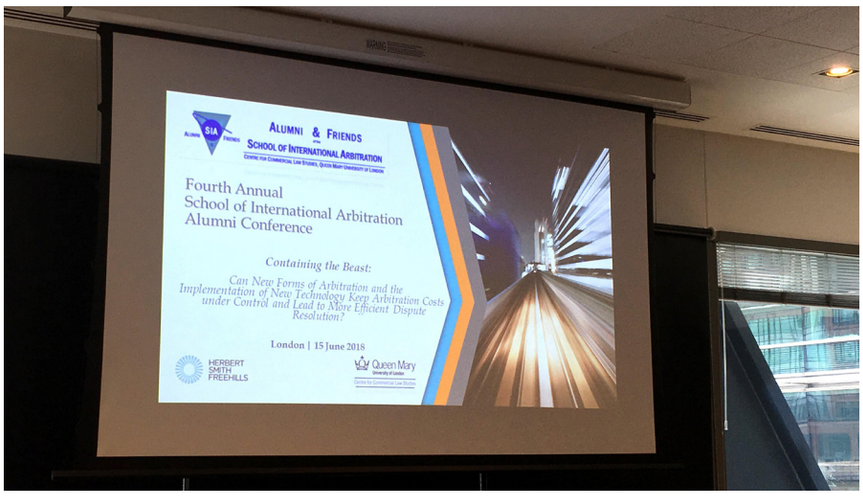
News and Events

Annual AFSIA Conference

On 15th June 2018, AFSIA (the Alumni and Friends of the School of International Arbitration) held its Fourth Alumni Conference on the topic "Containing the Beast: Can New Forms of Arbitration and the Implementation of New Technology Keep Arbitration Costs under Control and Lead to More Efficient Dispute Resolution?". The afternoon started with a thought-provoking keynote address by Christopher Newmark, former Chairman of the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR. He questioned whether increases in time and/or cost are caused by missing tools, and suggested we should rather look at those using (or failing to use) those tools. Two panels of speakers from various jurisdictions and backgrounds then addressed (i) changes in institutional rules aimed at saving time and costs and (ii) the use of technology to make arbitration more efficient.

If you have taken a course with the School of International Arbitration (SIA), or have been closely involved with the SIA as part of one of the many teaching or research programmes, please join AFSIA. Membership is free and requires only that you provide us with your professional details, SIA course(s) taken and year of study. Contact ccls-afsia@qmul.ac.uk





CCLS Law Professor Receives Highest Award for non-Chinese Academics.

The Shanghai Commission of Education has awarded Professor Rodrigo Olivares-Caminal the honorary title of 'Oriental Scholar' - the highest standing title for non-Chinese academics. The title recognises Professor Olivares-Caminal's contributions to the East China University of Political Science and Law (ECUPL) over the past five years, where he has launched a joint research institute, acted as Visiting Professor and co-organised international conferences.



Queen Mary and ECUPL have opened a joint research institute

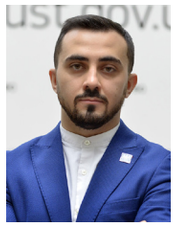
For more information about Queen Mary's collaboration in China please see our website www.qmul.ac.uk/global/partnerships/jointprogrammes

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Chiara Primerano, who studied an MSc in Law and Finance, secured a job at the European Central Bank as a legal trainee in summer 2018. She attributes her career success to her studies, which allowed her to gain a thorough understanding of banking and finance, from both an economic and a legal perspective. This is what Chiara says about her time at CCLS: "I am grateful for the knowledge and the skills I acquired at Queen Mary and for the people I had the opportunity to know. The time I spent here, helped me to develop as a professional and constituted a step towards the kind of person I want to be. I think the quality of the teaching staff deserves to be mentioned. In particular, I would like to highlight that the contact I had with two of my lecturers, Professor Rosa Lastra and Professor Rodrigo Olivares-Caminal, was crucial for my training. Professor Lastra and Professor Olivares were always ready to help if I had an issue. The discussions I had with them motivated and encouraged me. I feel I would not have reached this position without their support. Both are passionate about what they do and care about their students. They explain in a clear, straightforward way and engage with the public. They have the outstanding ability to analyse legal issues critically and address problems stemming from the legal environment by focusing on new perspectives, which makes their lectures interesting."



Illia Chernohorenko, who studied at CCLS for an LLM in International Law and Dispute Resolution has been recently appointed to the role of Director General at the newly established Directorate for Judiciary, Courts and Related Legal Institutions at the Ministry of Justice of Ukraine. His new position gives him responsibility for developing insolvency policy, enforcement of court decisions and also for monitoring judicial reform in Ukraine. Illia graduated in 2017 with a Distinction. He studied at CCLS as part of the Chevening Scholarship Programme.

The Law Boutique (TLB) legal firm was founded by Electra Japonas in July 2017. Three of the firm's core team members, Tessa Jones, Lauren Webb and Kaveesha Thayalan, recently graduated from Queen Mary University of London. During their LLM, they were selected as student advisors for qLegal where they discovered their passion for startups and lawtech.

Their time at qLegal equipped them with the skills and knowledge to join TLB. At qLegal, Tessa, Lauren and Kaveesha provided free legal advice to technology startups and entrepreneurs. Additionally, they presented various workshops and had to create articles and podcasts on topics such as the GDPR and the common legal issues faced by startups.

TLB was founded out of a desire to change the face of law and to provide simple, affordable and accessible legal services. This is how TLB describe their business model: "We are The Law Boutique, a legal consultancy that is on a mission to change the way that legal services are delivered. We seek to provide high quality legal services at fixed and affordable prices. Our innovative use of different technologies and development of agile processes are enabling us to fulfil this goal and offer a new legal services model to our clients, who are predominantly drawn from the entrepreneur, Startup and SME sectors". We would like to wish our alumni and their colleagues success in their new venture and we will chart their success with interest.



From left to the right Lauren Webb, Electra Japonas & Tessa Jones

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