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Introduction

The 2021/22 was a strong academic year in which the Centre of Law and Society (CLS) started its programme in yet another year of the global Covid-19 pandemic and resumed in-person events in 2022. All online, hybrid and in-person activities promoted the CLS strategic priorities of promoting research excellence as much as supporting particularly early career scholars within and beyond the School of Law and Politics and Cardiff University.

The Centre strongly promoted its essential events programme and continued to expand and globalise collaborative socio-legal networks by online fellowships, conferences and seminar series. The interdisciplinary methodologies series entered its second year and brought together scholars from all around the world. The CLS's support of research development at Cardiff University particularly focused on early career scholars, fellows and postgraduate students from minority backgrounds.

Building on the complex review process including the equality, diversity and inclusion policies, the Centre particularly supported postgraduate socio-legal students and early career scholars from outside the United Kingdom and the European Union and offered them an online platform to present their work in the research seminar series.

The Covid-19 pandemic continued to present challenges and opportunities and the CLS, after running its programme online in the first half of the academic year, gradually returned to in-person format in 2022. The annual conference organised by Ben Turner from the LAWPL and dedicated to the socio-legal education was a huge success and involved both socio-legal researchers and academics primarily engaged in teaching and student support. The organisers brought together the most experienced and distinguished socio-legal academics and early career scholars interested in promoting and integrating socio-legal methods and perspectives in the legal studies curriculum.

The annual lecture was delivered by the most distinguished sociologists of law and politics Professor Ruth Dukes from the University of Glasgow and Professor Wolfgang Streeck from the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies in Cologne. The lecture's main theme was labour law and its historical changes and evolution especially during neo-liberal economic and societal transformations in the last three decades. The Centre's commitment to promoting different areas of law and interdisciplinary legal studies in international context was clearly demonstrated by this collaborative research of two distinguished scholars from Scotland and Germany.

The Centre also continued and expanded its collaborations with the other leading socio-legal research centres when Rachel Cahill-O'Callaghan with Linda Mulcahy of the Oxford Centre for Socio-Legal Studies published the most successful and influential Journal of Law and Society's special supplements on socio-legal methodologies in December 2021 and September 2022. The volumes brought together senior and early career scholars from many different countries and represented the global development of socio-legal methodologies.



Individual members of the new CLS research board organised a number of events and significantly contributed to the Centre's collaborations with other universities and research centres across the UK. Apart from the already mentioned CLS annual conference organised by Ben Turner, Anna Heenan co-organised a conference on interdisciplinarity and socio-legal studies with our Cardiff doctoral student Sam McAlister-Wilson and Rosie Nelson from Bristol University.

The CLS's strong contribution to the UK's socio-legal community is further demonstrated by the SLSA election of John Harrington as its new Chair at the SLSA annual conference in York in 2022.

Internationally, the CLS was very active at the Law and Society's Global Meeting in Lisbon and the Research Committee on Sociology of Law (ISA) elected Jiří Přibáň as a member of the Podgorecki Prize 2023 nomination committee and a new director of the Research Group on Sociology of Constitutions.

Emphasising its commitments to the global socio-legal research community, the Centre's fellowship programme, supervised by Bernie Rainey, hosted fellows from the most diverse backgrounds and several continents. The Centre's special collaboration with one of its principal international partners, the International Institute for the Sociology of Law in Onati, the Basque Country, was strengthened by invitations of the IISL's postgraduate students to participate in the CLS online events. The IISL director and lecturers in the Socio-Legal Master programme presented their research on law and anthropology and law and emotions in the CLS interdisciplinary methods series.



Apart from its global mission and international activities, the Centre contributed to the Cardiff University's research culture by organising activities and events at the School of Law and Politics and collaborating with other centres, schools and departments, most notably the Centre of Law and Religion, the School of Social Sciences, and the School of History, Archaeology and Religion. The CLS supported early career scholars and postgraduate students within and beyond the School of Law and Politics when Fred Cram organised a research writing focused conference under the CRAIC scheme (Coffee Research & Pastries: An Interesting Conference) in May 2022. Its discussion format was designed to further stimulate collaborative and interdisciplinary research in socio-legal studies at Cardiff University.

The Centre's research themes focused on wide areas of socio-legal and interdisciplinary research from research methods and methodologies to legal anthropology, criminal justice, global justice and development, austerity and social justice, law and religion and socio-legal education. The CLS's thus strengthened its role of a research hub of socio-legal studies with global links which, however, remains heavily committed to the academic community and its development at Cardiff University. The Centre hosted scholars and students from the UK, the EU, the Americas, Asia and Australia and managed to steer academic and intellectual collaborations of scholars from the most diverse intellectual, academic and cultural traditions and backgrounds.

As regards research dissemination of the Centre's research activities and events, the creation of a new website, co-funded by and shared with the Journal of Law and Society, is a giant leap forward. The website is independently run and presents all information about the Centre, its future and past events.

The website address is: <https://centreflawandsociety.co.uk/>

Finally, the CLS committee underwent some personal changes this year. Sara Dezalay left Cardiff and therefore moved from the CLS committee to its research board. The committee currently consists of six members: Jiří Přibáň (director), Rachel Cahill-O'callaghan (deputy director), Fred Cram, John Harrington, Bernie Rainey and Elen Stokes who is on leave. The transition of directorship has not been completed yet due to the above changes in the committee's composition. It is expected to advance this academic year.

International Collaborations

The CLS has links with the most advanced and internationally established research centres and academic institutions.

First and foremost, it continues developing its formal collaboration with the International Institute for the Sociology of Law in Oñati, the Basque Country, Spain. The IISL's director Martin Ramstedt was an invited speaker in the CLS Interdisciplinary Studies Series and spoke on law and anthropology. Sharyn Roach Anleu, one of lecturers in the IISL Socio-Legal Masters Programme, spoke about law and emotions in the same series. The CLS director Jiří Přibáň agreed to return to Onati with a new module Sociology of the Rule of Law: Politics, Economics and Social Transitions to be taught as part of the IISL Master Programme.

Drawing on this collaboration, the CLS members were very active at the Law and Society's Global Meeting in Lisbon and the Research Committee on Sociology of Law (ISA). The RCSL elected Jiří Přibáň to act as one of three members of the Podgorecki Prize 2023 nomination committee. Jiří also was elected a new director of the Research Group on Sociology of Constitutions.

The CLS has been contributing to the postgraduate programmes in socio-legal studies at international academic institutions and plans to join more programmes supported by the EU's Erasmus mobility scheme which has been terminated for academic partners in the UK, yet the funding is supposed to be replaced by the Welsh government's Taith learning mobility programme. The CLS therefore continues to be in contact with partner universities and centres in Belgium, Denmark, France, Italy, Spain and Sweden and explores possible ways of becoming part of the socio-legal education network and contributing to its postgraduate teaching activities in the future.

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Global Meeting on Law & Society
Lisbon 2022

**SOCIO-LEGAL M.A.
AT THE OÑATI INSTITUTE**
INTERNATIONAL MASTER'S
IN SOCIOLOGY OF LAW
2021/2022 PROGRAMME



MASTER OF ARTS DEGREE
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Law, Society and Digital Pasts, Presents and Futures

ANNUAL MEETING RESEARCH COMMITTEE ON SOCIOLOGY OF LAW

International Visiting Fellows

The covid pandemic continued to affect the CLS fellowship programme this academic year and the scheme therefore was organised online, again. The Centre hosted nine fellows from three different continents and offered longer stays of up to six months with access to all research resources, events and facilities available at Cardiff University. Individual fellows came from Australia, Czechia, Cyprus, Finland, Italy, Poland, Turkey and the United Kingdom.

The scheme was incredibly supported by all colleagues at the School of Law and Politics and those acting as the fellows' academic sponsors and guides offered the best academic guidance and advice to these early career academics and PhD candidates in late stages of their thesis writing. One fellowship was shared with the Centre of Law and Religion. All fellows presented outcomes of their research in a special series of Work in Progress research seminars and their sponsors acted as discussants.



Petr Agha from the Faculty of Law, Charles University, Prague (sponsor and discussant: Jiří Přibáň) conducted and presented his research theme *The Politics of Antipopulism*.

Aydin Atilgan from the Bahcesehir Cyprus University, Nicosia (sponsor and discussant: Jiří Přibáň) conducted and presented his research theme *Autocratic Tradition in the Turkish Constitutional Politics*.



Dawid Bunikowski from the University of Eastern Finland (sponsor and discussant: Norman Doe) conducted and presented his research theme *State, Law, Politics and Religion in Finland*.



Elena Caruso from the University of Kent (sponsor and discussant: Russell Sandberg) conducted and presented her research theme *Feminism, Abortion and the Rule of Law*.

Lukáš Lev Červinka from the Department of Economics, Ca Foscari University of Venice (sponsor and discussant: Jiří Přibáň) conducted and presented his research theme *Anti-Establishment Parties: A Threat to Democracy, or a Search for Its New Equilibrium?*



Elaine Freer from the Centre for Research into Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities (sponsor and discussant: Dan Newman) conducted and presented her research theme *Criminal Barristers' Experiences of Emotional Labour*.

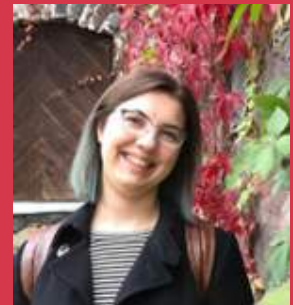
Kasia Krzyzanowska from the European University Institute (sponsor and discussant: Jiří Přibáň) conducted and presented her research theme *The Judicial Rule of Law: a socio-legal perspective of the Polish constitutional system*.





Greg Martin from the University of Sydney (sponsor and discussant: Fred Cram) conducted and presented his research theme *Comparative Perspectives on Pandemic Policing and Protest During the COVID-19 Crisis*

Berfin Nur Osso from the University of Helsinki (sponsor and discussant: Bernadette Rainey) conducted and presented her research theme *Access to Right to Have Rights: Managing Migration at the EU's External Borders*



Research Agenda and Community

Conferences, Seminars and Workshops

Driven by the University's commitment to innovation and focusing on the policy related impact of interdisciplinary legal and socio-legal research, the CLS promoted a number of specific research events.

The CLS Annual Lecture

The CLS annual lecture Labour Law After Neoliberalism was delivered by Ruth Dukes, University of Glasgow, and Wolfgang Streeck, Max Planck Institute in Cologne. The lecture had to be organised online due to the Covid-19 restrictions but attracted a large digital crowd on 8th February 2022. It critically addressed the impact of neoliberal political economy on social institutions that used to protect civic values and solidarity in labour markets. In the speakers' own words, the main themes and questions of the lecture were as follows: 'Over the course of the past 40 years, neoliberalism has all but destroyed the institutions that once civilised labour markets. Now in the wake of destruction, labour law reform is being driven in the UK and elsewhere by a new kind of right-wing populist politics. What does this hold in store for work relations in the labour market and at the workplace? And what kind of countermovement, in law and in politics, would be needed for labour markets to become civilised again?'

The annual lecture was extremely popular with our colleagues from other schools and departments of Cardiff University and our international partner institutions and postgraduate socio-legal community. Its combination of socio-legal, political science and critical economy perspectives strongly promoted interdisciplinarity of contemporary legal studies. In this context, it is a great success that Ruth Dukes and Wolfgang Streeck agreed to elaborate on their lecture ideas and wrote a joint academic paper to be published by the Journal of Law and Society.



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The Center of Law and Society
presents the 2021-22 Annual Lecture:

Labour Law after Neoliberalism

Date: 8th February 2022

Time: 15:00

Location: Online

Over the course of the past 40 years, neoliberalism has all but destroyed the institutions that once civilised labour markets. Now in the wake of destruction, labour law reform is being driven in the UK and elsewhere by a new kind of right-wing populist politics. What does this hold in store for work relations in the labour market and at the workplace? And what kind of countermovement, in law and in politics, would be needed for labour markets to become civilised again?

Speakers:



Ruth Dukes is Professor of Labour Law at Glasgow University, and Principal Investigator on the ERC-funded project [Work on Demand](#).



Wolfgang Streeck is a German economic sociologist and emeritus director of the Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies in Cologne.

[Click here to book your place](#)

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/cls-annual-lecture-labour-law-after-neoliberalism-tickets-253057932087>

The CLS Annual Conference

The CLS annual conference Law, Society and Education was organised by Ben Turner, member of the newly established CLS research board, and took place in person on 9th June 2022. The conference covered various disciplines such as psychology, anthropology and sociology and was designed to encourage interdisciplinary talk in the fields of legal sociology and education. Its aim of diversifying and improving accessibility to the legal curriculum highlighted the importance of education within socio-legal research, the place of incorporating practical experience into the LLB, and the modalities to enhance diversification and accessibility in law. Individual panels focused on the place of socio-legal studies in the LLB curriculum, the combination of academic teaching and practical experience and pro-bono provisions in the LLB, the role of technology and student engagement, and the inclusion of society's different voices in legal education.

Speakers included distinguished academics as well as early career scholars from Cardiff, Cambridge, Keele and Open University. Fiona Cowrie from Keele University was discussing the problem of socio-legal studies in the LLB curriculum, Emma Jones from Sheffield University focused on legal education and the benefit of socio-legal interdisciplinary studies and Ben Turner discussed education as a relevant area of socio-legal research in the opening panel.

The second panel invited Julie Price from Cardiff University to address the importance of pro-bono provision in the future of the LLB and her colleague Nicola Harris from the same university to discuss the LLB as a practical degree and the place of socio-legal education in it. Rebekah Marangon from Derby Law School concluded the second panel by focusing on interactivity and technology in legal education.

The third panel continued focusing on the role of engagement, technology and interactivity in presentations of Ruth Payne and Kathy Griffiths from Cardiff University and the final panel had Alison Twiner from University of Cambridge and Kim Barker from Open University discussing the inclusion of society's voices through dialogic legal education and the improvement of diversity in it.



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The Centre of Law and Society presents: **Law, Education and Society Conference**

Date: 9th June 2022

Time: 9am - 5:30pm

Location: Law Building, room 1.28

Law is not made in a vacuum. It is a product of society, its institutions and its norms. Similarly, the law also has a commensurate effect on the development of society. The context in which the law is made, indeed should be made, and operates is as important a research topic for lawyers, as is the law itself.

Socio-legal research seeks to understand this. Historically drawing from various disciplines such as psychology, anthropology and sociology, this conference is designed to encourage interdisciplinary talk in the fields of legal sociology and education.

Education is a central part of society, influencing and shaping society, as well as being influenced and shaped by society itself. Legal education is no different. In diversifying and improving accessibility to the legal curriculum, we are simultaneously helping the law and legal education to reflect and adapt to a fast-changing society.

This conference will therefore explore the importance of education within socio-legal research, the place of incorporating practical experience into the LLB, and the modalities to enhance diversification and accessibility in law.

[**Click here to register**](#)

For enquiries please contact: Jen at LAWPL-Research@cardiff.ac.uk

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/law-society-and-education-conference-tickets-342841607477>

The CLS Interdisciplinary Studies Series

The interdisciplinary series of seminars Law and ... continued in its second year and was organised as part of the LAWPL staff seminar series in February and March 2022. While having international guest speakers, its primary goal was to encourage interdisciplinary research at the School of Law and Politics and Cardiff University. The invited speakers and themes were:

- Martin Ramstedt, International Institute for the Sociology of Law, Onati, on law and anthropology, 16th March 2022
- Sharyn Roach Anleu, Griffiths University on law and emotions (April 2022; rescheduled for 10th October 2022)



The CLS “Law and ...” Miniseries presents:

Sharyn Roach Anleu

Matthew Flinders Distinguished Professor at Flinders University (Adelaide, Australia)

Date: 10th October 2022

Time: 11:00

Location: Online

Law and Emotion: Everyday Judicial Work

The growing field of law and emotion examines the presence/absence and meaning of emotion throughout law and legal work. Our research investigates the significance of emotion for judging, especially in light of the fundamental value of impartiality. Drawing on judicial surveys, interviews and observations, we identify emotion as a central feature of everyday judicial work. Judicial officers undertake emotion work to manage the emotions of others, especially in court, and to regulate their own feelings and display, shaped by the legal framework and feeling rules.

Sharyn Roach Anleu is Matthew Flinders Distinguished Professor at Flinders University (Adelaide, Australia), a Fellow of the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia and a former President of The Australian Sociological Association. Her most recent books are *Judging and Emotion: A Socio-Legal Analysis*, with Kathy Mack (2021) and *Judges, Judging and Humour*, co-edited with Jessica Milner Davis (2019).

[Click here to join Zoom meeting](#)

For enquiries please contact: Jen at LAWPL-Research@cardiff.ac.uk
<https://cardiff.zoom.us/j/84693494212?pwd=MXBza2dqd2VjdGg2Z22tCZnVMcWhGZz09>

The CLS Research Support Conference

Supporting socio-legal research at the School of Law and Politics and interdisciplinary studies at Cardiff University, the CLS under Fred Cram's leadership organised a research writing focused Coffee Research & Pastries: An Interesting Conference on 11th May 2022. The conference brought together a number of early and mid-career scholars from Cardiff University who discussed their experiences and shared views and ideas related to the areas of family law, medical law, racial discrimination, EU law, and legal education. The format was designed to stimulate discussion and collaborative research environment within and beyond the School of Law and Politics.

The CLS Research Conference support

The CLS Research Board member Anna Heenan co-organised a very successful conference about interdisciplinarity and socio-legal studies with colleagues Rosie Nelson from Bristol University and Cardiff's doctoral student Sam McAlister-Wilson in July 2022.



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The Centre of Law and Society presents:

Socio-legal study or socio/legal studies?

The Challenges of Interdisciplinary Research

Date: 7th July 2022
Time: 13:00 - 14:00
Location: Online

Speakers include: Dr Anna Heenan, Dr Rosie Nelson and Sam McAlister-Wilson.

[Send us a direct message to register](#)

The CLS Book Discussions

The series focused on the School of Law and Politics' colleagues and their successful new publications in the areas of socio-legal and interdisciplinary legal studies. The aim of the series is to stimulate further research by inviting individual scholars to present their work and discuss the process of writing by responding to the three simple questions: what did I write?; why did I write it?; how did I write it?

These questions are subsequently formatted into a discussion with colleagues and the format therefore is close to a collaborative workshop and mutual support of research agendas through the spirit of collegiality.

It is also important to note that these discussions are now linked to the CLS's new website and the authors are also invited to blog about their publications.

The whole series was started in December 2021 by Paul McDonough talking about his book *Human Rights Commitments of Islamic States: Sharia, Treaties and Consensus* (Bloomsbury 2021). The other speakers included Dan Newman discussing his book *Justice in a Time of Austerity* (Bristol University Press 2021) in February 2022, Ambreena Manji talking about her book *The Struggle for Land & Justice in Kenya* (Boydell & Brewer 2020) in March 2022 and Rachel Cahill-O'Callaghan speaking about her book *Values in the Supreme Court: Decisions, Division and Diversity* (Bloomsbury 2020) in April 2022.

Research Excellence

Publications and Research Dissemination

The 2021 and 2022 Special Supplements of the Journal of Law and Society demonstrate the CLS's commitment to support interdisciplinarity of legal research and work across different socio-legal methodologies and fields of knowledge and expertise. The publications are an outcome of collaboration between the CLS and the Oxford Centre of Socio-Legal Studies led by Linda Mulcahy.

As regards the area of research dissemination and impact, the CLS is happy to announce that John Harrington was elected the SLSA's new Chair at its annual meeting in York in April 2022 and Rachel Cahill-O'Callaghan has become one of new editors of the Legal Studies (SLS) journal.

Research dissemination of the Centre's research activities and events has been essentially improved by the creation of a new website co-funded by and shared with the Journal of Law and Society is a giant leap forward, not least because of less than satisfactory support of the university. The website is independently run and presents all information about the Centre, its future and past events.

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Collegiality

Membership

The CLS committee is constituted to reflect the most diverse and expanding expertise in socio-legal, sociological, political, anthropological and other interdisciplinary studies of law. This academic year, Sara Dezalay left the committee and her vacancy is going to be filled by a new appointment to be made by the Head of LAWPL. Elen Stokes is currently on leave from her responsibilities.

The Research Board had its first meeting this academic year and started working by providing for the most valuable critical comments, making research proposals and organising research events. The expanded International Advisory Board also provided for the most insightful critical feedback which was reflected in the Centre's activities this academic year.

Research Board

- Anna Heenan
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- Jess Mant
- Dan Newman
- Caer Smyth
- Alison Tarrant
- Benedict Turner

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- Martin Ramstedt
- Sharyn Roach Anleu
- David Sugarman
- Brian Tamanaha
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- Sally Wheeler

Finances and Future Organisation of Activities

The CLS continued to be substantially affected by the covid-19 pandemic and its wider financial and economic ramifications during the 2021/22 academic year. Because the CLS is co-funded by the AHSS College and the Journal of Law and Society, ad hoc arrangements had to be made to secure funding during this academic period. The CLS Director held a series of talks with Pro Vice-Chancellor and Head of the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Urfan Khaliq and the Chief Editor of the JLS Phil Thomas in 2021 and 2022. The Pro-Vice Chancellor expressed his continuing support for the CLS and released the funding of £3,000 which was then supplemented for by the JLS funding for all other expenses of the CLS during the period.

While the College continues to operate under strained financial conditions, the CLS original funding of £15,000 cannot be fully restored but the financial support is supposed to increase in the coming year.

On the other hand, the JLS funding has been temporarily reduced to £15,000 and will be reviewed on the basis of the journal's financial position in the future.

For the detailed financial report, see the attached document.

Conclusion

The CLS managed to enhance its support of local research excellence, materialise international ambitions and contribute to the global socio-legal studies movement in the 2021/22 academic year. It successfully managed to embrace online, hybrid and in-person formats of individual events to make sure that dissemination of its research can reach the most diverse community of socio-legal scholarship.

This success is further evidenced by the new website shared between the CLS and the JLS. The website now makes the Centre and its activities a lot more visible through social media and digital communication.

The Centre worked hard to support particularly early career scholars by running book writing workshops and interdisciplinary methodology events and offering more fellowships for longer periods of time.

The Centre's fundamental review of its activities from the perspective of equality, diversity and inclusion commitments conducted in the previous academic year profoundly improved its operations and activities this academic year and the newly created Research Board and the expanded International Advisory Board made a huge difference in terms of critical feedback and advice on the Centre's activities.

The continuing support of the CLS by the AHSS College and the Journal of Law and Society has been essential and engagement of so many colleagues from the School of Law and Politics in the Centre's activities can be considered the biggest achievement this academic year which will be used to further expand the Centre's future activities.



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