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CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

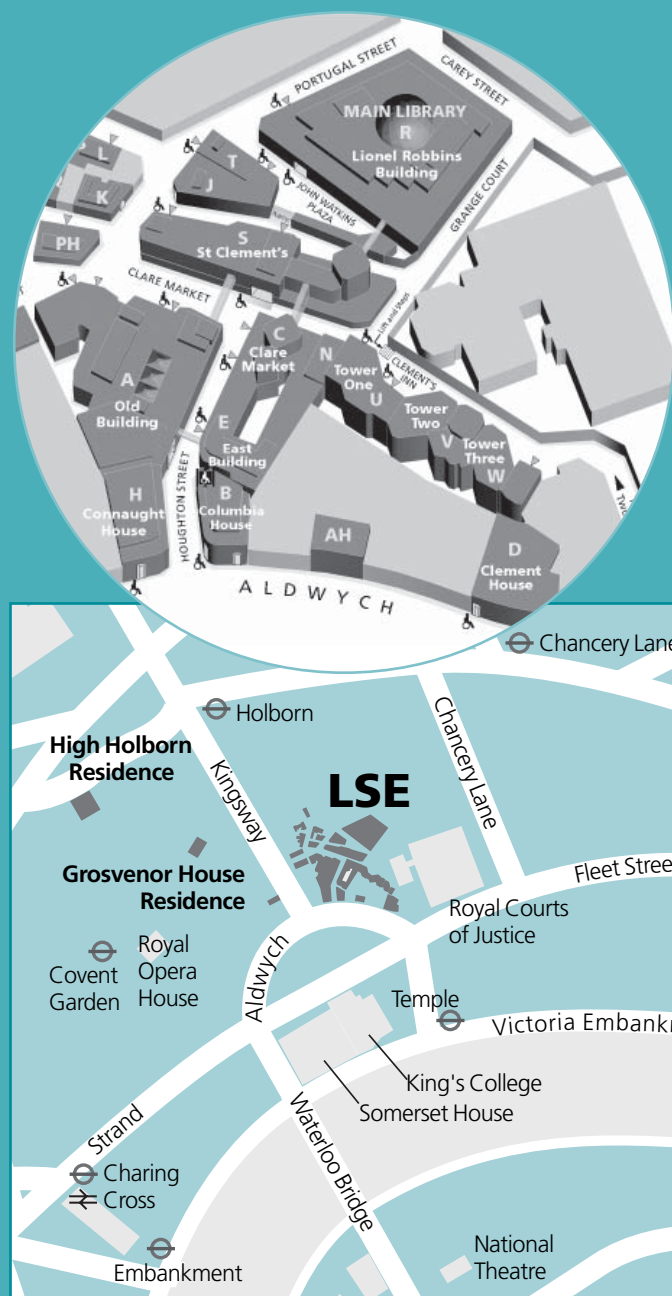
The study of human rights challenges the boundaries between forms of knowledge and the various academic disciplines upon which it draws. In particular, thinking through the intellectual challenge that human rights presents demands that we combine the contribution of law – arguably its parent discipline – with the critical insights that have emerged from, for example, sociology, anthropology and political philosophy, amongst others. These ‘perspectives’ interpret and deploy differently various contemporary engagements, issues, discourses, and dilemmas of human rights. They focus on a variety of aspects, including the historical, economic, social and political contexts for the emergence of ideas about human rights and their various manifestations, and exist in a potentially fruitful tension with one another, each pointing up the limits of another.

By evaluating these various disciplinary contributions and the limits that each of these perspectives entail, the conference aims to generate discussion around two key issues:

(i) the place of the study of human rights in contemporary scholarship, and the importance to that study of a multidisciplinary or interdisciplinary engagement, and (ii) the value or pay-off for understanding and furthering the agenda on human rights and the mechanisms of enforcement and control that might be generated by combining the diversity of disciplinary knowledge about human rights.

HOW TO FIND US

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9 – 9.45am	<i>Registration and Coffee</i>				Room D602 – HIV/AIDS – A Double Jeopardy: women, children and foreign nationals Chair: Professor Tony Barnett Mrs Nkolika Aniekwu <i>'Sexual violence and HIV /AIDS in Sub-Saharan Africa: an intimate link'</i> Dr Martha Chinouya <i>'Telling African children about HIV in the family: tensions about rights – 'professionals do not understand our situation'</i> Mr Alwyn Jones and Ms Vanessa Bettinson <i>'Is inadequate medical care insufficient to resist removal? The return of foreign nationals with HIV/AIDS and article 3 of the European Convention on Human Rights'</i>
9.45 – 10am	Welcome Address Professor Conor Gearty				
10 – 11am	Keynote Speaker: Professor David Kennedy <i>'Two sides of the coin: human rights pragmatism and idolatry'</i> Drawing on the insights of various disciplines in the social sciences, Professor Kennedy will highlight some limits and dangers of a human rights movement which is insufficiently pragmatic – as well as what can go wrong when pragmatism takes over				
11 – 11.30am	<i>Coffee</i>				Room D702 – Torture: memory, impunity, interrogation Chair: Professor Stan Cohen Dr Cath Collins <i>'The politics of memorials: torture and visual landscape'</i> Dr Philip Rumney <i>'The effectiveness of coercive interrogation'</i> Professor Michael Welch <i>'Torture in a Post 9/11 World: exploring the forces and sources of a culture of impunity'</i>
11.30am – 12.30pm	The View from the Disciplines Chair: Dr Chaloka Beyani Dr Marie Benedicte-Dembour Professor Christine Chinkin Dr Karin Flikschuh Professor Lydia Morris				
12.30 – 1.30pm	<i>Lunch</i>				
1.30 – 3pm	Room D402 – Poverty and Human Rights: health, development, privatisation Chair: Dr Chaloka Beyani Dr Zoe Pearson and Ms Fiona Haigh <i>'How good conversation can save the world: building interdisciplinary relationships between human rights and health'</i> Dr Brigit Toebe <i>'Privatisation and human rights – the experience in the health care sector'</i> Dr Aurora Voiculescu <i>'Re-mapping the human rights responsibilities: poverty, human development and the (corporate) triple bottom line'</i>				Room D1 – Welfare Rights: poverty, disability, asylum Chair: Professor Peter Townsend Dr Helen Bolderson <i>'Hosting destitution – Universal and categorical convention rights and the construction of the asylum seeker'</i> Dr Hartley Dean <i>'From poverty reduction to welfare rights: a social policy perspective on human rights'</i> Dr Deborah Mabbett <i>'The impact of human rights and identity politics on social policy: is there still a place for administrative categorisation?'</i>
	Room D502 – The Politics of Human Rights: representation, struggle and democracy Chair: Dr Claire Alexander Mr Paul Harvey <i>'Democracy and human rights (yet again): the possibilities and pitfalls of interdisciplinary work in cases of partial democratisation'</i> Dr Kate Nash <i>'Mediated international human rights in the national public sphere: the Pinochet case'</i> Dr Rory O'Connell <i>'Towards a stronger conception of democracy in the Strasbourg Convention'</i>	3 – 3.30pm	Tea		
		3.30 – 5pm			Room D402 – Gendering Human Rights: self-determination, religious freedom and sexual minorities Chair: Professor Anne Phillips Mr Holning Lau <i>'Sexual minorities' human rights and the confines of the individualist legal regime'</i> Ms Anat Scolnicov <i>'The right to religious freedom: A gender analysis and its legal implications'</i> Assistant Professor Michael Weinman <i>'Living well and sexual self-determination: expanding human rights discourse about sex and sexuality'</i>

continued overleaf

3.30pm – 5pm

Room D502 – Genocide: sociological, philosophical and historical reflections

Dr Caroline Fournet *'Reviving Antigone's myth: philosophical reflection on the law of genocide'*

Professor Paul Havemann *'The long genocide: modernity and the indigenous people in Australia'*

Dr William Pickering *'Should genocide and persecution be differentiated concepts? A sociological response'*

Room D602 – Global Poverty: ethical, legal and socio-economic considerations
Chair: Dr Margot Salomon

Ms Carla Clarke *'What's in a name: does it really matter whether wealthier states recognise an obligation of international cooperation and assistance?'*

Dr Rowan Cruft *'Is severe poverty a human rights violation?'*

Dr Wouter Vandenhoe *'Human rights law and its paradoxical potential for contributing to human development'*

Dr Polly Vizard *'Sen v Pogge on global poverty and human rights'*

Room D702 – (Re)Thinking the Subject of Human Rights: archaeology, legal philosophy, social movements
Chair: Mr Andrew Puddephatt

Dr Basak Cali and Dr Saladin Meckled-Garcia *'Two disciplinary perspectives on human rights: divergences between law and philosophy'*

Professor Colm Campbell *'Violent Frames: law, rights-violations and social movement theory'*

Dr Lisette Josephides *'The archaeology of human rights: the practice of being human'*

Room D1 – Representations of Human Rights: law, drama, documentation
Chair: Mr Matthew Zagor

Dr Joshua Castellino *'Human rights law and cul-de-sacs: confronting limitations to legal approaches'*

Dr Harry Derbyshire and Dr Loveday Hodson *'Human rights and contemporary british theatre'*

Mr Stener Ekern *'Genocide in Guatemala: the challenge of reporting about human rights across cultural boundaries'*

Ms Gina Heathcote *'Human rights law as narrative: dichotomies of the legal and non-legal'*

5.15 – 6.30pm

Closing remarks

Chair: Professor Conor Gearty

speakers include Professor Francesca Klug and Professor Peter Townsend

6.30 – 7.30pm

Conference Drinks

Senior Common Room

7.30 – 10pm

Conference Dinner

Senior Dining Room

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