



# Society of Legal Scholars

Annual Conference

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### Foreword

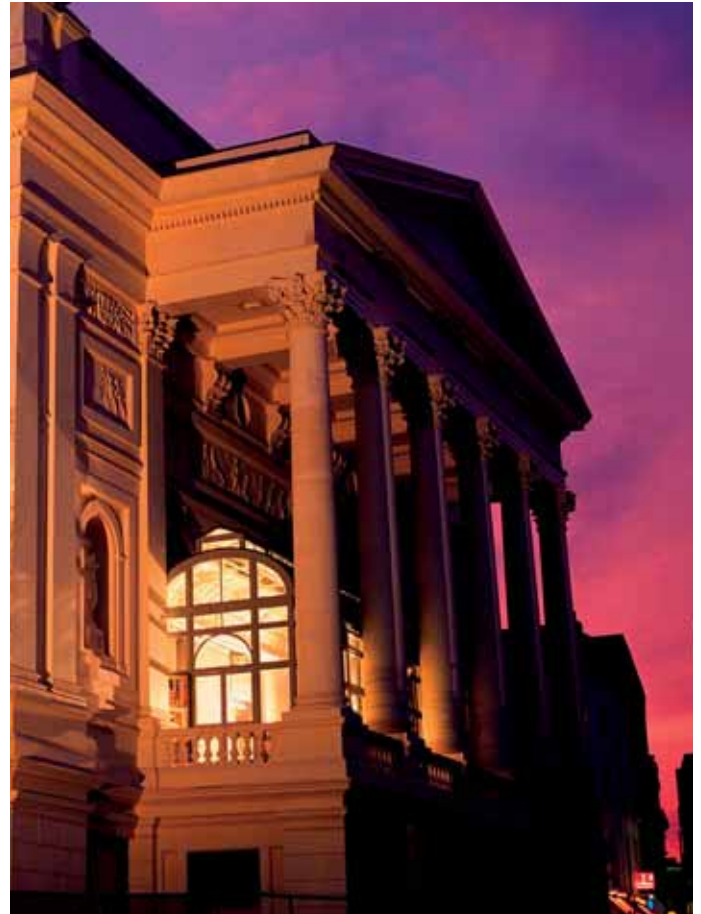


**This year's Conference takes place at the London School of Economics and Political Science. I hope both the programme and the location provide a stimulating environment for members to engage with old friends and to make new ones.**

As the Society approaches its centenary, it seems appropriate to re-examine

what we do and why we do it. In that spirit, the theme of this year's Conference is '*The Impact of Legal Scholarship*'. Both conference plenaries will take the form of panel discussions looking at the impact of legal scholarship within the profession (first plenary) and outside it (second plenary). The panelists have both an intimate knowledge of the field and a well-recognised ability to challenge conventional wisdom. The first plenary, on Tuesday 16 September, will be chaired by Dame Hazel Genn, Professor of Socio-Legal Studies, UCL, and speakers include Mr Justice Blair, Queen's Bench Division; Timothy Dutton QC, Chairman of the Bar Council; Jeffrey Golden, partner at Allen and Overy; Professor Martin Partington, consultant to the Law Commission and ex-Law Commissioner; and Professor William Twining, UCL. The second plenary, on Wednesday 17 September, will be chaired by Mr Justice Ross Cranston, and speakers include Lord Justice Sedley, Court of Appeal; Professor David Soskice, an economist and political scientist from the University of Oxford; Sharon Witherspoon, Deputy Director of the Nuffield Foundation; and Clive Coleman, of BBC Radio 4.

As well as the plenaries, there will be a strong social programme. Receptions will be held on all three evenings: at the Royal Courts of Justice (Monday, buffet), Lincoln's Inn (Tuesday, the Annual Dinner) and the Royal Opera House (Wednesday, buffet). Those events will each be preceded by special receptions for Young Scholars, the Birks' Book Prize and the Best Paper Prize, respectively. The special receptions will have their own guest speakers, also pursuing the conference theme, but in the context of the particular evening event. The core business of the conference, however, takes place in the Subject Section meetings detailed below.



I strongly encourage junior and senior academic colleagues and research students to attend this Conference. The main object of our Society is the advancement of legal education and scholarship in the United Kingdom and Ireland. The Annual Conference gives us all an opportunity in pleasant surroundings and amongst friends to do just that in a stimulating and thought-provoking way.

The plenary lectures and subject section meetings will all be held in lecture theatres and teaching rooms on the LSE site. The LSE itself is located between Covent Garden and the Royal Courts of Justice, and close to the four Inns of Court.

We look forward to welcoming you to the London School of Economics and Political Science in September.

**Sarah Worthington**

President, Society of Legal Scholars

# Conference programme

## Monday 15 September 2008

- 10.30am** Registration opens
- 1pm** Lunch
- 2pm** Group A1 subject section meetings
- 3.30pm** Afternoon refreshments
- 4pm** Group A2 subject section meetings
- 6pm** Early career reception
- 7.30pm** Reception and buffet at the Royal Courts of Justice

(UKNCCL meets at LSE at 9.30am, for those involved in this separate meeting.)



## Tuesday 16 September 2008

- 9am** Group A3 subject section meetings
- 10.30am** Morning refreshments
- 11.15am** Plenary session: The Impact of Legal Scholarship within the Profession
- 1pm** Lunch
- 2pm** Group A4 subject section meetings
- 3.30pm** Afternoon refreshments
- 4pm** 'Meet the publishers' session
- 4pm** Grant writing workshop
- 6pm** Birks' Book Prize session
- 7.30pm** Annual dinner, Lincoln's Inn

## Wednesday 17 September 2008

- 9.30am** Annual General Meeting and Council Meeting
- 10.30am** Morning refreshments
- 11.15am** Plenary session: The Impact of Legal Scholarship outside the Profession
- 1pm** Lunch
- 2pm** Group B1 subject section meetings
- 3.30pm** Afternoon refreshments
- 4pm** Group B2 subject section meetings
- 6pm** Getting published: workshop session
- 7.30pm** Reception and dinner at the Royal Opera House

## Thursday 18 September 2008

- 9am** Group B3 subject section meetings
- 10.30am** Morning refreshments
- 11am** Group B4 subject section meetings
- 1pm** Conference ends



## The LSE Law Department

Since the foundation of the LSE just over a century ago, the study of law has been an integral part of the School's mission. The Law Department is one of the largest departments in the School. Its special place in a school of social sciences has given legal studies in the Department a distinctive, interdisciplinary character. The Law Department has played a major role in policy debates and policy-making and in the education of lawyers and law teachers from around the world. It enjoys a uniquely cosmopolitan student body, and has deeply influenced legal education in most common law countries.



## Contact us

To register for the conference, and for further information about the sessions, accommodation and social events, please visit [www.lse.ac.uk/collections/law/sls/sls.htm](http://www.lse.ac.uk/collections/law/sls/sls.htm), email [Law.slsconference@lse.ac.uk](mailto:Law.slsconference@lse.ac.uk) or telephone +44 (0)20 7955 6166.

### Group A 15-16 September 2008

- Civil Liberties
- Consumer
- Company
- Comparative
- Environmental
- EU and Competition
- Gibraltar A
- International
- Intellectual Property
- Medical
- Migration
- Practice, Profession and Ethics
- Restitution
- Tax

### Group B 17-18 September 2008

- Banking and Finance
- Contract and commercial
- Criminal Justice
- Cyber law
- Family
- Gibraltar B (if needed)
- Jurisprudence
- Labour
- Legal Education
- Legal History
- Maritime
- Media and Communications
- Public
- Property and Trusts
- Torts