

London, 7th of June 2011

Dear conference participants,

On behalf of the PhD community at the School of Law we cordially welcome you to the Queen Mary PhD Conference 'Pushing Legal Knowledge Boundaries' held at Queen Mary University of London on 7th of June 2011. The conference features a special collection of paper and poster presentations and is a unique opportunity for both presenters and participants to exchange valuable ideas and knowledge on contemporary legal issues. We trust that the theme of the conference being 'Pushing Legal Knowledge Boundaries' will prove to be a source of inspiration for all doctoral researchers in law and prompt you to be innovative and original in your research and writing.

The main mission of the conference is to encourage all PhD law students from universities across the UK to appreciate the value of their research in their specialised area of law, reminding them that policy makers, legislators, publishers, employers will almost certainly make use of the hard work they have exhibited through their doctoral research.

In particular we note that legal research is especially challenging in an increasingly fast moving world. Easy access to many primary and secondary materials, continuous legislative reform, as well as many other disciplines pouring into the legal field often compel PhD students to focus on the vast literature available and exclude themselves from interacting with their fellow colleagues through discussion and constructive debate. More than often we tend to forget how valuable the input of our fellow intellectual may actually be. Especially at this level of research academic interaction is imperative to ensure a constructive exchange of ideas and findings amongst those who devote so much time and effort in exploring original concepts in their specialised field of law. We therefore hope that the conference will facilitate interaction and will prove to be an asset to each of you individually not only academically, but socially as you experience the benefits of making new acquaintances.

Our sincere gratitude and thanks goes to the Directors of Graduate Studies, all the academic and supervising staff, as well as to Queen Mary PhD student volunteers for their eagerness and willingness to help this event take place and to each participant without whose valued involvement the conference would not have been possible. We hope that this conference will be remembered as a pleasant and fruitful part of your journey towards completing your PhD. Thank you for taking part.

Yours sincerely,
The organising Committee of
Pushing Legal Knowledge Boundaries 2011
Georgina Tsagas and Kadir Bas

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**QUEEN MARY PHD CONFERENCE
PUSHING LEGAL KNOWLEDGE BOUNDARIES
Tuesday, 7th June 2011**

Venue: Charterhouse Square Campus, London, EC1M 6B

8:30 – 9.00	Registration
9:00 – 9:30	Opening Speech (Room: Lecture Theatre)
	<p><i>Georgina Tsagas and Kadir Bas</i> Conference Organisers – School of Law PhD Student Representatives</p> <p><i>Prof. Spyros Maniatis,</i> Director of CCLS, Queen Mary, University of London</p> <p><i>Prof. Alan Dignam</i> Director of Graduate Studies, Department of School of Law, Queen Mary, University of London</p>
9:35 - 11:05	Session 1A - Criminal Law (Room: G 05)
	<p>Chair: <i>Professor Valsamis Mitsilegas, Queen Mary, University of London</i></p> <p>‘Regulating Immigration Through Criminal Law: The Case of Immigration Crimes’ <i>Ana Aliverti, University of Oxford</i></p> <p>‘Ethnic Albanian Organised Crime: Myth or Reality’ <i>Fabian Zhilla, King’s College London</i></p> <p>‘A Concept of Fair Criminal Evidence in Europe Derived from ECHR and ECHR case law’ <i>Theo Karvounakis, Queen Mary, University of London</i></p>
	Session 1B – Competition & Corporate Law (Room: G 06)
	<p>Chair: <i>Prof. Alan Dignam, Queen Mary, University of London</i></p> <p>‘The Constitution of Carbon Trading’ <i>Sabina Manea, London School of Economics and Political Science</i></p> <p>‘What caused the rise of Business Corporations? An analysis inspired by the Middle Eastern Experience’ <i>Zubair Abbasi, University of Oxford</i></p> <p>‘Leniency & Individual Liability: Opening the ‘Block Box’ of the Cartel’ <i>Florence Thepot, University College London</i></p>

11:05 – 11:35	Coffee Break
11:35 – 13:05	Session 2A – Intellectual Property Law (Room: Lecture Theatre)
	<p>Chair: <i>Prof. Uma Suthersanen, Queen Mary, University of London</i></p> <p>‘Between Copyright and Copyleft: Collective Authorship in Wikipedia’ <i>Daniela Simone, University of Oxford</i></p> <p>‘Current Trends in IP Collateralization and Securitization’ <i>Marilee Owens-Richards, Queen Mary, University of London</i></p> <p>‘Agrobiotechnology, Global Intellectual Property Laws and Biopolitics’ <i>Mizanur Rahaman, University of Kent</i></p>
	Session 2B - Banking and Finance (Room: G 05)
	<p>Chair and Opening Speaker: <i>Prof. Rosa Lastra, Queen Mary, University of London</i></p> <p>‘The Specificity of Banks from a Corporate Governance Perspective’ <i>Andreas Kokkinis, University College London</i></p> <p>‘Regulation of hedge funds in the aftermath of the financial crisis’ <i>Ana Maria Fagetan, Queen Mary, University of London</i></p> <p>‘Credit Rating Agencies and the Financial Crisis- How did We Get Here?’ <i>Clare Williams, School of Oriental and African Studies</i></p>
	Session 2C - EU Law (Room: G 06)
<p>Chair: <i>Dr. Theodore Konstadinides, Lecturer in European Law, School of Law, University of Surrey</i></p> <p>‘Playing Tug-of-War in the European Union after Lisbon? Human Rights Policy, Law-Making and Judicial Interpretation’ <i>Egle Dagilyte, King’s College London</i></p> <p>‘Discrimination EU Nations: Transitional Arrangements for Workers in UK’ <i>Mantas Kazulis, University of Sheffield</i></p> <p>‘Civil Procedure Harmonisation in the EU: Unravelling the Policy Considerations’ <i>Zampia Vernadaki, University College London</i></p>	
13:05 – 14:30	Lunch Poster Session
14:30 – 16:15	SESSION 3: Exclusive Sessions (Room: Lecture Theatre)
	<p>Academic Publishing: Publishing your Thesis and Beyond <i>Prof. Kenneth Armstrong, Queen Mary, University of London</i></p>

	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>The PhD in Legal Practice</u> <i>Dr. Julian Hickey, Partner, Corporate and Corporate Tax, Lawrence Graham</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>The Financial Crisis and the Role of Law</u> Chair: <i>Dr. Gabriel Gari, Queen Mary, University of London</i> Short presentations by <i>Nusret Cetin, Queen Mary University London</i> and <i>Nikoletta Kleftouri, Institute of Advanced Legal Studies</i> followed by an open forum discussion</p>
16:15 – 16:45	Coffee Break
16:45 – 18:15	<p>Session 4A – Arbitration & Litigation (Room: G 05)</p> <p>Chairs: <i>Prof. Loukas Mistelis and Dr. Stavros Brekoulakis</i></p> <p>‘Risk Regulation and Regulatory Litigation’ <i>Patrick Luff, University of Oxford</i></p> <p>‘Critical Analysis of ‘Proportionality Test’ in Determining Indirect Expropriation in Investment Treaty Arbitration’ <i>Prabhash Ranjan, King’s College London</i></p> <p>‘Agreements of State-Owned Entities and Liabilities of States in International Investment Arbitration’ <i>Assaduzzaman, University of Southampton</i></p>
	<p>Session 4B - Human Rights & Public International Law (Room: G 06)</p> <p>Chair: <i>Dr. Prakash Shah, Queen Mary, University of London</i></p> <p>‘Punishing Adult Immigrant Women Who Undergo Female Genital Cutting (FGC): A Violation of Women’s Rights or Protection of Human Rights?’ <i>Olugu Ukpai, University of Reading</i></p> <p>‘Israel and the United Nations Human Rights Council: More of the same?’ <i>Rosa Freedman, Queen Mary University of London</i></p> <p>‘The Use of Foreign Legal Sources As Interpretive Instruments for Incorporation of Human Rights via Domestic Constitutional Cases: A Civil Law Perspective’ <i>Michael Freitas Mohallem, University College London</i></p>
18:15-18:45	<p>Closing Speech (Room: Lecture Theatre)</p> <p><i>Dr. Stavros Brekoulakis, Director of CCLS Graduate Studies, Queen Mary University</i></p> <p><i>Georgina Tsagas and Kadir Bas Conference Organisers – School of Law PhD Student Representatives</i></p>
18:45 – 20:00	Reception