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Welcome from the Director of Undergraduate Studies

Dear New and Returning Undergraduate Students,

A new academic year brings new challenges and opportunities. Whether you are starting your first year at Surrey or coming back for your second or final year, we want your time at University to be as enjoyable (and stress-free!) as possible. The majority of students sail through University life without any issues however, it is important that you know if you face challenges along the way, we are here to help. Please make the most of your time here and engage with your academic tutor, subject tutors, student support and student advisors.

Outside of the School, the University offers a huge amount of support. SPLASH (located on the top floor of the library), provides essay skills workshops and one-to-one sessions for ALL students and now offer workshops to students who are hoping to achieve a First Class degree. The Careers Service organise dedicated events for the School of Law and drop-in sessions to help with CV writing and interviewing skills and, whether you need personal support or you have an issue with any other aspect of your student life, the Student Union will represent you and help you to resolve any issues.

Between us, we have a wealth of knowledge and experience and it is our job to ensure you have the best experience possible from the day you arrive at the School to the day you graduate.

I wish you all well with your studies over the coming year and I look forward to meeting with many of you as the semester continues.

Mrs Claire Lillywhite
Tutor in Law
Director of Undergraduate Studies
Welcome from the Director of Postgraduate Studies

Dear New and Returning Postgraduate Students,

I am pleased to welcome you to the School of Law and I hope that you make the most of your experience as postgraduate students. The three LLM pathways available in Law, International Law and International Commercial Law are designed to introduce an advanced programme of study to graduates from diverse legal backgrounds. Do not miss the opportunity to attend the modules fair during the induction week to hear presentations from members of staff, who would be happy to assist you in crafting your programme of study.

We take pride in the fact that our LL.M. programme covers a broad range of subjects. From International Human Rights Law to Corporate Law, each module is aimed at enhancing your theoretical and practical understanding of law, policy making and the their processes of development in a globalised legal world. Whether your ambition is to work as a practitioner, academic lawyer or to work with law in a related field, the knowledge you will acquire through the completion of your LL.M. at Surrey will not only deepen your theoretical knowledge in the specialised topics that you study but will also enhance your advocacy skills and help you to develop yourselves as accomplished researchers and critical thinkers.

In addition to legal theory, the acquisition of practical skills is also essential for every lawyer, whether academic or non-academic. Our problem-solving approach to learning with interactive seminars, student-led workshops and guest lectures from legal practitioners will provide you with a critical and in-depth understanding of complex areas of law. My role as Director of Postgraduate Studies is to facilitate your experience and development as a postgraduate student. I will be available to discuss academic matters and provide you with the appropriate guidance to complete your studies successfully. I will be acting as your personal tutor - your first port of call to discuss your progress and address any issue that may arise.

The School has a robust, research-active academic team with a variety of specialisms. We are looking forward to teaching new talent, and fostering the growth of the next generation of young lawyers.

I am looking forward to meeting each and everyone of you. Enjoy Surrey!

Dr Theodore Konstantinides
Senior Lecturer in Law, Director of Postgraduate Studies
Onwards and Upwards: Exciting New Research by Staff Members

The School is continuing to build its profile as an institution generating research of international standard. Staff members have produced a range of monographs, edited books and articles published by the leading publishing houses and peer-reviewed law journals in the UK and abroad. A representative selection of these publications is provided below, illustrating the upwards trajectory of research within the School.

The research element of academia entails a range of activities. Whilst publication of research results for assessment by the academy is the traditional test of academic research, there are a number of routes through which researchers produce their scholarship. In the School, academics participate in funded research projects, professional committees and research conferences to explore new avenues of research. The School also runs a lunchtime staff seminar series, details of which will be announced soon.

The School has a diverse range of research specialisms amongst its members. Private law specialists have researched topics as diverse as letters of credit, international commercial law and corruption. Public law specialists have similarly researched a variety of topics, including international environmental law, public international law, European human rights law and EU law. The School maintains four research groups: the Corruption Research Group, the Surrey European Law Unit, the Surrey International Law Centre and the Environmental Regulatory Research Group. The School has focused intensively in 2013 on continuing to develop its research programme and looks forward to the next academic year with anticipation and optimism.

New Staff Publications


**Dr Kanstantsin Dzehtsiarou** (with A. Greene), ‘Restructuring the European Court of Human Rights: Preserving the Right of Individual Petition and Promoting Constitutionalism’, *4 Public Law* (2014), 711-719.

**Dr Kanstantsin Dzehtsiarou**, ‘Interaction between the European Court of Human Rights and Member States: European consensus, advisory opinions and the question of legitimacy’ in Flogaitis et al. (Eds), *The European Court of Human Rights and its Discontents: Turning Criticism into Strength* (2013, Elgar).


**Dr Jane Marriott** (with Jamie Fletcher), ‘By Any Means Necessary? The Constitutionalisation of Healthcare in the United States, United Kingdom and Brazil’ in Alhoff and Hall (Eds), *The Affordable Care Act Decision: Philosophical and Legal Implications* (Routledge, 2013).

**Dr Renginee Pillay** will be on research leave from 1 October 2013 until 1 February 2014 to conduct fieldwork in Mauritius for her monograph, entitled ‘The Changing Nature of Corporate Social Responsibility: CSR and Development – The Case of Mauritius’, to be published by the Taylor & Francis Group (Routledge) as part of the Routledge Research in Corporate Law Series in 2014.


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**Staff Conference Presentations**

**Dr Ebenezer Adodo** presented at the Society of Legal Scholars Annual Conference 2013 at the University of Edinburgh (2-6 September 2013). Title of paper: ‘Is the plain meaning approach to construction of “unambiguous words” in contracts still alive in the English Courts?’
Dr Kanstantsin Dzehtsiarou presented at the Academic Association for Contemporary European Studies (UACES) Annual Conference at the University of Leeds (2-4 September 2013). Title of paper: ‘Limits of European Consensus: Taking National Identity Seriously’.

Dr Kanstantsin Dzehtsiarou and Miss Noreen O’Meara presented at the Society of Legal Scholars Annual Conference at the University of Edinburgh (2-6 September 2013). Title of paper: “Advisory Jurisdiction of the European Court of Human Rights: A Magic Bullet for Dialogue and Docket-Control?” The article on which this paper is based is forthcoming in Legal Studies (2014).

Dr Theodore Konstadinides presented at the Academic Association for Contemporary European Studies (UACES) Annual Conference at the University of Leeds (2-4 September 2013). Title of paper: ‘The Constitutionalisation of National Identity in EU Law and its Implications’.

Dr Blanca Mamutse presented at the Society of Legal Scholars Annual Conference at the University of Edinburgh (2-6 September 2013). Title of paper: Investigating the problem of environmental liabilities in insolvency’.

Miss Noreen O’Meara was invited to present at an interdisciplinary Jean Monnet Research Workshop on ‘The Law and Politics of Multi-Level Governance’ hosted by the Center of European Studies, Rutgers University, New Jersey, USA (June 2013). Title of paper: ‘Judge-Led Networks in the EU Legal Field: Active Contributors to Multi-Level Governance?’

Dr Arman Sarvarian presented at the Academic Association for Contemporary European Studies (UACES) Annual Conference at the University of Leeds (2-4 September 2013). Title of paper: ‘The Struggle for the Soul of Europe: Manifestation of Christianity in the Public Sphere’.

New Research Projects

Surrey European Law Unit

The Surrey European Law Unit (‘SELU’) is a research group which brings together academics and researchers within the School in the area of law and policy developments in the European Union and the Council of Europe.

SELU has the following aims:

• Providing a stimulating academic environment for under- and postgraduate studies, doctoral research and visiting scholars;
• Organising seminars and workshops on current developments in the European legal field;
• Conducting research and publishing in European law; and
• Encouraging and facilitating collaboration with other academics and research institutions.

SELU programmes include its lunchtime seminar series by SELU members and external speakers, details of which will be announced by email. Four SELU members recently presented a panel on national identity in the European legal orders at the University Association of European Studies (‘UACES’) Annual Conference held at the University of Leeds (see story below). Ongoing projects by SELU members in the field of European law include an edited book on the famous Kadi dispute co-edited by Dr Filippo Fontanelli (see here), an edited book concerning human rights in the EU legal order co-edited by Dr Theodore Konstadinides, Dr Kanstantsin Dzehtsiarou and Miss Noreen O’Meara (see here) and a study of the impact of the European Citizens’ Initiative three years after its establishment, carried out in cooperation with the Political Science Department.

Students and staff members with an interest in these and other subjects are encouraged to contact us at: f.fontanelli@surrey.ac.uk.
At the University Association of European Studies (‘UACES’) 43rd Annual Conference held at the University of Leeds from 2-4 September, a group of four members of the School presented a joint panel on the subject of national identities in the European Union and the Council of Europe. In particular, Dr Theodore Konstadinides, Dr Kanstantsin Dzehtsiarou, Dr Arman Sarvarian and Dr Filippo Fontanelli, alongside Dr Tobias Lock of the University of Edinburgh, examined various ways by which European Union law, national law and the European Convention on Human Rights accommodate or constrain identity-based claims and defences.

The topics addressed in the presentations included: analysis of national identity as a tool used to derogate from the European consensus before the European Court of Human Rights and the study of the legal avenues available under the EU Treaties to raise national identity against EU law obligations. In addition, the divergent treatment of religion-based disputes in Germany and the UK despite the common EU law framework was scrutinized alongside the manifestation of Christianity in the public sphere under Article 9 of the European Convention on Human Rights in light of important recent judgments of the European Court of Human Rights and UK domestic courts. The panel portrayed the current ambivalence within supranational systems of fundamental rights protection, which struggle to find a balance between their proclaimed deference towards national diversity and their inevitable push towards harmonisation and the establishment and enforcement of common rules at the supranational level.
The Surrey International Law Centre (‘SILC’) is a group of researchers with interest and expertise in public and private international law. The SILC exists to facilitate and support the international law-related research activities of its members by providing a forum for collaboration in the production of research outputs, the organisation of conferences and seminars and competitive tendering for research funding. The SILC aims to assist and support its membership by encouraging collaborative research activities, to their benefit as well as that of the School and of the international law discipline.

During this academic year, the SILC will be aiming to develop its resources and stage talks and workshops to generate interest and foster dialogue and cooperation. A lunchtime talk (‘Evidence-Gathering in International Criminal Justice’) by Anthony Forde of Leeds Metropolitan University has been organised from 1-2pm on Wednesday, 23 October in Room 81MS02. We hope to see many colleagues and students there.

We welcome approaches from colleagues concerning research projects and initiatives to be pursued within the Centre. Similarly, we also welcome approaches from students who are interested in learning about the Centre, international law and academia more widely by volunteering to serve as research assistants or by participating in international law-related student activities such as the Philip C. Jessup International Law Mooting Competition (see story below).

We look forward to meeting you at SILC events during the coming year and collaborating to promote international law and justice.

Dr Arman Sarvarian
Director
The common link across the work of the Environmental Regulatory Research Group (‘ERRG’) is the examination of regulatory frameworks across the environmental media – whether we are evaluating existing regimes, making recommendations for new approaches or evaluating international rights structures or EU regimes. Much of our work is also interdisciplinary, representing our aim to ensure that the law and its enforcement are considered early in the development of environmental solutions whether those are based on engineering, social science or economic approaches.

ERRG has had a busy year with conferences, new and current research projects, seminars and a number of other activities involving our network. We participated in a successful conference with members of the Schools of Politics, Psychology and the Centre for Environmental Strategy on ‘Greening Economics, Greening Society: What is the Role of the EU?’ in May 2013. This attracted scholars from across the world and we are currently working on the dissemination of the papers from this event. We are grateful for the support of the Institute for Advanced Studies to run this conference.

Work continues on the 3K-SAN interdisciplinary project (supported by the European Union Water Initiative Research Network which is funded through FP6 - SPLASH) with the Robens Centre for Environmental Health and the Centre for Environmental Strategy at Surrey. Much data has been collected in this project where we are looking at sanitation issues in informal settlements in three African cities (Kisumu, Kenya; Kigali, Rwanda; and, Kampala, Uganda). The second project meeting was held earlier in the summer in Kampala with our African partners – Makerere University, Uganda; the Victoria Institute for Environmental Research and Development, Kenya and the Institute for Policy Analysis and Research, Rwanda - and our three PhD students are well underway. It is a pleasure to continue work with this interdisciplinary Surrey team again after completing our successful project funded by the Leverhulme Trust on regulatory frameworks for independent water vendors in Kenya and Ethiopia.

Our D-BOX project (funded under the European Framework Programme 7) started in January this year. This project looks at the scourge of land mines and, working with 19 European partners, we are developing a battery of tools which can ease the perilous task of making fields safe after conflict. Crucial information will be available through an interface called D-BOX, which will bring together technology alongside ethical and cultural guidelines available for the work. ERRG is involved in the ethical framework for this project and for developing the CEN Workshop Agreement.

We are also poised to begin a new project (‘REDICLAIM’) this November which is also funded under the European Framework Programme 7. This will examine the implementation of the EU regulation on claims relating to the reduction of disease risks in food. Working with the Schools of Psychology and Economics at Surrey we are partnered with The University of Ljubljan and the Institute of Nutrition, Slovenia and Aarhus University, Denmark.

Members of ERRG have given papers, lectures and seminars across the world from Beijing in China to Sao Paulo in Brazil. Our PhD students and graduates continue to thrive. This year has also seen a number of changes and developments in ERRG members and personnel. Our Deputy Director, Dr Thoko Kaime, has moved to pastures new and took up his new post at the School of Law at Leicester University. We wish him well in his new post, thank him for all his valuable work and are grateful that although we have lost him as Deputy Director, he remains a member of ERRG. We are all delighted that Dr Blanca Mamutse has agreed to take over as Deputy Director. We expect to see ERRG continuing to grow and develop in new and exciting directions.

ERRG remains a very energetic unit (an erg is a unit of energy) and we look forward to forging and strengthening new and old links over the coming year. If you are interested in joining the work of the group then please contact Professor Rosalind Malcolm or Dr Blanca Mamutse or look at our website: www.surrey.ac.uk/errg/about/index.htm.

Professor Rosalind Malcolm
Director
Welcome from the Student Law Society

Welcome to the University of Surrey Law Society! We hope that you will visit The Law Society stall at Freshers Fayre to experience a flavour of what’s in store for the forthcoming year. This is an ideal chance to register your membership, and introduce yourself to our team (including our President, Sean Wesley, and our Vice President, Jonny White). At the Fayre, we will be providing you with more details on upcoming events. At the stall, our team will also be selling tickets for our first social of the academic year to be held on Wednesday the 9th of October.

Below is a brief outline of major events, competitions, and other social and academic activities that we will be putting on, this year in what we hope will be an exciting and valuable year for our members. The wide-ranging internal and external competitions are a fantastic opportunity for students to develop, or in most cases discover, their practical skills in preparation for a career in law.

Mooting
Mooting is a useful exercise in advocacy where a hypothetical case is debated by students in a courtroom-type format. One or two students take the position of a barrister, arguing their case before a ‘judge’. The judge will grant victory to the best argument. Mooting competitions will be held both internally and externally.

Client Interviewing
This competition involves simulated scenarios with actor clients that provide a fantastic opportunity for students to be introduced to the skills needed when interviewing and advising clients on legal matters. Again, both internal and external competitions will be held.

Academic Writing
The internal academic writing competition will begin in early November 2013 and is being run by the Law Society for the first time this academic year. It shall involve competitive essay writing on controversial legal matters. Mr Rudy Baker has kindly agreed to act as a judge for this internal competition.

Negotiation
The negotiation competition is a great opportunity for aspiring solicitors. Often, legal matters do not reach a court room but are instead settled by way of a negotiated compromise between the parties. This competition is designed to foster this important skill and provide a platform of experience for any future lawyers. The competition runs both internally and externally.

Law Ball
The Law Society will be holding the annual Law Ball in semester two. This is always a brilliant social evening where members of the legal profession are in attendance delivering important networking opportunities. Further information and an official date will be released in due course.

In addition to the above, the Law Society has worked hard to build and secure relationships with both BPP Law School & Guildford School of Law, which will help to ensure a smoother transition for students looking to pursue careers in law after obtaining their LLB Degree.

From all of the team, we look forward to meeting you and to an exciting year!

President: Sean Wesley
Vice President: Jonny White
Treasurer: Nicholas Allen
Pro Bono Officer: Sabrina Sardo
Officer for Academic Studies: Dan Davison
Officer for Mooting: Jim Onyemenam
Officer for Client Interviewing: Noyemie Sahakian
Officer for Negotiating: Stephen Hernandez and Palma Cartwright
Law Ball Secretary: Zak Raza
Social Secretary: Ben Preater
Develop your Solicitor Skills in Interviewing and Negotiation Competitions

Students across all year groups can enhance their CVs and acquire valuable employability skills by taking part in negotiating and interviewing. Taking part may involve competing in the competition or organising it. One benefit of participating in the internal negotiating and interviewing competitions, is that individuals may be chosen to represent the University at national interviewing and negotiating competitions. For interviewing, students also have the opportunity to take part in a local external competition against two neighbouring universities to win a cash prize. Second or third-year students have the opportunity to organise the competitions with the support of a staff member. For further information, please contact Ms Elaine Carter.

The Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition: Call for Participants

Do you like international law? Have you ever thought of participating in a moot court competition? Want to find out more?

The range of extra-curricular activities offered to undergraduate students at the School of Law continues to grow, as the University of Surrey entered a team in the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition for the first time last year. Organised by the International Law Students Association and in its 54th year, the Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition is the world’s largest moot court competition, with participants from over 550 law schools in more than 80 countries. Now in its 54th year, it is also the oldest moot court competition dedicated to international law. The competition features a simulated dispute between fictional countries before the International Court of Justice, the judicial arm of the United Nations. Competitors prepare both written and oral pleadings, arguing both the applicant’s and respondent’s positions. Participating in the Jessup will help you develop advocacy skills, in-depth knowledge of international law, and will look great on your CV.

Last year, the problem focused upon a fictional island submerged by rising sea levels caused by global warming, resulting in the forced migration of the island’s population and the default by the State on its sovereign debt. This complex scenario was inspired by real-life possibilities of submergence of low-lying countries, the emerging category of ‘climate refugees’ and the legal problems caused by the global financial crisis.

The University of Surrey’s team of four undergraduate students had the benefit of coaching provided by law lecturer Dr Arman Sarvarian – a non-practising barrister and former Jessup competitor, judge and coach – and Miss Jessica Walsh, a qualified solicitor and Ph.D. candidate at the School. They were also generously provided with financial support by the School.

This year the School of Law is looking to enter another team and recruitment is already underway. The team will spend the period leading up to the Christmas break preparing their written arguments (‘memorials’) following which they will hone their rhetorical skills in preparation for the national competition, scheduled to take place in early
2014. The winning team of the national round will have the opportunity to participate in the international round to be held in Washington D.C. in April.

Participation in the moot will be of great benefit to students looking to qualify as legal professionals, particularly if they are aspiring to work in law firms, chambers or academia in which expertise in international law is a desideratum. If you would like to find out more, come along to the Informational Talk that will be held at 12:30 on Thursday 3 October 2013 in 14MS01.

We will be explaining in detail how the competition works, what is expected of participants, what training and support you will receive from the university, and how participating in the moot will help you develop your legal skills and knowledge. For any queries, or if you are not able to attend the talk but are still interested in finding out more, please do contact Dr Arman Sarvarian (a.sarvarian@surrey.ac.uk) or Miss Jessica Walsh (j.a.walsh@surrey.ac.uk).

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All Law Freshers offered a Peer Mentor to support the transition from A-levels to degree study

The School of Law is now one of only three schools in the University which offers its freshers the chance to have their own designated mentor to support them in making the challenging leap from A-level study to the independent learning required of an undergraduate student.

The mentors, who are second year Law students, receive training in listening skills and different learning styles, as well as on what is expected from their role. All freshers begin their Law degree with a week long induction, but there are some things that tutors and lecturers can’t get across to students as well as other students can.

Last year’s mentors told us they got much satisfaction from giving the advice and information they wished they had had when they were freshers. Many of the students who were freshers last year and who benefited from having a mentor have already volunteered to be mentors for the forthcoming academic year, wishing to share the knowledge and experience they have gained during a year of study.

Our new mentors will be trained and ready to meet their mentees from mid-October, so please fill in the form in your induction pack if you would like a peer mentor and return it to Ruth Rutter, the mentor liaison tutor in the School of Law (put the form under her door (Room 02AP04) or leave in the School of Law reception) by Friday 11 October. She will put mentors and mentees in touch with each other and support both if there are any queries or concerns during the year. Please also get in touch with Ruth should you have any queries about the scheme (r.rutter@surrey.ac.uk).

Finally, a big thank you to last year’s mentors, for volunteering time and commitment to helping their new peers in the School of Law, and to all those who have signed up to be mentors for 2013/14. Whether you have one chat over a coffee or develop a life-long friendship with your mentor/mentee, every student involved in the scheme has always said they found it helpful, so the likelihood is that you will get a lot out of signing up for a mentor.

Ms Katrina Dunbar
Law Student Adviser

Katrina Dunbar, Law Student Adviser
The School of Law Professional Training Year

‘My placement year was without doubt, the most valuable experience I have had during my time at University’ - Student on placement in 2011-2012.

I am sure that many students who choose to study at Surrey do so because they are enticed by the prospect of undertaking a Professional Training Year. So what makes Surrey University different from others? Whether students know that they definitely want to undertake a PT year, or are undecided, we provide dedicated lecturers to help you prepare a good CV, consider interview techniques, speak to employers, learn about employment contracts and generally prepare you for the world of work.

The lectures (or briefing sessions), take place during your second year and in order to undertake the PT year, students must attend AT LEAST 75%. It is not a matter of being handed a job on a plate – students have to put the effort in to researching positions available however, we have dedicated tutors and administrators to assist you in finding an appropriate position as well as distributing links and contacts which may lead to a suitable placement.

The experience gained from undertaking a PT year (both professional and personal) is invaluable in many ways. It helps students to develop the skills necessary in a legal or professional context and also enables them to appreciate the complexity of relationships in a professional environment. A significant number of graduates comment on the fact that undertaking a PT year motivated them to work harder in their final year. One student commented that ‘I went from being a mid 2:2 in my second year to a high 2:1 in my final year. I truly believe that this is a result of undertaking a professional training year’. It seems that a year in work does wonders for a student’s work ethic!

The School of Law is very flexible in its approach and we understand that not every student studying Law wants to become a lawyer therefore we have links with the Business School which offers good opportunities in marketing, events and human resources. Students have undertaken very successful (and more importantly, paid!) placements with Samsung, Microsoft, Astrium and Ford and have been offered employment after graduating. Finding a job after graduating is something which many students entering University do not think about, but it is important – to start considering it now because the first two years at University will fly by.

A Placement Fayre will be held on Wednesday 9th October 2013 when first and second year students have the opportunity to speak to students returning from placement. Please come along to find out first-hand the benefits of a placement year.

If you are progressing to your second year this October, please keep an eye on your emails for more information about the placement sessions. Remember these sessions are useful for ALL second year students, whether or not you are thinking about the PT year. We look forward to seeing you!

Mrs Elaine Carter
Senior Tutor for Professional Training
Since the School of Law was founded in 2007, the PhD programme has grown significantly and now hosts a thriving community of around 25 doctoral students engaged in a wide range of research. A number of our doctoral students is ‘home grown’, having completed either their LLB, LLM, or both, at Surrey. Each PhD student embarks on a three-year full-time, or six-year part-time, research project under the guidance and supervision of two members of the School’s research-active academic staff. PhD students expect their supervisors to challenge ideas, hone skills and help them develop into excellent researchers. Members of the School’s academic staff are committed to research that shapes agendas of scholarship and practice and our doctoral students are viewed as important collaborators in this venture.

As they progress through their studies, School of Law PhD students are encouraged to present their research at academic conferences or in the form of publications. This provides them with an opportunity to test their ideas on a knowledgeable audience and receive feedback that can help develop and enhance their research. It is also a fantastic opportunity both to develop presentation skills and to practice the art of responding to questions about the intricacies and outcomes of the research project being undertaken.

The University of Surrey holds an annual Postgraduate Research Conference where our PhD students have displayed their research in the form of posters or presentations. The Faculty of Business, Economics and Law also holds its own student-run annual conference for postgraduate researchers in which School of Law PhD students participate by helping to organise it or presenting at it. Within the School of Law itself, PhD students are afforded the opportunity to present conference papers or aspects of their research to academic staff as part of the lunchtime Staff Seminar series, the aim being to provide a friendly and supportive, yet testing, environment in which useful feedback and advice may be garnered.

Other opportunities to develop their skills are presented to our PhD students in the form of seminars on research skills. The School also runs a monthly PhD Discussion Group on topics chosen by the PhD community, as well as more formal seminars on research methods. In addition, the University’s Researcher Development Programme (RDP) provides support to PhD students in the form of seminars and tutorials, both on campus on via Skype for our community of distance-learning students. The RDP team has excellent facilities on the 5th floor of the Library, including a refurbished space for the exclusive benefit of the University’s PhD community. This working space will soon be complemented by the Orchard Room in Wates House which is being refurbished as place in which PhD students can relax and socialise.

We hope that our PhD students continue their active involvement in this growing postgraduate research community and we extend a very warm welcome to all of the new PhD students starting this October. We also wish returning candidates a productive and successful academic year in their continued research, particularly those who will be undertaking their Confirmation or Viva this academic year. For any queries relating to life as a PhD student, please contact either Dr. Jane Marriott, who is the Head of our Doctoral Programmes for the School of Law, or Miss Jessica Walsh, the School of Law’s PGR Student Representative.
School of Law Calendar of Events

2013-2014 is poised to be another academic year filled with exciting events. We are delighted to welcome distinguished speakers to deliver talks in the autumn, details of which you will find below. Keep your eyes peeled for further exciting talks and events as they are announced throughout the semester.

Evidence-Gathering in International Criminal Justice

**Mr Anthony Forde** (Leeds Metropolitan University)

Wednesday, 23 October
from 1-2pm in Room 81MS02
Surrey International Law Centre Lunchtime Seminar

The Surrey International Law Centre is pleased to welcome Mr Anthony Forde of Leeds Metropolitan University to deliver a lunchtime seminar on the important practical issue of gathering evidence in international criminal tribunals. We invite all interested persons to attend this seminar. Light refreshments will be served. Please contact Dr Arman Sarvarian with any queries concerning this event.

A Senior Lecturer at the School of Law of Leeds Metropolitan University, Mr Forde teaches UK Criminal Law and Evidence and the Analysis of Evidence in Crime Investigation to undergraduates, as well as Policing, Forensics, Law and Criminology to professional investigators and lawyers. He has professional experience as a Police Investigator, Forensic Specialist and Lawyer. Anthony has worked as a consultant with the Institute of International Criminal Investigations in The Hague since 2005, advising agencies such as the International Criminal Court, The Office for Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, The United Nations, the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Team on Sexual and Gender Based Violence and War Crime Units in Bosnia, Serbia, Rwanda and Uganda on international investigative interviewing practice and evidence analysis in War Crimes and Human rights Investigations.

Is there life at the Bar?

**Dame Linda Dobbs DBE**

Tuesday, 5 November at 6pm, Venue TBA
Series of Law Lecture

We are pleased to confirm that Dame Linda Dobbs DBE, a recently-retired High Court judge and Surrey Law School alumna, has graciously agreed to give a talk to the School of Law in the Law Talk series. Dame Linda studied Russian and Law at the University, graduating in the 1970s. A reception will take place after the talk to which all Law students and Law staff are invited. Please contact Mr Richard Benny, Director of External Relations, with any queries concerning this event.

This newsletter contains contributions from students and staff of the School of Law at the University of Surrey. Please note that we also welcome contributions from alumni graduates and from other interested parties outside of the School of Law. Please contact the Editor, Dr Arman Sarvarian of the School of Law, for more information.