in theory, research and practice. Positive criminology is a concept – a perspective – that places emphasis on forces of integration and social inclusion that are experienced positively by target individual and groups, and may contribute to a reduction in negative emotions, desistance from crime and overcoming the traumatic experience of victimization. In essence, positive criminology holds a more holistic view, which acknowledges that thriving and disengagement from distress, addiction, mental illness, crime, deviance or victimization might be fostered more effectively by enhancing positive emotions and experiences, rather than focusing on reducing negative attributes.

Publications

Corporate and commercial law articles

Two new publications on the areas of corporate and commercial law have been written by Dr Andreas Rühmkorf.


Charity and non profit law by Nina Lueck


New publication from Professor Aurora Plomer

Professor Aurora Plomer has a new publication out. Her chapter on ‘Human Dignity and Patents’ has been published in C. Geiger (ed) Research Handbook of Human Rights and Intellectual Property, Edward Elgar 2015.

The law applicable to countermeasures against low intensity cyber operations

Professor Nicholas Tsagourias's latest research has been published.

His chapter on 'The law applicable to countermeasures against low intensity cyber operations' can be found in in the Baltic Year Book of International Law 2014 on pages 105-123.

EU Law by Dr Rueda

Dr Isabelle Rueda has had two new chapters published.

Dr Isabelle Rueda (with Gilles Cuniberti), Commentary of the provisions on the enforcement of foreign judgments in Brussels Ibis Regulation, U. Magnus/P. Mankowski (eds.), European Commentaries on Private International Law, Munich.

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Links With Professional Bodies

Society of Legal Scholars: Reception for new President

Jay Cullen, SLS representative, and Michael Jefferson, Hon. Secretary to the Association of Law Teachers, were guests at the Annual President’s Reception for the new President, Prof. Jenny Steele, of this Law Subject Association, which has some 3,000 members, held at the Old Court Room, Lincoln’s Inn, London, on 4 March 2015.

Dr Taylor appointed to a Medical Research Council Committee

Dr Mark Taylor has been appointed to the Ethics, Regulation & Public Involvement Committee (ERPIC) of the Medical Research Council. Learn more about the committee.

Association of Law Teachers: Recognition for the Law Teacher journal and editorial contributions by Michael Jefferson

Our senior lecturer Michael Jefferson is member of the Editorial Board and was for many years the Recent Legal Developments editor for the Law Teacher journal. Michael is one of our many members of staff who focus on research into teaching law in the best possible way to enhance our students learning experience while they are with us.

The Law Teacher, the Journal of the Association of Law Teachers, is a fully refereed academic journal centrally concerned with legal education. In addition to articles concerned with the learning and teaching of law, it contains vital information on current government and education news and book reviews.

In recognition of its importance The British and Irish Association of Law Librarians (BIALL) Awards and Bursaries Committee have now informed us that The Law Teacher has been nominated for the 2015 BIALL Legal Journals Award: http://www.biall.org.uk/pages/legal-journals-award.html. The aim of the Legal Journals Award is to reward the publishing profession for quality products and outstanding contributions in the field of legal serial titles.

Nominations will now be considered by a panel of judges from within the legal information profession and legal profession. The Award is to be announced at the BIALL Conference in Brighton, 11-13 June this year.