

INSTITUTE OF LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL RESEARCH

Annual Report 2020-2021

ILCR 2020-2021

The Institute of Legal and Constitutional (ILCR) has continued to thrive in its seventh year. Despite the challenges of the Covid-19 pandemic, the ILCR has hosted a number of fantastic online events over the last 12 months, whilst its members continue to enjoy acclaimed national and international success. The MLitt in Legal and Constitutional Studies has gone from strength to strength, attracting an increasing number of applicants each year. Looking forward, the ILCR hopes to resume face-to-face events in the next twelve months, when it becomes safe to do so. For future plans and events see the [ILCR website](#).



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ILCR Public Events and Lectures

The ILCR began the new academic year with a very timely - and well attended - workshop, led by Sir David Edward and Professor Malik Dahlan, on the impact of the current Covid-19 pandemic on the global rule of law. The workshop was based around a larger project developed by the 'British Institute of International and Comparative Law' which called for 'breathing space' in commercial contract disputes.



We were delighted to continue this focus on current issues and challenges into our second semester events, with a fascinating seminar from Lorna Drummond QC and Aidan O'Neill QC into the concept - or as it emerged non-concept - of 'justiciability'. The seminar offered invaluable insights into the crucial, yet under-theorised, idea of justiciability from the perspective of two legal practitioners, actively involved in arguing out the issue in recent - landmark - constitutional law cases.

All our recordings are available [here](#).





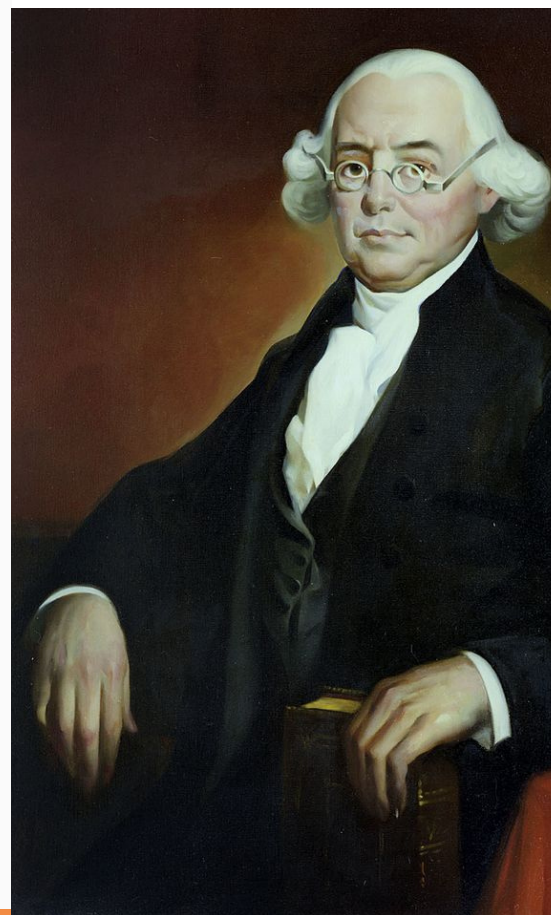
ILCR Public Events and Lectures

In the Spring Semester, we established a new public lecture series: 'The James Wilson Lectures in Law and Government'. We were delighted and honoured to host our inaugural speaker, William Ewald, Professor of Law and Philosophy, University of Pennsylvania Carey Law School, who delivered a lecture entitled: 'The Forgetting of James Wilson'. The event was attended by staff, students and alumni of the University of St Andrews, and chaired by Anthony Lang, Professor in International Political Theory, School of International Relations, University of St Andrews.



About James Wilson and the aim of the lecture series: James Wilson, who was educated at St. Andrews, emigrated to British North America in 1765. He signed both the Declaration of Independence and the US Constitution, was appointed to the Supreme Court, and delivered the first set of university lectures on US law. He went bankrupt, fell into disgrace, and was largely forgotten until the recent re-discovery of the role he played in the American Revolution. Professor Ewald's lecture explained James Wilson's accomplishments and addressed the question of why historians have overlooked him for so long.

A recording is available [here](#).





‘Talking Constitutions’ Podcast

Coinciding by chance with the limits on in-person events, the Institute launched a podcast series entitled ‘Talking Constitutions’ in 2020. In these episodes, we explore the constitutional arrangements that frame the day-to-day affairs of politics and that affect our lives in a myriad of ways. To do so, we brought together a range of people, including politicians, civil servants, and scholars, to explore that interaction between constitution, politics, and other aspects of life. Regular participants have included Lorna Drummond QC, Sheriff in Tayside, Central and Fife, sitting at Dundee Sheriff Court, Sheriff of the Sheriff Appeal Court, and Temporary High Court Judge; Lord Duncan of Springfield, Deputy Speaker of the House of Lords; Jim Gallagher, a former Civil Servant, who headed the Scottish justice department and was the UK government’s most senior adviser on devolution and other constitutional issues; Stephen Gethins, who has been an MP at Westminster and the Scottish National Party’s Front Bench Spokesman for International Affairs and Europe; and Catherine Stihler, a Labour Member of the European Parliament for 20 years and is Chief Executive Officer of Creative Commons. Topics have included ‘Constitutions and emergencies’, ‘Second chambers and the House of Lords’, ‘Constitutions and the Brexit Trade negotiations’, and ‘Constitutions and the courts.’





‘Talking Constitutions’ Podcast Live

On Wednesday 4th November the Institute of Legal and Constitutional Research (ILCL) hosted a live recording of our Talking Constitutions podcast series on the subject of ‘Constitutional Futures’. Hosted as an alumni event and in conjunction with the University of St Andrews Development Office, it took place a day after the 2020 USA elections. It addressed the pressing question of whether we are inevitably facing a series of - national, global - constitutional crises or can we turn our constitutional futures into something to look forward to? Panellists were Malik Dahlan (Principal of Institution Quraysh for Law & Policy); Jim Gallagher (former civil servant who was the UK government’s most senior adviser on devolution and other constitutional issues); Stephen Gethins (Professor of Practice in International Relations at the University of St Andrews and former Westminster MP) and Catherine Stihler (Chief Executive Officer of Creative Commons and former MEP).

The ‘Talking Constitutions’ podcast series is available to listen and download on [PodBean](#) and [ApplePodcasts](#).





Law and Litigation concerning dispossession c. 1050-1250: a comparative study

Members of the Institute have also been furthering its online audio presence in the field of legal history. The European Research Council project: 'Civil Law, Common Law, Customary Law: Consonance, Divergence and Transformation in Western Europe from the late eleventh to the thirteenth centuries', have put together a series aimed at breaking down the tradition of examining legal development in different countries and systems in isolation, rather than comparatively. We chose 'litigation concerning dispossession' as our subject for several reasons. Dispossession was, and remains, a phenomenon of great social concern. A study of the legal history of dispossession therefore helps us to understand how this recurring social problem has been addressed in the past. It also sheds light on the history and nature of elementary legal ideas – for example, what is the nature of possession – is it a fact or some sort of right? Can actions concerning dispossession be classified as criminal or civil? A study of dispossession therefore exposes the interplay of ideas, practice, and broader social context, which was crucial to the development of law in this period.

In these podcasts, we examine some of the main historiographical traditions on the subject. We then explore the situations that led to litigation, how cases were brought and then decided, and finally the wider conclusions that can be drawn from these explorations. We hope the discussions will be of general interest, and helpful to anyone who is teaching or studying mediaeval law.

The podcasts are available [here](#).



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ILCR Legal History Events

The ILCR hosted a number of legal history events over the past twelve months. In the first semester, a joint lecture with the Institute of Scottish History was delivered by Adelyn Wilson and Stephanie Dropuljic (Aberdeen) on 'Local Governance and burgh council elections in Aberdeen, 1580-1660'. This was followed by the 'Mapping Medieval Legal Manuscripts' event, run by the European Research Council project 'Civil Law, Common Law, Customary Law'.



In the second semester, a joint seminar was hosted with the Institute of Intellectual History, in which Nehal Bhuta (Chair of Public International Law, University of Edinburgh) delivered a paper on 'The State Theory of Grotius'. Finally, the CLCLCL projected hosted a conference on the subject of 'Law in Transmission: Practices, Texts and Concepts across Time and Space, c. 400-1500', featuring keynotes from Professor Bruce O'Brien (University of Mary Washington), Dr Simon Corcoran (Newcastle University), and Professor Corinne Leveleux-Teixeira (Université d'Orléans).





The Law's Two Bodies Interviews

The Law's Two Bodies project, conducted within the Institute of Legal and Constitutional Research, asks the question 'what is law', but pursues an answer in a fashion different from typical jurisprudential studies. It examines what legal practitioners do; how they regard law; to what extent they think about law in the abstract.



This year, we were delighted to welcome Marjon Esfandiary (Head of Legal & Policy at Publishers' Licensing Services Ltd). Marjon's interview and all our past interviews - including the likes of Hugh Dillon, William I Miller, and Harry Potter - are available [online](#).

Please email ilcrsta@st-andrews.ac.uk should you need a reminder of the video access password.



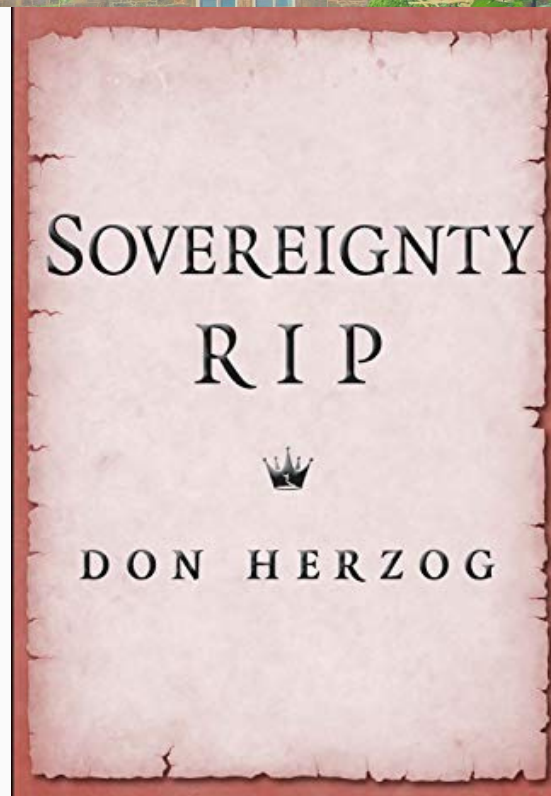


ILCR Reading Group

During the first semester the ILCR Reading Group's set text was Don Herzog's *Sovereignty, RIP* (New Haven, Conn.: Yale University Press, 2020). Lively discussions were had at all four meetings, with the highlight being a Q&A with Don Herzog himself that was followed by an online end of semester party.



In the second semester, the Reading Group turned its attention to AW Brian Simpson's *Reflections on the Concept of Law* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2011). Again, four lively sessions were held, featuring opening remarks from Professor Colin Kidd (St Andrews University), Rachel Culley (JD, University of Michigan, 2010), Professor William Ian Miller (University of Michigan), and Professor Chis McCrudden (University of Belfast).



AW BRIAN SIMPSON
*Reflections on
The Concept of Law*

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Scotia Group

On the 25th June, the Institute and the University hosted the Scotia Group event: 'UK AS HOSTS OF COP26: COMMUNITIES, NATIONS AND THE LAW'. The featured speakers were Honorary graduate and regular Institute collaborator, Sir David Edward, who talked in particular on litigation regarding climate issues; Sir Ian Boyd, Chair of the Environmental Sustainability Board at the University, who examined the role of universities in the governance challenge of the global climate crisis; and recent graduate Leá Wiemann, who emphasized the role of eco-activism in tackling climate change.

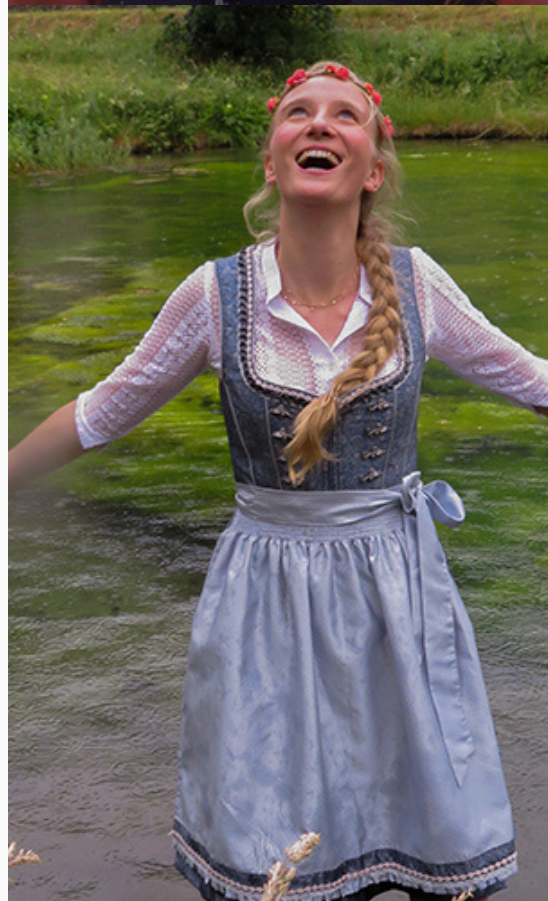


SCOTIA GROUP

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OF GLASGOW COP 26

'I'd like to thank ILCR St Andrews Profs John Hudson and Caroline Humfress for hosting and moderating the third of our Scotia Group dialogues, which assembled a formidable group of international experts and lawyers to work on a set of policy proposals to tackle climate change. I'd also like to thank Professor Sir Ian Boyd for his enlightening explanation of how St Andrews is implementing its own 15-year plan to reach carbon neutrality, which can become a template for the whole of the UK educational sector. One of the themes of the conference was inter-generational equity, so it was appropriate that a number of students from St Andrews and our other partner institutions listened in on the conversation. In September, it will be our turn to host a conference for them, at which they'll decide the final form of the policy package we present to the COP26 meeting in Glasgow in October.'

Professor Malik R Dahlan, founder, Scotia Group and ILCR
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Centre for Global Law and Governance

CGLG Report

Dr Adam Bower and Dr Mateja Peter – CGLG Directors

The Centre for Global Law and Governance (CGLG) is dedicated to exploring the development of, and challenges to, global order in its many manifestations. We began the 2020-21 academic year with a new name that broadens our remit to encompass the study and practice of international law, institutions, and governance from diverse perspectives. Yet we continue our predecessor the Centre for Global Constitutionalism's interest in the normative, theoretical, and empirical dimensions of the rules underpinning global order(s). We organise our work around five core pillars connecting members with shared interests: peace and security; economy and development; rights and ethics; environment and migration; and leadership and agency. We promote broad thinking and cutting-edge scholarship through our regular public events, internal workshops, working paper series, and student internship. You can read more about our activities on our [website](#).

Despite the constraints imposed by the Covid-19 pandemic, the CGLG hosted several stimulating events during the 2020-21 academic year. In the Martinmas semester we held two expert roundtables that explored the implications of Covid-19 on global health and economic governance, respectively. In Candlemas semester, Tom Tugendhat (MP for Tonbridge and Malling, and Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee) spoke on the subject of 'A Rules-Based International System.' This was followed by an expert roundtable on 'Post-Brexit Realities' that explored the implementation of the Withdrawal Agreement and the future of UK-EU relations. Keeping on the same broad themes, we hosted a book launch for our own Professor Stephen Gethin's new book Nation to Nation: Scotland's Place in the World. Our calendar of public events concluded with a talk by Marvi Memon (Former Federal Minister and chair of the Benazir Income Support Programme, Pakistan) based on her book *Gender, Pakistan and UN Peacekeeping*. Recordings of most events are available on our [Events page](#). Regrettably, our major workshop on 'International Rules in Times of Fundamental Change,' initially planned for May 2020, had to be further postponed until May 2022. The workshop will—eventually—bring together prominent international lawyers, historians, and political scientists to reflect on lessons from past transitions for contemporary challenges to a rule-based order.



Centre for Global Law and Governance

CGLG report for ILCR newsletter 2021 Dr Adam Bower and Dr Mateja Peter – CGLG Directors

As a community of diverse scholars, we were delighted to welcome new members this year, growing to 20 faculty from International Relations, Economics and Finance, and History. In addition to contributing to the MLitt in Legal and Constitutional Studies, CGLG supports student learning and professional development through two distinct programmes. We host a cohort of PhD students as academic Fellows who contribute to the Centre's intellectual community by serving as academic mentors to our interns and participating in internal workshops and socials. Our cohort of PhD Fellows grew with the addition of Karen Katiyo, Haley Rice, and Simon Taeuber. Erika Brady successfully defended her PhD thesis 'Evaluating the UK's Counter-Terrorism Strategy: A Mixed Methods Approach' and has accepted a permanent lectureship at Canterbury Christ Church University. Josephine Jackson also recently passed her PhD viva for a thesis titled 'US and UK Engagement With the R2P: Evaluating the Legacy of Libya Through the Lens of Syria.' Congratulations Erika and Josephine!

In 2020-21 we were again fortunate to work with a group of exceptional undergraduate interns: Aisha Alli, Qayyum Bin Mohamed Fazil, Dhruv Shaw, Reilly Wacyk, and Ella Whitaker. Interns serve as a vital point of contact between the Centre and the wider university community. The centrepiece of the internship programme is our Junior Scholar Working Paper Series which provides a platform for high-quality student scholarship. Each intern develops an original research essay on a topic of their choosing, based around an annual theme (for 2020-21, 'Covid-19 and global governance'). Their work is supported through a collaborative peer review workshop and one-on-one academic mentorship from a PhD Fellow. The final essays are published in the annual JSPWS, available [here](#).





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Oliver Roberts – Co-Founder, Co-Managing Editor, Journal Manager, and Editor In Chief of the University of St Andrews Law Journal (2020-2021)

The University of St Andrews Law Journal was created with the promise of providing exceptional cross-disciplinary academic papers on historic and contemporary affairs within a legal context. During our first operating year, we have successfully established a publication that has produced a whole Inaugural-Edition (Issue 1, Winter 2020), comprising of eleven essay-style papers on a variety of topics grounded in historic and contemporary relevance. Contributors hailing from across St Andrews' student body, and with guest contributions, provided the Law Journal with a mandate to publish creative works to an academic standard of excellence at the core of our extracurricular abilities. In addition to Issue 1, we also produced supplementary blog-style articles on important subjects under the title 'On this day...', including: a tribute to the late Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg; a short note on Executive Powers during the presidency of Theodore Roosevelt; a reflection on the Chicago Eight Trial; revisiting the partition of the Kingdom of Iraq from the British Empire; and a reflection on the day of the first meeting of the Parliament of the United Kingdom of Great Britain. Furthermore, to cover the practical concerns of this past Candlemas semester – and the many stresses faced by our excellent inaugural Editorial Board members graduating or busy with postgraduate studies! – the Journal is currently publishing papers through a rolling release. Recent paper releases include Trading with the enemy in the Great War: the directors of William Jacks and Company in Glasgow, by guest contributor Dr Robert S. Shiels, and After the Flight: The Legality of the Conferences at York and Westminster, by returning contributor Katherine Montana.





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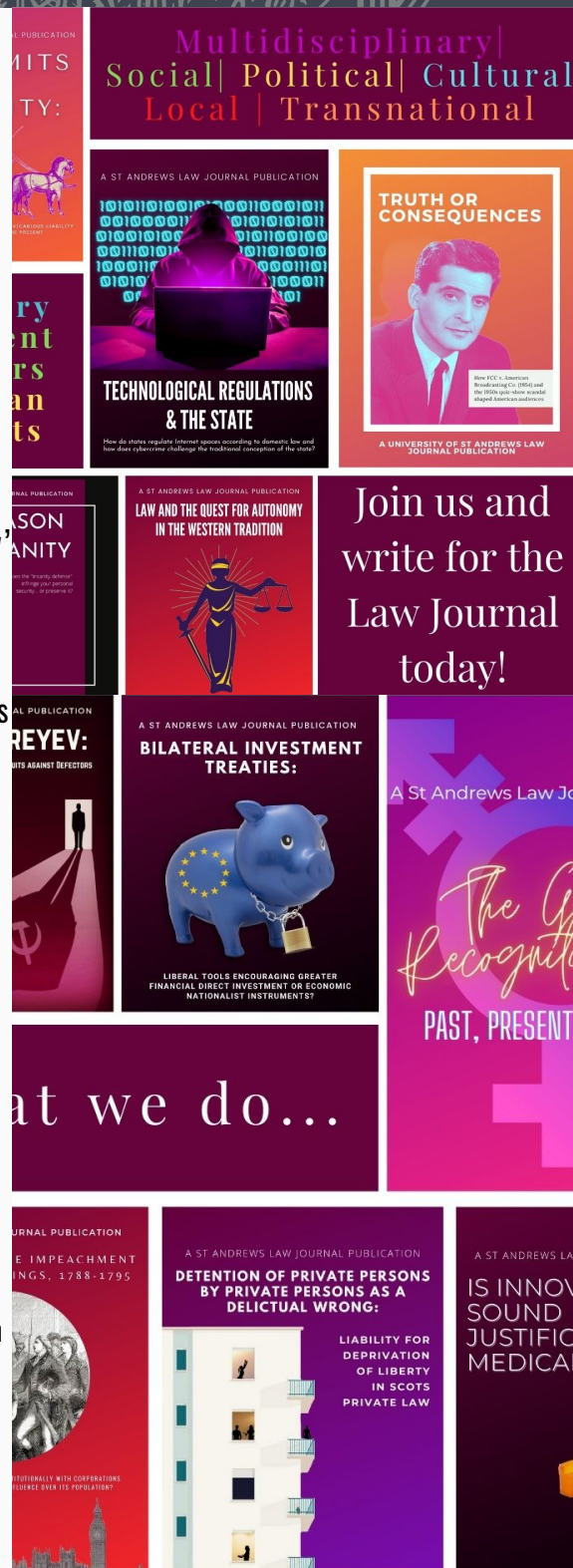
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In April, we were proud to include our publishing partner, the ILCR, and its affiliate the Civil Law, Common Law, Customary Law in Europe (CLCLCL) research project, in our marketing campaign with a takeover of the university's Instagram account. This takeover allowed us to showcase our work to the broadest possible singular audience, including a 'Preview-Review' paper on the then-to-be-released book *Common Law, Civil Law, and Colonial Law: Essays in Comparative Legal History from the Twelfth to the Twentieth Centuries* – edited by friends from the CLCLCL. The editors wish to thank them and all at the ILCR and CLCLCL for the help and support given to us this past inaugural year.

Looking ahead to academic year 2021-2022, the editors are excited for where the publication can progress through refining our approach to law and its many forms while building a comprehensive corpus of characteristically 'St Andrean' works. Our first operating year has indeed been more challenging than any of those involved could imagine, and the editors are immensely grateful for all of the support and recognition we have received from across the St Andrews academic community and beyond. As a publication, we look towards the next academic year with anticipation, knowing that we have many opportunities to expand and develop our work as we recruit and seek further contributions, we hope, from a diverse and multidisciplinary assemblage.

Finally, the Editorial Board is currently recruiting new members to fill the vacancies left by our inaugural board's many graduations – applications for the positions of Associate Editor (six vacancies) and Consultant Editor (two vacancies) shall close on Friday 20th of August at 5PM! For more information on our current recruitment cycle – and to view the aforementioned published content and journal policies – email us at lawjournal@st-andrews.ac.uk and please visit our [website](#).



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THE JACQUERIE OF 1358

— A French Peasants' Revolt —

Common Law, Civil Law, and Colonial Law

Essays in Comparative Legal History from
the Twelfth to the Twentieth Centuries

Edited by William Eves, John Hudson,
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Talks and Lectures

Caroline Humfress delivered a workshop paper entitled 'Legal Exegesis and Divine Law in the Sixth Century CE' to the University of Oxford 'Qur'anic Commentary: An Integrative Paradigm' Project, April 2021.

Sarah White delivered a paper entitled 'William de Longchamp and his Jurisdictions' at an event run by the British Academy project 'Jurisdiction, Legal Community and Political Discourse in Europe, 1050-1250' in January 2021 and then a paper entitled 'Legal Writing and Legal Compilations in Twelfth-century England' at Leeds IMC, July 2021.

Dan Armstrong organised a conference entitled 'Borders and the Norman World: New Frontiers in Scholarship' in March 2021 and delivered a paper entitled 'The Papacy, Lanfranc, and Ireland: The Core, the Semi-Periphery, and the Periphery'.





ILCR Successes

Will Eves has been appointed Assistant Professor in Law at the University of Nottingham.

Sarah White has been appointed as a fixed-term Lecturer in the Department of History at Lancaster University.

Sarah White was appointed as a copyeditor on the editorial board of Comparative Legal History.

Andrew Cecchinato has been granted a three-year Marie Skłodowska-Curie Global Fellowship, to work on the project 'John Selden's Harmonic Jurisprudence. A European Interpretation of English Legal History' at the University of Michigan Law School and the School of History at St Andrews.

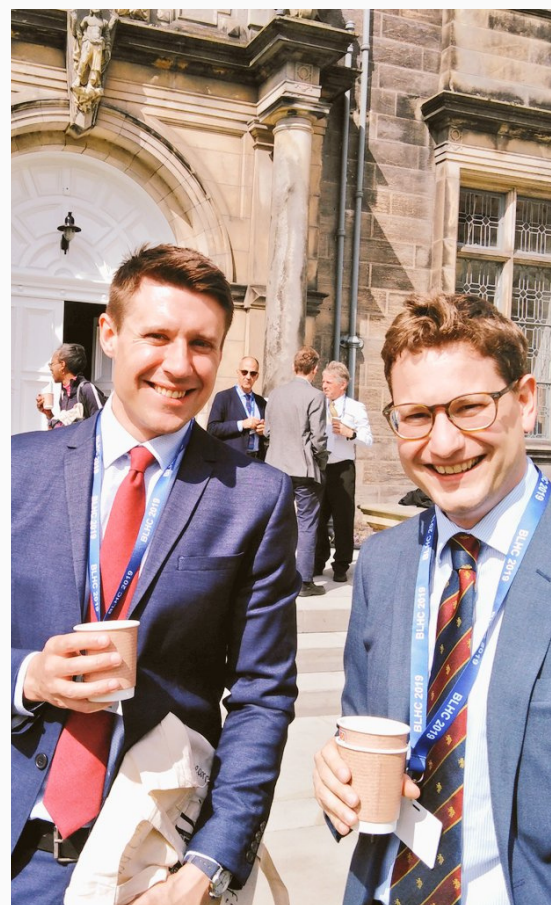
Dan Armstrong has been awarded a Royal Historical Society Centenary Fellowship by the Institute of Historical Research.

Richard Nicholl (MLitt, 2018) has been awarded a Pupillage at One Essex Court.

Kathrin Nickell (current MLitt) has been awarded the Selden Society Milsom PhD scholarship.

Lorna Drummond, QC, has been appointed Sheriff of the Sheriff Appeal Court.

Jim Gallagher wrote an important article for the Financial Times entitled: 'To save Scotland Johnson must stop competing with nationalists'. You can read it [here](#).





LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL STUDIES MLITT

In 2020 / 21 we welcomed thirteen students for the fifth year of the MLitt Legal and Constitutional Studies. As in previous years, students have worked with scholars and researchers from across History and International Relations on independent research topics ranging from constitutional courts in Eastern Europe to law museums in the USA, with students again choosing to specialise across the fields of global constitutionalism, international law and legal history from the first to the twentieth centuries CE. Having mastered the technology that makes 'dual delivery' teaching possible, government regulations forced us all back online for second semester teaching. A huge thank you to our academic staff, our administrators and IT support staff, and all our MLitt students who joined together with a shared sense of purpose - and determination - to make our online seminars successful and enjoyable.



Congratulations to our graduating class of 2020/21! We wish you every success and look forward to staying in touch with you all. If you have not done so already, please join the many other members of our MLitt alumni community on our ILCR LinkedIn page and make sure that you update your contact details on the ILCR mailing list (ilcrsta@st-andrews.ac.uk). Further information about the MLitt in Legal and Constitutional Studies at the University of St Andrews can be found [here](#).





LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL STUDIES MLITT

**Kathrin Nickel, MLitt 2020/21
Scholarship Award Holder 2020/1**

'I had the fortune of entering the MLitt in Legal and Constitutional Studies at a time when much of the world was occupied with recovering from the pandemic. Despite the challenges that hosting a degree programme in difficult and unstable times such as these undoubtedly poses for an institution, the past ten months on the course have been an incredibly rewarding and academically enriching experience that I am immensely grateful for. This is in no small part a testament to the unwavering enthusiasm, seamless delivery of course content, and continuous support that the teachers on the programme have provided our cohort with.

I joined St Andrews with two primary goals; to learn more about legal history and theory after a first undergraduate degree in law, and to further develop my research skills and academic writing in those subject areas. Fittingly, the MLitt is designed to progress from an emphasis on its taught elements in the first semester to an increasingly research-based approach in the second. The discourse with other students, who come from diverse disciplines and backgrounds, and the seminars held by academics working on multiple fields related to the programme introduced me to new perspectives and methodologies that I was then allowed to explore in the essays that form an integral part of the degree while gradually narrowing my research interests to the study of minorities and disadvantaged groups in current law and legal history. As such, I can whole-heartedly say that the MLitt afforded me exactly what I had hoped to gain.

After graduating, I will continue my studies with the Bachelor of Civil Law at Oxford and look forward to pursuing a subsequent doctorate in modern legal history. I warmly wish everyone on the programme all the best for the future.'





LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL STUDIES MLITT

Olimpia Gribincea, MLITT 2020/21

'I am from Moldova and I was admitted to the University of St Andrews as a Chevening scholar. The Legal and Constitutional MLitt programme is extraordinary, and I have enjoyed immensely the lectures, our discussions and the research that I did. Although, it took me some time to accommodate as we had almost all contact online, there was always a teacher or a colleague and friend I could reach out to. I am extremely grateful to Prof Humfress and Prof Hudson for their guidance while I explored the history of the European model of constitutional review; as well as the role of the Constitutional Courts in ensuring the effective implementation of the anticorruption laws in Romania and Ukraine; to Prof Peter for her support while I was researching how the European Court of Human Rights and the Court of Justice of the European Union influence states' behaviour, and how the European Court of Human Rights could address its backlog of repetitive cases and to Prof Lang who guided us through a challenging project of designing a global constitution and throughout my research on the role of the Venice Commission's Rule of Law Checklist. I also would like to thank my outstanding colleagues for the great opportunity to learn from each other's knowledge, experience, and research. I warmly recommend this programme to anyone who is interested in law, legal history, constitutional theory, global constitutionalism, or international relations.'



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