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IALS Spring Newsletter 2018

IALS Transformation Project 2018-2020

IALS Library is very pleased to announce that the University of London has agreed to a £11.5M refurbishment for the IALS building starting in July 2018 subject to planning approval. Additional necessary funding for the project will be sought through a fundraising campaign.

The building, its seminar rooms/lecture theatre and the main reading rooms of the Library will remain open during the two-years programme of works. There will be some noise and disruption and temporary arrangements for entry to the Library and for the Issue & Enquiry desk.

IALS Library will be completely refurbished and re-designed in the upcoming refurbishment. The project will replace the infrastructure with new heating, cooling, ventilation, cabling and wifi.

We will be able to offer a new 2nd floor entrance looking out on to Russell Square, 50 additional study desks, bookable group study and training rooms, special needs room, 10 additional library research carrels, new desk and chair furniture throughout the library, more self-issue laptops and improved IT services.

More information on the scheduled programme of works will be available shortly. Watch out for news bulletins.

Find out more and follow the progress of the project at: http://ials.sas.ac.uk/about/ials-transformation-project

Training at IALS

Introduction to OSCOLA

Learn the basics of citing your references using OSCOLA. All postgraduate law students, researchers and academics who are eligible to use IALS Library are welcome to attend this free session.

19 March 2018, 14:00 - 15:00

Book:
www.sas.ac.uk/events/event/15474

How to find legal journal articles for your essay, dissertation or thesis

This session will help you to get the most from the e-resources available at IALS Library and identify the most relevant databases for your research topic. The session will include practical advice about how to find relevant journal articles for your research. All postgraduate law students, researchers and academics who are eligible to use IALS Library are welcome to attend the free session.

1 March, 15:00 - 16:00

Book:
www.sas.ac.uk/events/event/15544

How to get a PhD in Law

In March and May 2018 IALS will be running the popular 'How to get a PhD in Law' national research training days. These specially tailored days provide an opportunity for informative discussion, legal research guidance and a chance for networking. MPhil and PhD students in law registered at universities across the UK are invited to attend.

The PhD journey: Supervision, research ethics and preparing yourself for upgrade and vivas

02 March 2018, 10:00 - 16:30

Cost: Student Rate: £75.00; Standard Rate: £100.00

More information and booking:
www.sas.ac.uk/events/event/13843

Researching, disseminating and publishing in the digital world

11 May 2018, 10:00 - 16:00

Cost: Student: £75.00; Standard: £100.00

More information and booking:
www.sas.ac.uk/events/event/13844

Socio-Legal Sources and Methods in Social Welfare and Family Law

This day, Jointly organised by the British Library, the Socio-Legal Studies Association and the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, is aimed at PhD/MPhil researchers, early career academics and policy researchers. There will be four sessions throughout the day

• Sources and methods in family justice
• Socio-legal research in the Court of Protection
• Methodological challenges in family and social welfare law
• Social context of family and social welfare research

18 May 2018, 10:30 - 17:00

Cost: Student rate: £55.00; SLSA Members: £70.00; Standard Academic Rate: £80.00

Book:
https://www.sas.ac.uk/events/event/15339

One to one reference advice sessions: book your   appointment now

Do you ever feel unsure about how to approach a piece of legal research? Perhaps you're not certain which databases would be best to use or how to search them? If this sounds familiar, the IALS librarians are here to help. We offer free one-to-one sessions, giving practical advice on research tasks such as:

• Finding books, journal articles and other materials for a particular piece of research
• Advice on which database to use
• Constructing effective searches
• Identifying words and phrases for use in a search
• Narrowing your search results
• Finding foreign and international laws in print and online
• Citing resources using OSCOLA
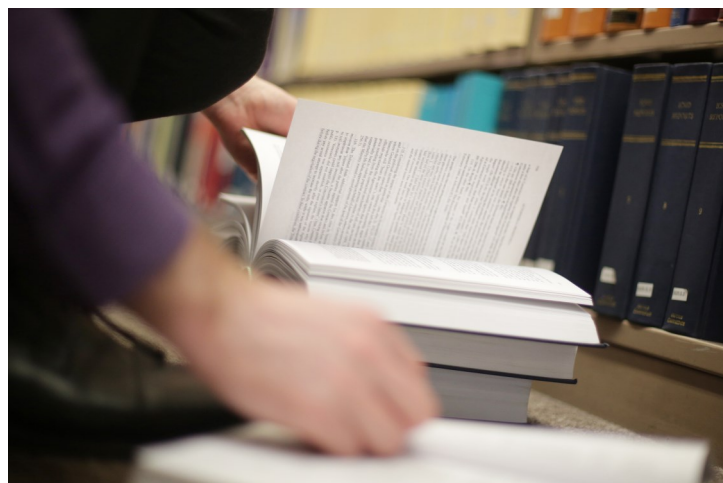
Who is it for?

All postgraduate law students and academic researchers with a current IALS Library card or SAS-card.

Where / when does it take place?

• Mondays 14:00, 14:30, 15:00, 15:30

• Tuesdays 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30

• Thursdays 14:30, 15:00, 15:30, 16:00

How can I book a place?

Speak to staff at the 4th Floor Issue & Enquiry Desk or email ials@sas.ac.uk with brief details of what you would like to discuss and when you would like to attend.

IALS Digital launch
Steven Whittle, IALS Digital Manager

As part of our 70th anniversary celebrations, the Institute launched IALS Digital ials.sas.ac.uk/digital on Thursday 16th November 2017. IALS Digital is a new name for established and evolving online services at the IALS - bringing together resources; creating opportunities for new legal information initiatives, research projects and partnerships; and providing support for digital legal scholarship.

The IALS Digital team comprises law librarians with a background in legal information management and information systems skills. A core team (Lindsey Caffin, Narayana Harave, and Steven Whittle) is working with other sections of the Institute Library, particularly the Academic Services team, and with academic and administrative staff in the Institute and more widely in the School of Advanced Study as well as drawing on help from colleagues in the University of London Computer Centre.

At the launch event two panels of speakers described some of the resources developed at the Institute over the years. The first panel (David Gee, IALS Deputy Librarian; Joe Ury, BAILII Executive Director; and Professor Catharine MacMillan, King's College London) looked at examples of collaborative initiatives based on IALS Library collections and expertise.

The second panel (Professor Jane Winters, School of Advanced Study; Ronan Cormacain, IALS doctoral research student; and Professor Diamond Ashiagbor, Professor of Law and Director of Research, IALS) focused on Open Access and the Institute's commitment to that agenda, particularly in extending open access publishing for law.

IALS digital legal information resources include a range of web-databases that facilitate legal research and scholarship in the UK and abroad and are integral to the Institute's role in proving a national collection of legal information. Examples include:

BAILII British and Irish Legal Information Institute. BAILII is the premier free legal information website in the UK, heavily used by universities, the public and practitioners with over 2,000 visitors per day. Under a new agreement with BAILII we will continue to host the management, administration and development of the service and work more closely in content-building and collaborative legal information initiatives.

IALS Open Access Journals. IALS Digital participates actively in the School of Advanced Study's Open Journal System making the IALS/SALS journal Amicus Curiae, the IALS Student Law Review and an open access version of the Digital Evidence and Electronic Signature Law Review freely available online.

IALS Open Book Service for Law - OBserving Law. Working closely with legal academics, professional societies and associations in Law we are continuing to develop the IALS Open Law Book service on the School's Open Access Books platform the Humanities Digital Library. Our aim is to provide increased accessibility and visibility to scholarly research. At the IALS Digital launch we inaugurated an annual IALS PhD Thesis Book Prize, awarding a publishing contract for a doctoral thesis to be published as an 'open access' monograph within the IALS Open Book Service.

In a video greeting at the IALS Digital launch Professor Graham Greenleaf AM made an exciting announcement about a new AustLII led initiative to build an online library called Foundations of the Common Law 1215-1914 as a free resource based on the CommonLII service. AustLII will receive a 500,000 Australian dollar grant from the Australian Research Council complemented by matching funds from 11 Australian universities to take forward the project to digitise the key pre-1915 case law and other raw materials for research from across the whole Common Law world, working in co-operation with 12 legal information institutes including IALS Digital and BAILII.
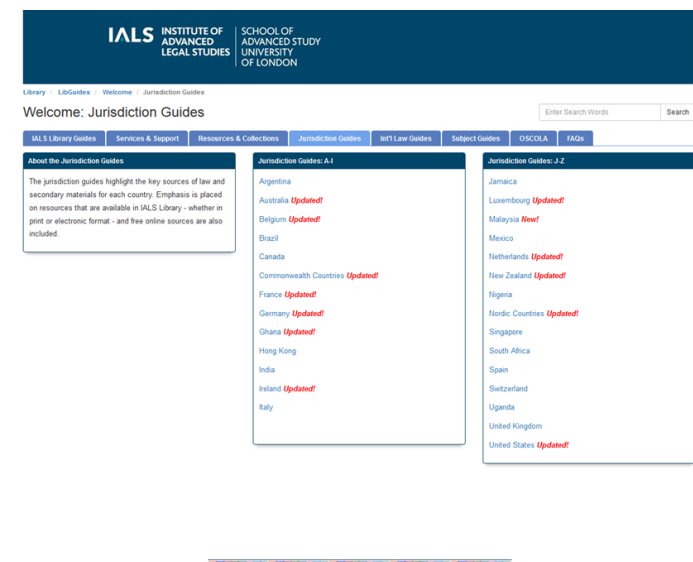

Joe Ury, David Gee, Professor Catharine MacMillan

The launch of IALS Digital begins a new era for the Institute and its Library, helping to ensure that the IALS is well placed to continue advances in free access to law – expanding open access delivery and supporting the current and future ambitions of digital legal scholarship.

New look for IALS Library Guides

Our popular online research guides have received a makeover. We have created over 80 guides on a range of subject, jurisdictional and international law topics. Take a look at the guides for pointers about what resources are available for your chosen research topic. You will also find guides with practical information about using the IALS Library, such as printing and connecting to the wifi.

To access the guides, go to http://ials.sas.ac.uk/library/ials-collections/ials-library-guides.

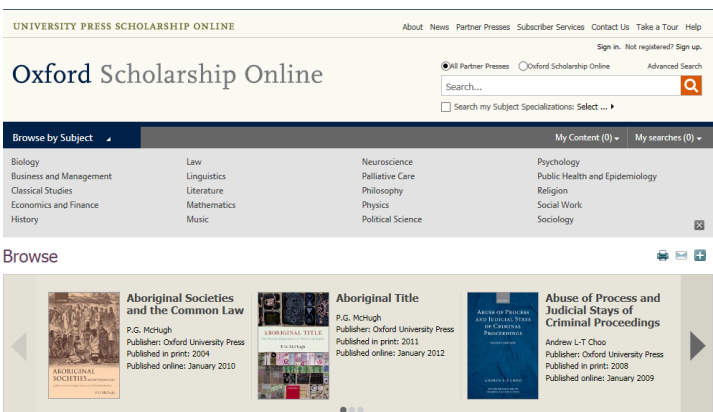## Spotlight on … databases

BAILII

The British and Irish Legal Information Institute (BAILII) provides free access to primary legal material and is updated daily. BAILII contains judgments, decisions, legal texts and commentaries of all kinds. The database is fully searchable or can be browsed in a number of ways, including by court, tribunal, case name, subject or legislation name. Access BAILII at www.bailii.org.

Oxford Scholarship Online

Oxford Scholarship Online (OSO) is a subscription database, made available onsite and offsite to IALS Library academic members. The database offers abstracts and full text of over 4,000 books from Oxford University Press. IALS Library subscribes to the full text and abstracts of books in the law subject collection, and has access to the abstracts and tables of contents of OSO books in other disciplines. More than a thousand full text books are available in the law subject collection, for teaching and research, representing a wide range of legal scholarship and research.
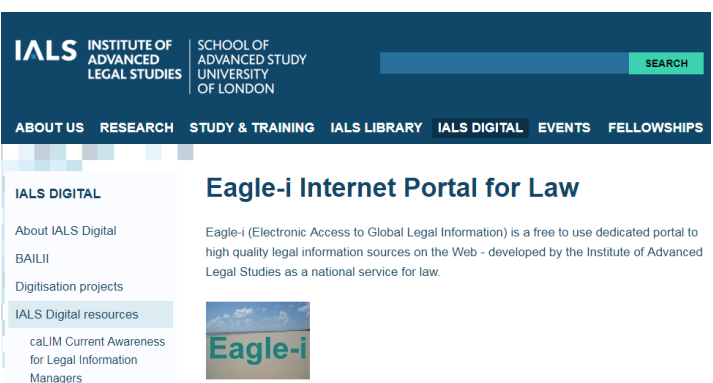
Access OSO via the IALS Electronic Law Library http://ials.sas.ac.uk/library/legal-databases-and-digital-resources/electronic-law-library

Eagle-I

Eagle-i is a free database which is dedicated to helping researchers find high quality legal information sources on the web. Eagle-i provides links to authoritative web resources, as well as giving an overview and content assessment of the resource. The database allows users to run free-text searches or filter for resources by jurisdiction.

Find out more and access Eagle-i at http://ials.sas.ac.uk/digital/ials-digital-resources/eagle-i-internet-portal-law

Books News

New ebooks and eresources at IALS Library

Liz Murray, Information Resources Manager

IALS Library has recently subscribed to new ebooks and eresources which are available onsite and offsite.

- Brill Online – International law ebooks for 2015, 2016 and 2017

- ElgarOnline ebooks – three one-off mini packages for Corporate & Financial Law; International Economic Law; and Public International Law

- Cambridge Core Online law ebooks – we have one-year access to all the law titles and will purchase the most heavily used at the end of the year

- Westlaw ebook collection – *(these ebooks are only available onsite at IALS Library, as with our Westlaw access)*

This is all in addition to our Oxford Scholarship Online law collection and DawsonERA ebook packages selected law titles only, from reading lists.

We have also recently added Max Planck Encyclopedia of Comparative Constitutional Law to our eresources library collection.

Our coverage of law reports on JustisOne has also expanded now to include UK Core, Caribbean Core and many additional reports, such as Cayman Islands Law Reports, Bermuda Law Reports, Singapore Academy Collection, Irish Reports and Digests, Jersey Law Reports and Scottish Session Cases.

People News

The Library has recently welcomed two new members of staff, Alice Tyson, Access Librarian, and Dalia Maoz-Michaels, Senior Library Assistant (Cataloguing and Acquisitions).

Alice started in the role of Access Librarian in December 2017. As part of the Academic Services team Alice will be co-ordinating information skills training, keeping library members updated via regular newsletters and assisting readers with reference enquiries.

Alice has previously worked at the Law Society Library, the University of Westminster and in the libraries of two international law firms.

Dalia joined IALS Library in February 2018 in the role of Senior Library Assistant (Cataloguing and Acquisitions). Dalia will be undertaking cataloguing, classification and acquisitions work.

Prior to joining IALS, Dalia worked as a cataloguer at the British Library, University College London and the Bodleian Library in Oxford. Dalia is looking forward to working closely with colleagues, staff and students at IALS

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