CCLS in Paris

LLM in Paris

We have enjoyed a great start to the academic year in Paris, with a new cohort of students from all over the world and a successful Opening Lecture, generously hosted once again by McDermott Will and Emery, on the topic of "How will artificial intelligence change the (legal) world?". Mathieu Coulaud of Microsoft France, and Romain Perray of MWE, with CCLS's Laura Edgar, addressed different aspects of the topic to a full house.

We are, once again, working in partnership with the British Embassy in Paris. Following CCLS's contribution to a successful event at the Ambassador's Residence in Paris earlier in the year, we are cooperating on a series of events where CCLS expertise brings a legal perspective to Anglo-French interests in science and innovation. The first of these sessions, "Regulating Personal Data in an Innovation Economy: UK-French Perspectives", took place on 6 December 2018.

CCLS Innovation in Programme Delivery

Technology, Media and Telecommunications Law to be offered in Paris as of January 2019

We are excited to be able to offer an LLM in Technology, Media and Telecommunications Law in Paris as of January 2019. The original design of the LLM in Paris programme was built on the understanding that the decision to undertake postgraduate studies in law is taken amidst numerous other commitments. In offering the same standard of education by the same academic team as in London, but with teaching delivered in evenings and intensive blocks in Paris, CCLS aims to facilitate students taking on studies alongside their other commitments.

The new specialism in TMT law takes this one step further, by offering students the possibility of combining modules taught face-to-face in Paris with modules taught online by distance learning. Whatever your preferred method of learning, and wherever you may be based, we hope that this innovation will facilitate studies in a broad range of TMT law topics of particular relevance and use in this digital era.

For more information, please visit our website: **www.cclsparis.qmul.ac.uk**

Congratulations to the 2018 LLM in Paris Scholar!



The 2018 CCLS-MWE-AFJE scholarship was awarded to Marco La Selva. We are grateful to the sponsors, McDermott, Will and Emery LLP and the AFJE (French Association of In-house Lawyers) for their continued support of this precious opportunity.

"After graduating in Law at the University of Teramo in 2013, I started practising as a lawyer and in 2016 I was admitted to the Italian Bar. Over subsequent years I gained experience in a wide range of civil cases, with a special focus on the areas of commercial and contract law. In particular, I discovered it is vital for companies involved in international transactions to have the legal support of professionals with a global perspective.

For this reason, I decided to pursue an LLM at the prestigious Queen Mary University of London, in the vibrant city of Paris. I am specialising in Banking and Finance Law whilst also studying some new and interesting modules in Technology, Media and Telecommunications Law: "IT Transactions" and "EU Data Protection Law".

The start of my studies in Paris was even better than I expected: the lectures I have attended so far have been extremely engaging, the professors are passionate and willing to help, and I am getting to know my colleagues who come from all around the world. Last but not least, Paris is a source of endless inspiration and it is marvellous being embraced by its positive energy."

Marco La Selva, LLM in Banking and Finance Law, 2018.

A Word From a CCLS Paris Alumna

Cécile Alet studied the LLM International Business Law with CCLS Paris in 2015/16.

"After two years spent at Norton Rose Fulbright LLP, I am now a finance lawyer at Herbert Smith Freehills LLP, working on corporate asset acquisition and real estate finance transactions, often involving several jurisdictions. The LLM has been a real added value to my training, as certain modules such as International Commercial Law allowed me to have a global view and understand the structure of these transactions. I also learnt a lot from other modules such as Legal Aspects of International Finance which helped me to understand certain problems which are recurring for the companies involved in these international transactions as borrowers."

Mentoring to Start for LLM Students in Paris

Following in the successful footsteps of the Professional Mentoring Programme that we established in London, we can now extend this opportunity to students in Paris, with Paris-based mentors.

If you are Paris-based, and would be interested in mentoring, please contact Anna Gray – anna.gray@qmul.ac.uk

Professor Maxi Scherer from the School of International Arbitration and the Director of CCLS in Paris has received the Global Arbitration Review's award for best lecture or speech for her keynote at the Vienna Arbitration Days. In 2018 this annual conference was joined by over 230 international arbitration practitioners from over 30 countries. Professor Scherer's speech discussed whether artificial intelligence will eliminate the human factor in international arbitration, and how it may transform decision making in the years to come. Maxi was honoured during the Global Arbitration Review Awards held on 12 April 2018 in Paris.



CCLS in China

CCLS/SEF/SBM co-organise annual alumni events in China which take place across Beijing, Shanghai and Guangzhou. Christine Zhou, Head of Business Development and Programme Management (International) from CCLS, attends them on regular basis.
In May 2018, Christine attended all three events and had a chance to reconnect with many well-established alumni, who are currently working in various legal professions. Those present included the Deputy Director of the International News Division of Legal Daily, the IP Legal Head of China DWC, the Director of the Legal Affairs Centre at the Investment and Financing Department of DALIAN WANDA Group Co. Ltd, a Partner at Dentons (Suzhou), a Senior Legal Specialist at Delta GreenTech (China) Co. Ltd.

Christine introduced CCLS's current business development activities in China/Asia, and also discussed potential opportunities to engage with alumni in the future.

A CCLS Chinese LLM WeChat group has been created. To join please contact Christine Zhou c.zhou@qmul.ac.uk with your full name, year of graduation, LLM/MSc programme studied and your WeChat ID.



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