

Year in review: Law School in the news

Bristol Law School @BristolUniLaw · May 13

We're delighted to share that we're ranked #3 in the UK @timeshighered for legal research, with 93% classed "world-leading" or "internationally excellent" in #REF2021.

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(THE analysis of REF 2021)



January: Should suspects be anonymous until charge?



What right to privacy does a person under criminal investigation have? (ZXC v Bloomberg)



Bristol Law School academics influence landmark Supreme Court privacy hearing

Press release issued: 12 January 2022

New research from Professor Gavin Phillipson and Lecturer in Law, Robert Craig, was repeatedly used in oral argument against financial news giant Bloomberg during a hearing in the UK Supreme Court last month. The question the Court had to decide was whether someone under criminal investigation has a reasonable expectation of privacy up to the point of charge. The subsequent ruling will determine whether individuals will be able to obtain a remedy from media bodies who report their involvement in criminal investigations.



Privacy, reputation and anonymity until charge: ZXC goes to the Supreme Court

Robert Craig & Gavin Phillipson

Published online: 10 Jan 2022

https://doi.org/10.1080/117577632.2021.2016211

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urgent consensus that suspects should be entitled to a tort of misuse of private information ("MPI") is the right. It systematically addresses Nicole Moreham's argument, defence, rather than MPI, should ground such claims, and that damages for harm to an undesired reputation. The authors and theoretical accounts of privacy confirm this information is first, breach of confidence would provide an inadequate remedy on reputational harm, it argues that, in practical terms, the presumption of innocence can act as a guiding light in resolving the problems raised at the level of principle.



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Should suspects be anonymous until charge?

New research from @Prof_Phillipson & @RobertCraig3 was repeatedly used to influence a landmark @UKSupremeCourt privacy hearing against financial news giant Bloomberg last month.

Find out more in our news item bit.ly/3GpCkxW

SUPREME COURT SHORT

Should suspects be anonymous until charge?
ZXC V BLOOMBERG, 31 NOVEMBER 2021

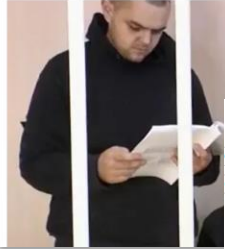
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February: How did our academics put the legal spotlight on Ukraine?

Ukraine: British POWs sentenced to death after 'show trial' which appears to violate Geneva Conventions

Published: June 9, 2022 4:45pm BST



Two Britons captured while fighting in Ukraine and [Shaun Pinner](#), who surrendered to Russian forces during the siege of the Azovstal steelworks in Mariupol, were convicted on the charge of "being a mercenary". They have a month to appeal and, if successful, they could receive a life or 25-year prison sentence instead of the death penalty.

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Ukraine: Zelensky's 'special mechanism' for prosecuting war crimes explained

Published: April 10, 2022 10am BST

Ukrainian president Volodymyr Zelensky announced recently that he had [approved a decision](#) to create a "special mechanism of justice in Ukraine" to investigate Russian "crimes" in Ukraine. The question now is what this special mechanism is and how it will fit with existing processes for ensuring accountability for crimes committed by Russia and its soldiers.

How are international courts dealing with Russia's invasion of Ukraine?

by [Lawrence Hill-Coxthorne](#), University of Bristol Law School

Can Russia be held responsible for their invasion of Ukraine?

This post is part of a short series of blog posts exploring the recent Russian invasion of Ukraine against the background rules of international law. The posts are based on presentations given at an event on the subject on 7 March that was organised by the University of Bristol Law School's Centre for International Law. In this second blog post of the series, Dr Kathryn Allison of the School of Law, University of Bristol, considers the possibility of invoking responsibility against Russia for the invasion of Ukraine.



Centre for International Law event on Russia's invasion of Ukraine

7 April 2022

On 7 March 2022, the University of Bristol Centre for International Law organized a special event exploring the international law aspects of Russia's invasion of Ukraine. The event was attended by students and staff from across the University and consisted of short presentations by a panel of international law scholars based at the University of Bristol and the University of West of England (UWE), followed by a Q&A.



March: What is needed to close Guantánamo?

Guantánamo, torture and the mechanisms for change

In March 2022, the University of Bristol's Human Rights Implementation Centre (HRIC) hosted an important guest. Mohamedou Ould Slahi was detained at the notorious Guantánamo Bay detention camp, without charge, for over a decade. His visit to Bristol marked 20 shameful years of the facility's existence - and also put the spotlight on the significant role that Bristol researchers have played in reducing incidence of torture around the world.

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Guantánamo Bay should close, says former detainee Mohamedou Ould Slahi



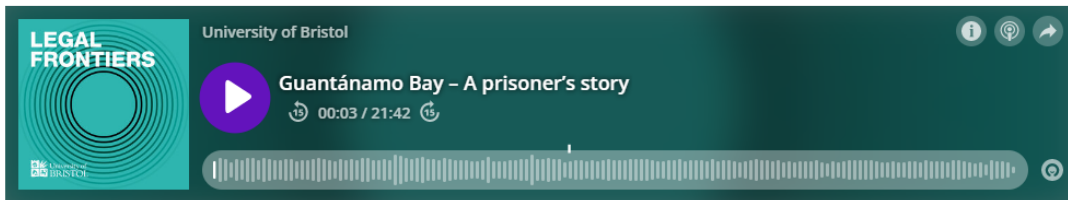
Guantánamo should close, says former detainee and the Human Rights Implementation Centre

Press release issued: 16 March 2022

20 years after Guantánamo Bay opened, the Law School's Human Rights Implementation Centre (HRIC) hosted a discussion with Mohamedou Ould Slahi who was tortured and detained there without charge for over 14 years.



Episode one



Kicking off this extraordinary series, we hear first-hand from Mohamedou Ould Slahi who exposed the use of torture at Guantánamo, smuggling out facts about his experience in letters to his lawyer, Nancy Hollander. Nancy joins with Professor Sir Malcolm Evans to extend the conversation and discuss her role in sharing the story, the first and only memoir by a still-imprisoned Guantánamo detainee, that helped secure his freedom.

April: How are our academics shaping a post pandemic world?

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COVID: why people who refuse to get vaccinated should not have lesser healthcare rights

Published: January 19, 2022 2:41pm GMT

UK Pandemic Ethics Accelerator @PandemicEthics_ · Jan 19

John Coggon of the Public health and health inequalities workstream has an article in the Conversation out today; COVID: why people who refuse to get vaccinated should not have lesser healthcare rights theconversation.com/covid-why-peop... @CHLSBristol @BristolUniLaw



The response to Covid-19 in Northern Uganda should be disability-inclusive



Mental Health Awareness Week: Tackling the loneliness epidemic in the wake of the Covid pandemic

by Judy Laing, University of Bristol Law School

Ben Kasstan @kasstanb · Feb 3

How do historical abuses of power & #PublicHealth ethics play into the #vaccine decisions of people? What do we make of the general discursive presence of history throughout the #COVID19 pandemic? A few thoughts in @LSE_RGS | @CHLSBristol @BristolUniLaw

blogs.lse.ac.uk

The Presence of History in Perceptions of Vaccination: From the first jab to the second jab and beyond. How vaccinations are now part of public discourse



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UK Pandemic Ethics Accelerator @PandemicEthics_ · Oct 24

You can explore all of the outputs from our joint event in partnership with @CHLSBristol on our website - read the full collection of contributions here: tinyurl.com/yck9suun or watch films from the event here:



ukpandemicethics.org

The proper place of value judgments in public health policy and practice. How do we ensure the proper place and visibility of value judgements in public health policy practice? On 23rd May 2022, we brought together...



Harmonising approaches to equitably integrate ethical thinking into policy making ukpandemicethics.org

WORKSTREAM: Public health and health inequalities

ETHICAL FRAMEWORK

WHICH INEQUALITIES SHOULD WE FOCUS ON IN EVALUATING HEALTH POLICY BEFORE, DURING, AND FOLLOWING COVID-19?

Dr Beth Wangeri Kamunge
University of Bristol

Northern Ireland
Legal Quarterly

Summer Vol. 73 No. 2 (2022) 380-384
Commentaries and Notes DOI: 10.53386/nllq.v73i2.1014



Book review: *Pandemic Legacies: Legal Responses to COVID-19 – Justice and Social Responsibility* edited by Dave Cowan and Ann Mumford

May: Does the law always protect workers from their employers?

“Fire and rehire on steroids.” How a Law School labour lawyer informed P&O select committees

Press release issued: 19 May 2022

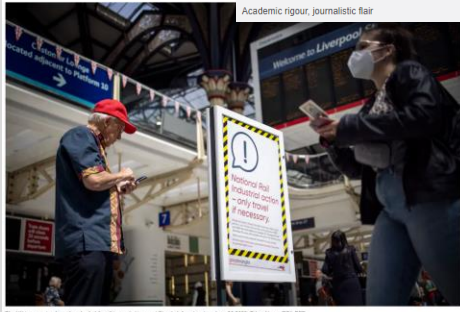
With May marking both International Workers' Day and the recommencement of P&O's Dover to Calais trips, we look back at a tumultuous couple of months for the ferry giant - and at the role that Professor Alan Bogg played providing expert opinion for both MPs and the media.



Train strike: UK government's plan to replace strikers with agency workers failed in 2015 - it still won't work today

Published: June 21, 2022 12:56pm BST

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The UK is preparing to roll out rail strikes this week. Liverpool Street station, London. June 20 2022. Tago/istockphoto.com



Centre for Law at Work book launch:

'Putting Human Rights to Work'
by Dr Philippa Collins

12 May 2022, 4.45 – 6.30 PM

Bristol Law School @BristolUniLaw · Mar 16
Publication News

'Putting Human Rights to Work: Labour Law, The ECHR, and The Employment Relation' by Dr Philippa Collins @DrPMCollins is out today! Published by @OxUniPress 2022 🌟



Bristol lapdancers celebrate council vote to keep clubs open

'We're screaming for joy': activists hail decision, but others condemn failure to tackle 'sexist culture that underpins male violence'



Top mention earned 828 engagements



katie cruz
@katiecruzzz · May 9

Bristol's Centre for Law at Work is co-hosting a jam packed evening of evidence based research about Sexual Entertainment Venues in Bristol, with workers themselves at the forefront. @BristolSWC @unitedswers @BristolUniLaw @UniofGreenwich

Mobilizing for Recognition: Indie Unions, Migrant Workers, and Strategic Equality Act Litigation

Manoj DIAS-ABEY*

The International Journal of Comparative Labour Law

Top Tweet earned 1,903 impressions

Does the #law always protect workers from their #employers?

Professor Alan Bogg @thebigbogg and LLM Employment, Work and Equality Law student Stuart, discuss workers' rights and the law.

Listen to episode 4 of Research Frontiers:
bit.ly/3cJGhUh

#LabourLaw #LawAtWork
pic.twitter.com/8DNJm2O1m



June: Will Roe v Wade see reproductive rights go backwards?

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Roe v Wade to be overturned? What this would mean for reproductive rights around the world

Published: May 6, 2022 4:11pm BST

Outrage: pro-choice protesters in New York react to the leaked Supreme Court opinion - EPA-EFE/Justin Lane

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Reproductive rights have been an urgent topic of discussion around the world in recent days, following the leak of a draft opinion of the US supreme court, written by Justice Samuel Alito, in the case of *Dobbs v Jackson Women's Health Organization*. If enacted by the court, this opinion would overturn the landmark 1973 case of *Roe v Wade*. *Roe* instated the constitutional right to abortion in the US under the [Due Process Clause of the 14th Amendment](#), which references a woman's right to privacy.

Roe v. Wade and the fight for reproductive justice

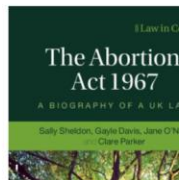


For nearly a decade, researchers at the University of Bristol have sought to create new legal frameworks for the decriminalisation of abortion, challenging laws that are archaic and out of kilter with modern values. They have also sought to establish reproductive rights as universal human rights that should only be regulated by laws designed to ensure safety - and not restrict access to services.

Book launch: 'The Abortion Act 1967: A Biography of a UK Law'

Press release issued: 6 December 2022

Book your tickets now and find out more about a newly published book co-authored by Professor Sally Sheldon, Professor Gayle Davis, Dr Jane O'Neill, and Dr Clare Parker. Published by Cambridge University Press, the 'Abortion Act 1967' examines the complex and shifting legal and cultural meanings of this piece of legislation as it is interpreted and takes effect in practice. Ultimately, it illustrates that the Abortion Act is a 'living law'.



Reforming Abortion Law in Northern Ireland



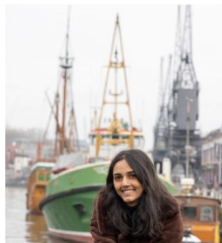
July: What have we done since World Environment Day (5th June)?



Discover new LLM in Environment, Sustainability and Business from University of Bristol

27 October 2022

If you are interested in a degree that presents an exciting opportunity to develop a deep understanding of the role of business in sustainable development – and what is needed to underpin success for socially responsible companies – then our new LLM in Environment, Sustainability and Business is for you.



Mapping Recent Trends in Environmental Law: Is it time to worry?

by Professor Margherita Pieraccini, University of Bristol



Dr Alice Venn @alice_venn · Sep 28

Looking forward to presenting alongside @AllinsonKathryn next week on the response to climate migration in international law. We'll be joined by @DrLauraDeVito and Tom Dixon @ACHIntegrates. Online event and free to register @MIMoBristol

ACH @ACHIntegrates · Sep 15

There's still time to sign up!

Our next seminar with @MIMoBristol will delve into the interconnections between migration and climate change, from climate refugee international law, to local level community action.

Join us on the 5th October ow.ly/mrlf50KJgqo

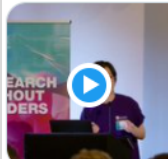
Migration and Climate Change



Cabot Institute for the Environment @cabotinsti... · Aug 16

Watch Reasons to be Hopeful short talk:

Social enterprise and the climate crisis with Lin Zhang @BristolUniLaw



youtube.com

Social enterprise and the climate crisis - Lin Zhang...

This presentation was given as part of 'Reasons to be Hopeful: Working together to tackle the climate...'

Top Bristol climate experts set to share expertise on global stage at COP27

Press release issued: 2 November 2022

A team of leading University of Bristol researchers on hot topics, ranging from climate change policy to adapting to a warming world and ensuring the transition to a net zero economy is fair, are poised to join the 2022 United Nations Climate Change Conference.



Ana Fonsêca @AninhaFonseca

Extremely though-provoking @TheLRN Conference at @BristolUniLaw today! 'The post-pandemic effect New opportunities for social and sustainable development?'

14th Conference of the LRN (Bristol, ELTE Budapest, Ghent, Göttingen, Groningen, Lille, Turku, and Uppsala)



August: How does research inform our new tech focused LLM?

Bristol Law School @BristolUniLaw · Nov 3
Graduate able to tackle the legal challenges and harness the potential of technology development and innovation with our new LLM in Law, Innovation and Technology 🌐 ⚡ bit.ly/3zlvYsq



Discover the LLM in Law, Innovation and Technology



Unlock professional opportunities in one of the **ALT**st developing legal fields

Prof Albert Sanchez-Graells @How2CrackANut · Dec 14
The @CommonsSTC has just published a big batch of written evidence submissions (98) to its 'Governance of AI' Inquiry: committees.parliament.uk/work/6996/gove...
Great to see three submissions by @BristolUniLaw experts: @DrPMCollins, @kitfotheringham and yours truly.
Happy reading!

Science and Technology Committee
Commons Select Committee

Bristol Law School @BristolUniLaw · Apr 26
"How playing video games inspired my journey into law" 🎮 ⚡

In a new Q&A for #WorldIPDay we talk to Dr Yin Harn Lee about specialising in copyright law and video games, and her advice to students looking to forge a career in IP Law or IT law:

🔗 bit.ly/3k7GW2v



World Intellectual Property Day Q&A with Dr Yin Harn Lee:

"How playing video games inspired my journey into law"



Asma A.I. Vranaki 

Regulating Social Network Sites
Data Protection, Copyright and Power



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Digital assets such as non-fungible tokens (NFTs) and other crypto-tokens have grown and evolved at great speed – the law must adapt to accommodate them.

📖 Read our new set of law reform proposals for digital assets – out today: lawcom.gov.uk/law-commission...
#digitalassets #crypto




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Our proposals for digital assets aim to create a strong framework that offers greater consistency and protection for users and encourages further technological innovation.
It's important that we focus on developing the right legal foundations to support these technologies, rather than rushing to impose structures that could stifle their development. By clarifying the law, England and Wales could reap the potential rewards and position itself as a global hub for digital assets.”
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Professor Sarah Green,
Commercial and Common Law Commissioner

Sarah Green

Judgments as Bulk Data
Václav Janeček



Professor Albert Sanchez-Graells awarded British Academy Mid-Career Fellowship

Press release issued: 16 May 2022

Professor Albert Sanchez-Graells, Professor of Economic Law at the University of Bristol Law School, has been awarded a prestigious British Academy Mid-Career Fellowship worth £127,125.58 to support his research on digital technologies and public procurement.



September: What's the connection between the monarch and parliament?

University of Bristol @BristolUni · Sep 9

At noon today, along with many bells across the country, the @GreatGeorgeWMB bell will toll for 20 minutes in memory of Queen Elizabeth II for a moment of reflection. Please join us in paying tribute and allow for a moment of reflection.



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Following King Charles addressing Parliament for the first time yesterday, Dr Robert Craig @RobertCraig3 provided expert commentary in an interview with CNN on the current relationship between the monarch and parliament.



NEW ROYAL ERA
AN ENDURING MONARCH AND A CHANGING PARLIAMENT
Robert Craig | Constitutional Law Expert

5:11 PM · Sep 13, 2022

University of Bristol @BristolUni · Oct 21

Is it time for a #GeneralElection?

We spoke to Law expert @Prof_Phillipson about what it would government to call a general election now that Liz Truss has

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if requested by the Prime Minister.

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ImpACT International @ImpactPolicies · Sep 6

Join us TOMORROW for ImpACT's webinar on Human Rights vs. Parliamentary Sovereignty

Wednesday, 7 September, 2022
4:30 PM (London time)
Webinar link: us06web.zoom.us/j/82956360484

@DavidJonesMP @Prof_Phillipson

impACT International Webinar

Human Rights versus Parliamentary Sovereignty

The British Government is ending the Human Rights Act and the power of the European Court of Human Rights. Replacing it with a new British Bill of Rights. Will this threaten civil liberties in the UK?

Wednesday 7th September 2022 at 4:30 PM (London time)

Moderator: Robert Oulds, Executive Director of ImpACT International

Speakers: Rt Hon. David Jones MP, Professor Gavin Phillipson, Sir Christopher Chope MP, Sir John Hayes MP

October. How did policing fail Kaba and Judah?

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JUSTICE FOR CHRIS KABA



How can black people feel safe and have confidence in policing?

Published: November 4, 2022 5:06pm GMT

The inquest into the death of Chris Kaba opened on October 4 2022. Kaba, an unarmed black man, was shot and killed in Streatham Hill, south London on September 5 2022 by a Metropolitan police officer... Kaba's death comes in the wake of recent, high-profile cases including, the tasering of Judah Adunbi, a respected community elder in Bristol and former police race relations advisor.

Policing law expert Dr Clare Torrible joins 'Ras' Judah Adunbi and Director Bashart Malik to discuss police accountability, institutional bias, and system failure in a soon-to-be-released documentary film, 'I am Judah':

bit.ly/3Sh6vNL

#IAmJudah #DoMoreWithLaw
pic.twitter.com/gwDcYOmwaC



November: Does the draft Mental Health Bill deliver what's needed?

Many years of research in the area of mental health law, resulted in Professor Judy Laing invited to give oral evidence on the Draft Mental Health Bill in November this year. Professor Laing has been active in shaping and responding to the Bill.

parliamentlive.tv

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Joint Committee on the Draft Mental Health Bill
Tuesday 15 November 2022 Meeting started at 3.57pm,

15:58:51

How reform to the Mental Health Act should balance people's treatment with increased autonomy

Published: May 12, 2022 2:57pm BST

Involuntary detention under the Mental Health Act poses ethical challenges. Monkey Business Images | Shutterstock

Around the world, compulsory powers are used to detain and treat people deemed to have mental health problems. In the UK, most people experiencing such problems receive treatment voluntarily, in the community. However, at times of acute mental health crisis, some may be compulsorily detained in the interests of their own health or safety, or for the protection of other people.

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Bristol Law School @BristolUniLaw · May 10
#MentalHealthAwarenessWeek spotlight on Prof Judy Laing: Academic fellow @commonslibrary, reforming the #MentalHealthAct & role of nearest relatives in #MentalHealthAct assessments.
Read her new blog on preventative policies to tackle #loneliness epidemic: bit.ly/3KYuB0J

The best thing about being a researcher...

"... is playing a role in shaping the Mental Health Act - and using that experience to inform my teaching."
Professor Judy Laing, Law



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Top media Tweet earned 793 impressions

Our fifth annual @CHLSBristol symposium addressed some of the most challenging questions about the future direction of mental health and capacity law reform across the UK

Authors



Jeremy Dixon
Senior Lecturer



Judy Laing
Professor of Law
Bristol

Reform to Mental Health Act must prompt change in support for families

Press release issued: 11 May 2022

As yesterday's Queen's Speech outlined government plans for changes to the Mental Health Act 1983, a study has highlighted the challenging experiences for family members of people detained.



Find out more about the event's speakers & topics in our news item bit.ly/3JIXurM pic.twitter.com/sldUxcY7YE

Centre for Health, Law and Society Symposium 2022:
Redrawing the Boundaries of Mental Health and Capacity Law

"Our fifth annual symposium is reflective of our aims in the Centre to produce and engage with rigorous research on questions of health, ethics, and justice with real world applicability." - Professor Judy Laing

Find out more in our news item

December: What was 2022 like for Human Rights?

Can The UK Be Held Accountable for Breaches of the Human Rights of Asylum-Seekers Transferred to Rwanda?

Bristol Uni news & coverage @BristolUniMedia · Jul 4
Boris Johnson's new UK bill of rights will exempt the government from #freespeech protections

Campaigners said it would hamper efforts to hold the government to account.

@Prof_Phillipson @BristolUniLaw speaks to @Independent about the policy changes



independent.co.uk

New UK 'bill of rights' exempts government from free speech
Government policies to crack down on protest and other exemptions from new laws

16 June 2022

The Law School's Dr Peter Dunne is among four Bristol academics and 80 other promising science and research leaders who will receive £97.8 million to conquer major global issues and commercialise their innovations in the UK.



Dr Dunne's Fellowship will explore the rights of trans and non-binary populations in the family law of England and Wales.



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Manston holding facility: does the UK's treatment of asylum seekers violate the law?

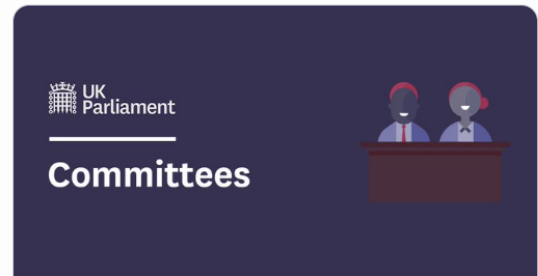
Published November 9, 2022, 4:52pm GMT

People held at the Manston immigration short-term holding facility. Gareth Paton / PPA Images

A woman held at the Manston holding facility in Kent is taking legal action against Home Secretary Suella Braverman. The asylum seeker claims that she was held unlawfully in "egregiously defective conditions" at the centre. Her case is supported by the organisation Detention Action, and another case is being put forward by the charity Bail for Immigration Detainees.

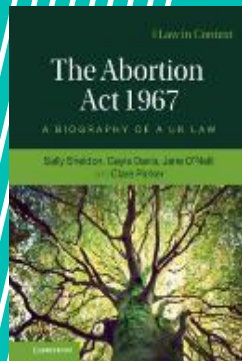
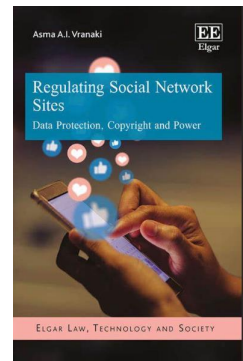
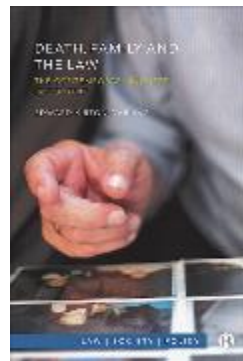
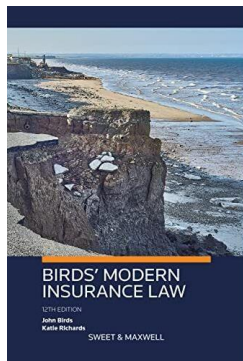
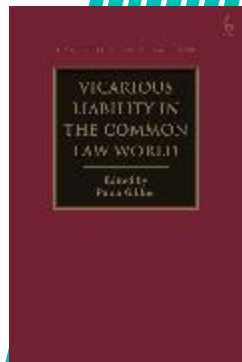
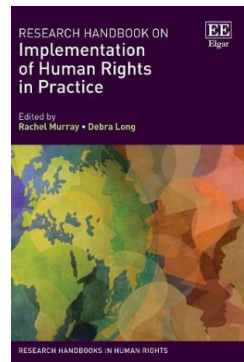
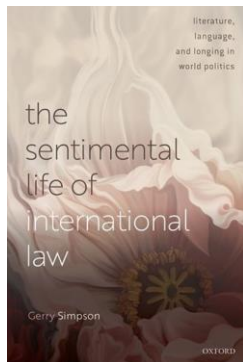
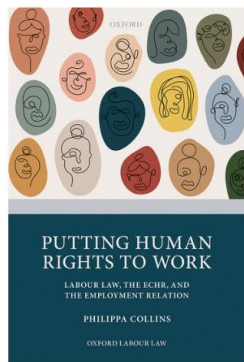


Dr Maja Grundler @ja_grundler · Sep 28
Happy to see that our evidence on the #UKRwanda MoU prepared with @AllinsonKathryn, Ayesha Riaz and @RydbergAgnes has been published by @HLIntAgreements alongside lots of other interesting contributions:



committees.parliament.uk
UK-Rwanda Memorandum of Understanding - Written evidence - Committee
Written evidence submission publications for UK-Rwanda Memorandum of Understanding.

Books in the news in 2022



Year in review:
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