The Innocence Project
In October 2007 Claire McGourlay set up the first Innocence Project in South Yorkshire. She secured funding from the White Rose Centre for Excellence in Teaching and Learning in Enterprise. Her objective was to give students a unique insight into this area of criminal justice. This project utilises a mentored teaching environment to maximize learning opportunities for students, each Innocence Project (IP) is student-led and centres upon research into alleged wrongful criminal convictions. Students are involved in reviewing real criminal cases giving them a unique insight and valuable, first-hand experience of the criminal justice process. Some cases where evidence can be accumulated to support a wrongful conviction are referred back to the Courts of Appeal via the Criminal Cases Review Commission. The students and the School also became part of a wider national body called The Innocence Network UK (INUUK) where the students attend training courses about protocols and professional work. In fact 14 students attended one such training event in Cardiff 24-26 October 2008.

Innocence produces Sheffield Law Graduates more equipped for professional practice and research beyond their studies and makes them more attractive to potential employers.

The teams are already working on their first cases comprising two murders, a rape and a serious assault.

On the 15 April 2008 Claire addressed the INUK national meeting “Working with campaign groups and victim support groups” at which the Attorney General was present and she has also been invited to sit on the first INUK Committee. On 30 April 2008 the IP students led a session on the benefits of the project to staff at the School Spotlight on Learning and Teaching Day.

Read more about the annual meeting 24-26 October 2008
http://www.law.dept.shef.ac.uk/news/?p=128

Pro Uno
Set up in 2006 and run by law students, Pro Uno (Pro Bono Legal Services) gives around 50 law students a year the opportunity to volunteer their time to research social welfare law which affects the clients of not-for-profit charities in the South Yorkshire. From its conception Claire McGourlay volunteered to help the students organise Pro Uno and secure its long term status in the Law School. Pro Uno is crucial to the professional development of our students and it gives them an insight into the profession they would otherwise miss. It also gives them confidence and experience which employers are increasingly keen to see. On her recent meeting with the Attorney General informed Claire that:
“Pro Bono should be in the DNA of every lawyer”.

This confirmed to Claire the importance of such schemes. It is the reason why she continues to support and maintain Pro Uno for the students who pass through the doors of the School of Law each year.

A student’s point of view

Laura Poole (pictured on the left above) is a final year student on the LLB Law course and participant in both the Innocence and Pro Uno schemes. As a leader of Innocence and co-leader of the Pro Uno scheme Laura has to balance her study and pro bono work which she finds challenging but rewarding.

‘It’s really interesting being involved in the practical human side and not just the books and puts what I am doing in my degree into perspective.’

Amongst the many skills to be gained are; critical thinking and analysis, case management, self management, record keeping, fact finding, dealing with people, patience, letter writing, practical experience, how to be an effective chair, how to use client databases-IT skills, strategic thinking/planning and team working. In particular Laura has learnt about leadership and managing people. As a scheme leader ‘I try to be democratic and encourage involvement from the whole team and be able to offer advice and constructive criticism.

Working on these schemes has meant that Laura and the others have had to ‘look beyond what is required for their degree in terms of research. Using practical research skills and software is an important aspect of both projects. Case Map, a database that collates and synchronises information from many sources and individual case workers, is being used by Laura and her team. ‘We all go away and update Case Map with our new information and Case Map synchronises it so that we can discuss the updates in our weekly meeting.’

The importance of research within the legal professions is not to be underestimated for the people who are in the legal system. ‘Legal aid runs out and there is still legal research that needs to be done.’

Understanding the importance of the ethics involved in researching controversial cases and victims is invaluable preparation for ethical practice and research.

Collaborating with Irwin Mitchell on the Pro Uno scheme, Laura and her team refer clients to Irwin Mitchell and signpost the clients to other sources of legal support. They are then called upon to do the legal research and prepare paper work for cases.

Using her skill to someone’s else’s benefit is the reward for the research that she and the teams do.

PRIV-WAR Project Workshop

Professor Nigel White and Sorcha MacLeod presented a paper at a PRIV-WAR Project Workshop in Rome hosted by partner institution LUISS ‘Guido Carli’ on 28 November to 2 December 2008.

PhD Student Kerry Alexander a researcher on the project also attended.

The PRIV-WAR project is an EU-funded collaborative research project involving seven institutions across Europe. The project is assessing the impact of the increasing use of private military companies and security companies in situations of armed conflict. It is also examining the regulatory framework at national, European and international levels,
with a view to ensuring improved compliance with international humanitarian law and human rights. http://priv-war.eu/

**CLUSTER SEMINARS**

**CCR**
Centre for Criminological Research

On 8 October 2008 the Centre for Criminological Research held a networking event which marked the start of its 2008-9 programme of activities. The event was attended by 25 colleagues from departments across the university (including law, sociology, philosophy, psychology SCHARR and history). This event was the first in the CCR seminar series for 2008-9 which went on to included the following papers:

**Professor Alison Liebling.** University of Cambridge presented ‘Prison Officers, Peacekeeping and the Use of Discretion: Reflections on the Role of Staff in Legitimacy in Prisons’, 5 November 2008.

**Dr Matt Williams.** University of Cardiff presented ‘Avatars, Grieving and Spoofing: Deviance and Governance in Virtual Worlds’, 19 November 2008.


The full programme (including speakers’ biographies and abstracts) are available on the CCR web pages http://www.shef.ac.uk/law/research/ccr/index.html

**CLIC Seminars**
Centre for Law in its International Context

**Dr Silvia Casale, President of the UN Sub - Committee on Torture** presented “Preventing Torture - the work of the European and UN treaty bodies” 13 October 2008

**2008-09 Seminar Theme: International Organisations and the Idea of Autonomy**

As part of this year’s CLIC seminar series on the topic of “international organisations and the idea of autonomy” the school of law hosted an opening workshop at the Douglas Knoop Centre of the Humanities Research Institute on 24 October 2008. The workshop was a great success, attracting paper presentations and discussion from academics from Sheffield’s School of Law (Duncan French; Richard Collins; Sorcha Macleod; Tawhida Ahmed & Dimitris Kyritsis) and Politics (Garrett W Brown), University of Bristol (Nicholas Tsagourias & Patrick Capps), Free University Amsterdam (Tarcisio Gazzini), and the University of Leiden (Jean d’Aspremont) in the Netherlands. A large audience turned out to hear the presentations and to discuss the research topic.

(Nicholas Tsagourias, Tarcisio Gazzini, Catherine Brolmann and Jean d’Aspremont discussing the day’s event.)

Other papers included:

**Emeritus Professor John Merrills.** University of Sheffield presented ‘Autonomy and International Adjudication’, 19 November 2008

**Dr Duncan French. University of Sheffield**, presented ‘Autonomy in International Environmental Law and Governance: A Case of the Actual (Somewhere Between Fable and Threat’, 11 December 2008

For further details on the series please go to http://www.shef.ac.uk/law/research/clic/news_events/seminars/series_08-09.html
CLIS Seminars
Centre for the Study of Law in Society

The CLIS seminar series began with a review of the years research activities by CLIS members on 15 October 2008. Reflecting on the success the centre has had and how to build on it.

Papers this year included;

Professor Margot Brazier, University of Manchester, presented 'Doctors as the Arbiters of Morals', 12 November 2008.


Professor Linda Mulcahy, Birkbeck College, presented 'An unbearable lightness of being? Shifts towards a virtual trial' 3 December 2008.

For further details on the series please go to http://www.shef.ac.uk/law/research/clis/news_events/seminars/2008-2009.html

ICLS Seminars
Institute of Commercial Law Studies

ICLS have held two seminars so far this year:


Professor Charlotte Villiers, University of Bristol, presented 'Diversity in the Corporate Boardroom', 29 October 2008.

For further details on the series please go to http://www.shef.ac.uk/law/icls/news_events/seminars

SIBLE
Sheffield Institute of Biotechnological Law and Ethics

Seminar series this semester included:

Professor Doris Shroeder, University of Central Lancashire presented 'What we owe research populations in developing countries (SIBLE) Professor Doris 9 October 2008

Professor Richard Jones, University of Sheffield presented 'Nanotechnology and Public Engagement: What we have learnt from the UK experience' 16 October 2008

Professor Dame Joan Higgins, University of Manchester presented 'Protecting patient confidentiality and promoting research', 20 November 2008

Professor Tom Baldwin, University of York, presented 'Personal Genomes - risks and benefits', 2 December 2008

For further details on the series please go to http://www.shef.ac.uk/law/sible/news_events/seminars/sems_08-09.html

OTHER SEMINARS

Eminent Barrister discusses the death penalty
Mark George is a leading expert in capital murder trials examined the operation of the death penalty in the United States and gave an insight into working with prisoners on death row, 12 November 2008. Read more on the about the seminar http://www.law.dept.shef.ac.uk/news/?p=127

Joint seminar with the Department of Politics
Professor Antje Wiener, University of Bath presented "The invisible constitution of politics: contested norms and international encounters", 5 November 2008.
RESEARCH GROUP ACTIVITIES

We have two new research groups that meet independently of the research clusters and aim to enhance cross department and cross cluster collaboration.

EU Discussion Group
The overall goals of the group are to facilitate interdisciplinary discussion and understanding and to develop a strong inter-departmental link between those who have a research interest in the EU. It is open to academic colleagues and to research students.

Unlike 'conventional' research seminars, we don't invite outside speakers nor do they normally rely on any one individual to present a paper. Instead, the usual pattern has been to agree beforehand on something that is to form the focus of our discussion and everybody comes along having familiarised themselves with it. When the Group meets, one or more people might take responsibility for introducing the session, but after that, it is just that: a discussion amongst all those present.

There are no set rules in setting the format and part of the aim is to be flexible and innovative.

If you would like to be involved in the Group’s activities, please email Estella Baker e.baker@sheffield.ac.uk

Jurisprudence Group
The first meeting of the Jurisprudence reading group took place on 13 November 2008. The group was established to bring together all the academics in the department who have an interest in Jurisprudence. They have met several times over the last semester each time discussing a chapter of 'The Province of Jurisprudence democratized' by Allan Hutchinson (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2009).

Over the next year they will discuss various papers on the broad Jurisprudence theme.

Thinking Aloud
The Thinking Aloud series continues to provide staff in the School with time, space and opportunity to learn more about each other's research; to identify potential synergies and partnerships; and to offer informal thoughts about research under consideration from alternative perspectives. The latest presenters were Richard Kirkham on 8 October 2008 and Duncan French on 19 November 2008. http://www.law-wiki.group.shef.ac.uk/thinkaloud/index.php/Main_Page

ACADEMIC CONFERENCE ADDRESSES

Joint presentations

Duncan French and Richard Kirkham

Aurora Plomer and Peter Taylor (Oxford University)

Individual presentations

Lilian Edwards
Lilian presented 'Data protection 2.0: This time it’s personal' Oxford Internet Institute 24-25 September 2008. Lilian also co-chaired the event originated the concept http://www.law.ed.ac.uk/ahrc/gikii/

Lilian presented 'Privacy and social networking' at Tel Aviv University
Matthew Hall
Matthew was invited to present ‘Victims in Criminal Trials: Progress and Problems?’ at Nottingham Trent University for their research seminar series in the Law School on 29 October 2008.

Tammy Hervey

Aurora Plomer

Andreas Rühmkorf
Andreas was invited to give a paper about the German law of contract and tort drawing on his research about comparative Anglo-German private law at the University of Hull, 20 November 2008.

Veronica Ruiz Abou-Nigm
Veronica presented 'Rome I: Evolution or Status Quo?' at the annual conference of the American Association of Private International Law (ASADIP) held at the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM) Mexico City, 11-12 November 2008.

KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE
A year of Knowledge Exchange
The knowledge exchange activities that we undertake contribute immensely to the work of many institutions, organisations and individuals. They are mutually beneficial expanding the research base in Law and Criminology and attracting funding for further research and development.

What is Knowledge Exchange?
• Advising on specific elements of practice or legislation
• Designing tools for research or evaluation for external agencies
• Supervising part-time PhD students where the study is based on or contributes to their employment
• Training for members of professional bodies
• Research projects for governments and government agencies (e.g. the Home Office, the Ministry of Justice, the European Commission, Dept. of Health, Local Health Authorities and so on)
• Articles in practitioner magazines
• Interviews with local, national and international media and specialist media
• Advice to campaigning organisations
• Exhibitions in museums and galleries
• Pro Uno or Pro Bono work, and work with organisations such as Innocence
Here is a sample of the Knowledge Exchange activities within the School during the last year.

Jane Ball
In January 2008 Jane attended the policy committee of the global Society of Trust and Estate Practitioners (STEP) in London, putting together responses to harmonizing EU legislation which poses a challenge for trusts.

Lilian Edwards
Lilian works with the Online Rights Group, a digital rights group that engages the public and conducts outwards facing research. Lilian has recently contributed to two reports. The ORG response to the BERR filesharing consultation http://www.openrightsgroup.org/ uploads/081030_berr_p2p.pdf; and the ORG response to the UK consultation on implementing the Internet data part of the Data Retention Directive http://www.openrightsgroup.org/ uploads/081031_homeoffice_dataretention.pdf.

Experts warned that unless significant resources are committed to international efforts to fight malicious cyber activity, there is a risk that cybercrime will impact consumer confidence, further hindering the speed of global recovery in 2009.

Stephen Farrall
Stephen was interviewed for the Police Professional magazine on the fear of crime (forms basis of 4 page article, June). The magazine’s audience is police officers and managers.

Stephen co-authored a 1,500 word article for Criminal Justice Matters on the fear of crime in November 2008. The audience is Criminal Justice Service employees and criminologists.

Stephen attended two meetings with the National Policing Improvement agency in September and November on measuring confidence in the police. This was part of FP7 JUSTIS project work.

Stephen was invited to present at an ESRC-funded Seminar on measuring confidence in the police at Newcastle University November 2008. The audience was police officers and Criminal Justice Service managers.

Stephen co-organised a 1 day seminar on using public records to understand life courses of offenders between 1840 and 1904, Keele University, November 2008. The audience was local historians and genealogists.

Stephan met with members of the European Social Survey team to discuss...
development of social indicators as they related to crime as part of the JUSTIS FP7 project in November 2008.

Stephen has on-going and ad hoc discussions about survey questions with a West Mercia Constabulary researcher.

Stephen was invited to present “Experience and expression in the fear of crime” (with E. Gray and J. Jackson), Public Services Strategies, London, 1 December 2008.

Stephen met with Tom White of Abbot-Mead-Vickers, a media firm who have a contract with the Metropolitan Police about advising them on the fear of crime.

Clare Firth and Helen Pritchard

Clare and Helen gave a talk to the Sheffield and District Law Society in October 2008 about the proposed changes to how solicitors are trained and the move to work based learning planned for 2011/12. The talk was well attended and well received and they agreed to do a follow-up as the pilot scheme progresses and more is known about the new scheme. They offered advice to Irwin Mitchell’s Head of Training and Development about how the changes might be managed in the future.

Duncan French

Duncan acts as co-rapporteur to the International Law Association (ILA) International Committee on International Law on Sustainable Development.

Tamara Hervey

UK Judicial and Academic Visit to the European Court of Justice (guest of Advocate General Sharpston) 22-23 September 2008. Participants included Lord Simon Brown (House of Lords) and other senior judges from England, Scotland and Northern Ireland.


Tammy was invited to present at the European Institute of Public Administration, Milan, lecturing at a seminar on The Internal Market in Healthcare: the demand side of the market, free choice and free movement for Patients.


Michael Jefferson

Michael is External Examiner of the Advanced Certificate in Employment Law for the Chartered Institute of Personnel and Development.

Michael is one of the three organisers for the northern region of the Industrial Law Society.

Michael is one of the contributing editors of Sweet & Maxwell’s Encyclopaedia of Employment Law - four volumes, updated four times yearly.

Chamu Kuppuswamy

Chamu Kuppuswamy is the International Law expert for the Working Group of UNESCO’s International Bioethics Committee (IBC) which took the issue of cloning on its agenda in January 2008. The impetus for this initiative by the international organisation comes from a report co-authored by Chamu and released in October 2007 by the United Nations University, Institute of Advanced Studies based at Tokyo. The first report of the Working Group was discussed at the annual meeting of the IBC in October 2008, in which Chamu participated. The final report of the IBC will be prepared in June 2009 and would present their findings on how to proceed in the light of social, political and scientific advancement in the area of genetics, cloning and embryo research.

The report has been hugely influential in recent times in human cloning governance. It was covered widely by the world press in November 2007 soon after its release, and has been cited in various policy debates since then, including most recently in the US House (of Representatives) Foreign Affairs Committee.
Chamu was BBC world service Discovery programme legal expert, June 2008.

Chamu participated in Café Scientifique Sheffield, which encourages scientific and ethical discussions between experts and the public in Sheffield, organised monthly at the Showroom Cinema.

Chamu was Sheffield Live Sound of Science Insert Producer for Café Scientifique topic Torture and the techno-politics of Pain, broadcasted 21 November 2008. The audience was the general public.

Chamu was invited to present at Biocentre, Think Tank for new technologies based in London. The audience was primarily artists, civil servants/government at Westminster, think tank members and others. She is a consultant on next year’s activities.

Chamu presented Law and New technologies, to the British Council, Bangalore, India in June 2008. The audience was employees of biotech firms and members of the public.

Chamu organised the Arts-Bioethics network exhibition at Croatia and London in 2008. Bridging the gap between interdisciplinary academic work and interdisciplinary work outside academia in bioethics. The audience was Croatian public, foreign artists, local media and bioethicists.

Chamu attended a meeting at Clifford Chance London HQ on Innovation in the life sciences, October 2008. The audience was regulators and lawyers.

Chamu gave an informal presentation, Indian Council of Medical research, June 2008. The audience was Research & Development and Intellectual Property section civil servants.

Gwen Robinson
Gwen is a member of Quality Assurance sub-group of the South Yorkshire Multi-Agency Public Protection Senior Management Group. This group reviews the management of offenders who have committed a serious offence whilst under probation supervision or police surveillance.

Gwen is a member of the Quality Audit Group (sub-group of the South Yorkshire Multi Agency Public Protection Management Committee).

Gwen supervises MA International Criminology students on placements in local agencies doing restorative justice such as REMEDI and Youth Offending Team - on average 2 per year. Students often conduct small pieces of research whilst on placement.

Gwen has just taken on supervision of a part-time PhD student who is a police officer.

In December 2008 Gwen will be advising Hertfordshire University on their Diploma in Probation Studies. This involves commenting on written materials and attending a validation event.

Gwen contributed articles to and is a member of the International Assessment Board for the Probation Journal, which practitioners read.

Gwen is a peer reviewer: National Probation Research and Information Exchange. This involves reviewing proposals and reports produced by researchers employed by the National Probation Service.

Gwen is a Management Committee member: REMEDI restorative justice service, South Yorkshire
http://www.remediuk.org/whatisremedi.htm

Natasha Semmens
Natasha has been appointed as a member of the Independent Academic Advisory Group on Neighbourhood Policing.
The terms of reference for the group are:

- To provide independent expert advice to ACPO, the Home Office and police forces, on the development, implementation and evaluation of neighbourhood policing, including the development of theories, concepts, methodology and data collection; and

- To provide a flexible and informal forum for offering advice on the research and evaluation issues thrown up by the programme.

The main functions of the group are:

- To help the Home Office and ACPO maintain awareness of and build on the findings from previous research, in particular the National Reassurance Policing Programme;

- To help the Home Office and ACPO programme team build the evidence base for the Neighbourhood Policing programme and remain aware of the need for the evidence to be accessible and of use to professionals working in the field.

More information about IAAG’s work can be found here [link]

A research team comprising of Natasha Semmens and two students - Beth Crome and Emma Jeffcock - have successfully completed a study for South Yorkshire Police.

The study evaluated the implementation of Neighbourhood Policing in two districts of South Yorkshire. The findings revealed a series of ‘enablers’ and ‘barriers’ to Neighbourhood Policing, including issues relating to partnership working and identifying community priorities. The project team made a series of recommendations which are to be used to inform future practice and policy developments.

Emma Jeffcock and Beth Crome conducted the fieldwork between December 2007-March 2008. They utilised a range of methods, including interviews, observations, focus groups and documentary analysis. Both students were awarded bursaries to support this research by South Yorkshire Police.

The full reports have been submitted to South Yorkshire Police and are currently under review by relevant boards/teams. Natasha, Emma and Beth are currently working on a series of conference papers/Journal articles.

Further details about the project are available - contact n.c.semmens@shef.ac.uk

Joanna Shapland
Joanna was invited to present ‘Restorative justice: reoffending, victim views and value for money’ to the Youth Justice Board Restorative Justice Strategy Group, London, 10 September 2008. The audience was policy makers and practitioners.

Joanna evaluated Flemish language Belgian criminology degrees, in particular the Manama (MA post MA) at the University of Ghent, for the Inter-Universities Federation of Belgium, Brussels.

Joanna undertook the Mid-term evaluation of INTERVICT research institute, University of Tilburg, including visit to the university and interviews with staff, doctoral students and the Dean of the Faculty, with Professor Marianne Hilf, on behalf of the Scientific Council of the Institute and the University of Tilburg, 27-28 October 2008.

Joanna gave the keynote presentation ‘Countries social policies and the informal economy?’ to the fifth seminar of CRIMPREV Workpackage 5 on the informal economy, Rotterdam, 29-31 October 2008. She was also co-organiser of the conference.

Joanna presented ‘Restorative justice and prisons?’ Presentation to the Commission on English Prisons Today, the Howard League, London, 7 November 2008 (published on the Commission’s website at [link])

Joanna is a member of the Professional Affairs Committee of the British Society of Criminology, with the President of the BSC and visited the Ministry of Justice to meet the new head of research, November 2008.

Joanna and Tony Bottoms ‘Presented ‘Persistent young adult offenders and the uncertain road to desistance’ to practitioners from local boroughs, the Probation Service and Housing Associations involved in the Diamond Initiative, London, 12 November 2008.

Joanna and Tony Bottoms are involved in ongoing feedback to the National Probation Service, South
Yorkshire, on their desistance research.

Joanna is involved in ongoing discussions with the Restorative Justice Consortium (Non Governmental Organisation/interest group of practitioners and academics on restorative justice) as to the policy implications of our research on restorative justice.

Carolyn Shelbourn
Carolyn was asked by the Head of the Institute of Field Archaeology to write a short article for ‘The Archaeologist’ on the way ‘time crime’ (looting of archaeological sites) is prosecuted in the USA, and whether we might be able to adopt the practices in England:


Mark Taylor
Mark is a member of the Patient Information Advisory Group (PIAG) for the Department of Health. The Patient Information Advisory Group was established to provide advice on issues of national significance involving the use of patient information (data) and to oversee arrangements created under Section 251 of the NHS Act 2006 (originally enacted under Section 60 of the Health and Social Care Act 2001). Section 251 permits the common law duty of confidentiality to be set aside in specific circumstances for medical purposes. Its membership is drawn from patient groups, healthcare professionals and regulatory bodies. PIAG meets six times per year.

http://www.advisorybodies.doh.gov.uk/piag/membership.htm

Professor Nigel White and Sorcha MacLeod
PRIV-WAR project workshop held at LUISS ‘Guido Carli’ in Rome on 2 December 2008. The workshop brought together experts from the military, NGOs, industry representatives as well as academics. http://priv-war.eu/

Cathy Williams
Cathy is working with Nottinghamshire Independent Persons Group advising them on social care complaints. Cathy regularly advises Complaints Officers who conduct investigations on behalf of individuals and children and act as panel members.

Cathy is a legal member of a delegation that meets with senior members of the Royal College of Paediatricians and Child Health to discuss ongoing concerns about the effect of the General Medical Council decisions are having on Paediatricians across the country.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stephen Farrall has become a commissioning panel member for this years ESRC Seminars Competition Commissioning Panel. The role involves peer review for a number of this years applications.

Tammy Hervey has been appointed to the Academic Awards Committee of the British Federation of Women Graduates

Ruth Lamont successfully defended her thesis and passed her PhD viva. Her thesis “An Analysis of the EU’s Commitment to Gender Equality in the Context of Private International Family Law: A Case study of International Child Abduction under Regulation 2201 / 2003.” It was awarded by the University of Liverpool and was supervised by Sue Nott and Helen Baker.

Margaret Llewellyn
Margaret has been appointed as an international expert for the ex post evaluation of several research projects within the framework of the Pluriannual Research Programme “Society and Future” by the Belgian Federal Science Policy Office.

Veronica Ruiz Abou- Nigm has become an Editor of Shawcross and Beaumont on Air Law (Butterworths LexisNexis) whose General Editor is Emeritus Prof. David McClean. This three-volume loose-leaf service is the leading authority on aviation law. Written by a team of specialist editors, it provides comprehensive, informed and up-to-date material on all aspects of aviation law. It deals with international and European law, and its implementation in the United Kingdom, and draws on case-law and periodical literature from around the world.

Gilly Sharpe successfully defended her thesis and passed her PhD viva. Her thesis ‘Girls in the Contemporary Youth Justice System in England and Wales’ It was awarded by the Institute of
NEW RESEARCH COLLEAGUE

Lilian Edwards - Professor of Internet Law

Lilian’s principal research interests are in the law relating to the Internet, the Web and new technologies, with a European and comparative focus. She has co-edited two bestselling collections on Law and the Internet (Hart Publishing, 1997 and 2000 - 3rd Edition due 2008) with Charlotte Waelde, and a third collection of essays The New Legal Framework for E-Commerce in Europe was published in 2005. Her work in on-line consumer privacy won the Barbara Wellbery Memorial Prize in 2004 for the best solution to the problem of privacy and trans global data flows.

She worked at Strathclyde University from 1986-1988 and Edinburgh University from 1989 to 2006 before moving to become Chair of Internet Law at Southampton from 2006-2008. She is Associate Director, and was co-founder, of the Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) Centre for IP and Technology Law, funded from 2002-2012. She has taught IT, e-commerce and Internet law at undergraduate and postgraduate level since 1996 and been involved with law and artificial intelligence (AI) since 1985. She has been a visiting scholar and invited lecturer to universities in the USA, Canada, Australia, Mexico, and Latin America and has undertaken consultancy for the European Parliament, the European commission and McAfee.

Lilian choose to join us because of the emphasis on collaborative research and as ‘one of nature’s collaborators’ it was a perfect match. The diverse...

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**PUBLICATIONS**


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Criminology, University of Cambridge.
interdisciplinary approach of the clusters reflects her research activity that is wide and multi-faceted.

Lilian will be working with ICLS, SIBLE, CCR, and CLIC’s sub group Private International Law. Read Lilian’s latest thoughts and musings on her blog where her almost daily contributions on internet law can be found.
http://blogscript.blogspot.com/2008_11_01_archive.html

Thank you to all who have contributed to this edition of the newsletter.

The next Quarterly E-newsletter will be coming out in March 2009. Please send your news articles to Sarah Beedham at s.beedham@sheffield.ac.uk

In the meantime keep up-to-date with all the latest news at
http://www.law.dept.shef.ac.uk/news/