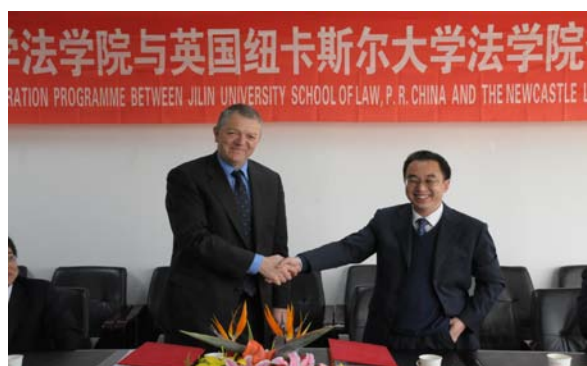


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Law School signs collaboration agreements with Jilin Law School, P.R.China



Newcastle Law School has concluded two collaboration agreements with Jilin Law School covering future collaboration between the two law schools in research, student exchanges, staff exchanges and postgraduate student recruitment. Professor

Chris Rodgers and Dr. Deming Liu visited Changchun from 8th to 11th May 2011 to give lectures to staff and students at Jilin University and to discuss the future collaboration between the two institutions. The arrangements for such collaboration were sealed with the formal signing of a memorandum of understanding and a memorandum of agreement on Monday 9th May. Professor Rodgers delivered a lecture on environmental law to staff and students on 9th May, and Dr. Liu a lecture on intellectual property law on Tuesday 10th. While in Changchun they also met with Jilin University Vice President Professor Gang Chen to discuss wider collaboration between Newcastle University and Jilin University.

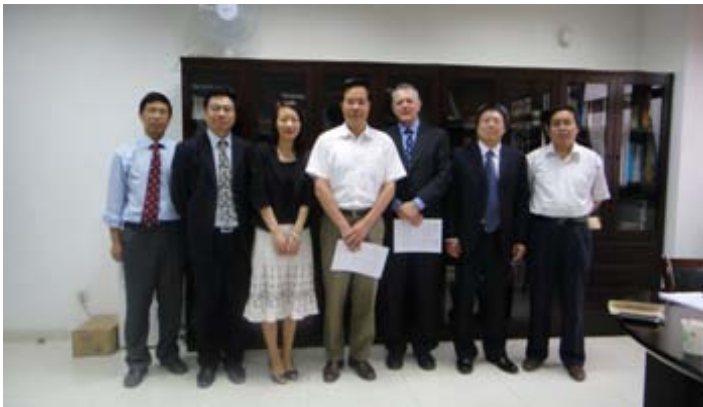
Professor Chris Rodgers, Head of School, comments: "Signing a formal collaboration agreement with a leading Chinese law school of the stature of Jilin is a major step forward of the internationalisation of our degree programmes and research. Looking to the future this will open up new educational opportunities for our students to visit China, and there are many research synergies between the work carried out by staff at Jilin and at Newcastle. We look forward to welcoming Professor Jianzong Yao, Dean of Jilin Law School, and his colleagues to Newcastle in the near future and to making this collaboration work to mutual advantage in the future".



Law School concludes memorandum of understanding for future collaboration with Xi'an Jiaotong University Law School, P.R.China



Newcastle Law School has concluded a memorandum of understanding for future collaboration with Xi'an Jiaotong University Law School, P.R.China. The two law schools have agreed to develop future collaboration in research, student exchanges, staff exchanges and postgraduate student recruitment. Professor Chris Rodgers and Dr. Deming Liu visited Xi'an from 11th to 15th May 2011 to discuss this matter further. The formal signing of a memorandum of understanding between the two institutions took place on Friday 13th May. Professor Rodgers delivered a lecture on environmental law to staff and students of Xi'an Jiaotong Law School on 12th May, and Dr. Liu a lecture on intellectual property law on 13th May. The two law schools have agreed to work together to develop a memorandum of agreement for collaborative postgraduate recruitment, focusing on developing joint degree programmes at Masters and Doctoral level. While in Xi'an they also met with Xi'an Jiaotong University Vice President for Research and International Affairs Professor T.J. Lu and Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Professor Guangxu Cheng to discuss the above collaboration and also wider collaboration between Newcastle University and Xi'an Jiaotong University.



Professor Chris Rodgers, Head of School, comments: "Signing a formal collaboration agreement with a leading Chinese law school of the stature of Xi'an Jiaotong is another major step forward for the internationalisation of our degree programmes and research. There is still much work to be done to bring this collaboration to fruition, but if we can develop a detailed agreement for the development of joint programmes with Xi'an Jiaotong Law School this will open

up many new educational opportunities for both law schools, and for their students. There are also many research synergies between work carried out by the staff at Xi'an Jiaotong and at Newcastle. We look forward to welcoming Professor Wenhua Shan, Dean of Xi'an Jiaotong Law School, and his colleagues to Newcastle in the near future and to making this collaboration work to mutual advantage in the future".

New Law School Facilities Formally Inaugurated



Newcastle University has invested more than £1million in new facilities for the Law School over the last year, including a refurbishment and expansion of the Law Lecture Theatre, a new postgraduate computer study room, an expansion of the student common room area and changes to the library reception area. The new Law School facilities were formally opened on Friday 17th June 2011 by the Lord Woolf of Barnes, former Lord Chief Justice of England and

Wales. The opening ceremony was preceded by a reception and was attended by staff, students, law school alumni and representatives of the local legal profession. Lord Woolf is one of the leading judges in modern times, and has strong connections with the North East of England, and is a freeman of the city of Newcastle upon Tyne.



Professor Chris Rodgers visiting professor - International Islamic University Malaysia

Professor Chris Rodgers was visiting professor at the International Islamic University Malaysia, in Kuala Lumpur, for two weeks in March 2011. While in Malaysia Professor Rodgers audited the teaching and course provision in the Public Law Department of the Ahmad Ibrahim Kulliyah of Laws at IIUM. He gave a presentation on postgraduate courses at Newcastle to IIUM students, and presented seminars to Faculty teaching staff on how to implement research led teaching, and on postgraduate research supervision.

Professor Chris Rodgers presents paper

Professor Rodgers gave an invited paper at an Arts and Humanities Research Council workshop on "Bringing landscapes to Life" held at the National Trust's headquarters in Queen Anne's Gate London on 28 June 2011. He reported on the outcomes from the AHRC Contest Common Land project which he has recently completed, and focussed on landscape issues arising from one of its case studies - Ingleborough in North Yorkshire. Ingleborough is subject to heavy recreational use - especially walking and caving (potholing) - and this has led to problems of erosion and conflicts with nature conservation. His paper focussed on reconciling the conflicting demands of land use on the site, one of the most iconic in the Yorkshire Dales National Park.

Human Rights Research Group receives funding award from Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences

Newcastle Human Rights Research Group has recently been awarded £3,330 by the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences for the purpose of organising a number of human rights-related events in the academic year 2011-12. In particular, the funding will enable the Group to organise a one-day symposium entitled 'After Bin Laden: Counter-Terrorism Co-operation under International Law', a seminar series on Inter-Generational Justice and a series of round-table discussions.

Newcastle Human Rights Research Group is a NIASSH member (Newcastle Institute of Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities) and recently joined AHRI (Association of Human Rights Institutes), an international network of human rights institutes funded by the European Union under the COST programme. The Group, whose director is Mr Tom Frost, is based at Newcastle Law School. Its aim is 'to raise the intellectual awareness within and outside the University about the promotion and respect of human rights. The Group aspires to contribute to contemporary discussions on the threats and challenges to human rights as a legal discipline while engaging in dialogue between supporters and sceptics alike about the concept of human rights, its history and development, why it is needed (if at all), its aims and objectives and to give the opportunity to question and challenge these developments.'

International Scholarships

Newcastle Law School is pleased to announce that the following LL.M. applicants have been considered for, and have been awarded one of our 4 post-graduate international scholarships:

Makpal SHUGAIPOVA - Kazakhstan (LL.M. in International Business Law)

Tien NGUYEN - Vietnam (LL.M. in International Business Law)

Saumya Kumar SINGH - India (LL.M. in Environmental Regulation and Sustainable Development)

Marta RICARDO ROCCO - Brazil (LL.M. in International Legal Studies)

Each of these applicants will be awarded £2,500 as a fee waiver.

The decision was taken after a meeting that was held on Friday June 24, 2011. The LL.M. Degree Programme Director Dr Katselli commented about the scholarships: "Newcastle Law School is committed to encourage highly qualified students to apply for one of our new LL.M. programmes. We believe that our scholarships scheme will enable international students to pursue their post-graduate studies in one of the top Law Schools in the United Kingdom."

ASEAN Scholarships

Newcastle Law School decides ASEAN scholarships. In its continuing efforts to encourage highly qualified candidates to study for an LL.M. at Newcastle University, the Law School has decided to award 3 ASEAN scholarships to the following candidates:

Siti Liyana AZMAN – Malaysia (LL.M. in Environmental Regulation and Sustainable Development)

Anh Tuan PHAN – Vietnam (LL.M. in International Business Law)

Ornrumpa RATANAMANI – Thailand (LL.M. in International Business Law)

The scholarships will cover 50% of the tuition fees.

PhD Success

Newcastle Law School would like to congratulate the following students who successfully defended their Ph.Ds in 2010-2011:

Farid Abdallah - "The Legality and Extent of Self-Defence by States in Response to Attacks by Foreign Private Actors."

Abdullah Al-Sudairey – "Global Cooperation and Extradition, a Comparative Study of Saudi Arabian and British Judicial Processes Employed in Extradition of Alleged Offenders."

Osama Al-Sulaiman – "Legal Aspects of Islamic Finance: A Comparative and Analytical Critique of Contemporary Practice of Malaysia, the United Kingdom and Saudi Arabia."

Majid Hussain – "A Critical Study of Constitutional and Judicial Development in Kuwait."

Jon Truby - "Is it possible to design a Universal Legal Model for Environmental Taxation?."

Panteleimon Vogiatzis - "Legal protection of forests in the European Community: Towards enhancing climate change mitigation."

LL.M Student Satisfaction

High Level of Satisfaction among LLM Students - In the annual evaluation results for Newcastle Law School's LLM programme students for the academic year of 2010/11 registered a very high level of satisfaction.

Asked whether the LLM degree had been valuable for them, 75 per cent of the students taking part in the exercise answered that the programme had been 'very good' and the remaining 25 per cent responded that it had been 'good'. Significantly, all of the students taking part in the questionnaire answered that they would recommend Newcastle Law School's LLM programme to others.

Professor Joanna Gray - Participation in High Level Policy Seminar with European Central Bank

On 6 June 2011, Vítor Manuel Ribeiro Constâncio, Vice-President, European Central Bank (ECB), and leading academics in the field of economics, finance and law, including Professor Joanna Gray of Newcastle Law School met at the European University Institute to discuss new challenges and perspectives for economic policy in the post-crisis period, with a strong emphasis on fiscal and monetary policy, financial stability and monetary policy, sovereign default risk, and financial market regulation. This closed session with the ECB was followed by a teaching session on the Global Governance Programme at EUI delivered by Professor Gray and Professor Allen in which they considered appropriate responses to systemic risk. For more information:



<http://www.eui.eu/Projects/GGP/Videos/index.aspx>

Research Group in Finance and Financial Law- inaugural symposium, Newcastle Law School July 6th

A new Research Group in Finance and Financial Law held its inaugural symposium in the Law School on July 6th to which postgraduate students were invited as well as staff. The keynote speaker was Professor Charles Goodhart, CBE, FBA, emeritus Professor in the Department of Economics, LSE and formerly Norman Sosnow Chair of Banking and Finance at LSE and former Member of the Monetary Policy Committee of the Bank of England. Professor Goodhart gave a very stimulating address on the role of default in macroeconomics and Professor Sollis, of Newcastle University responded. Professor Joanna Gray then chaired a lively discussion and in the afternoon David Bholat, Visiting member of staff from the University of Chicago convened a panel session on lessons from the financial crisis of 2007-2009 in which Professors Goodhart, Gray, Campbell (University of Leeds) and Hudson (Newcastle Business School) all participated with further participation from those attending.

Lawyers and economists were equally represented and the current problems in the Eurozone were discussed among many other issues.

See the podcast of the Panel session opening at:

<http://dbholat.blog.co.uk/2011/07/15/opening-of-goodhart-lecture-online-11484068/>

Newcastle Law School News

New Appointments made by Newcastle Law School

In its continuing efforts to strengthen its research and teaching expertise, Newcastle Law School has recently made two new appointments. The School will therefore be joined by Dr Bruce Wardhaugh and Dr Jane Ball as from September 2011. Dr Wardhaugh will be teaching Company Law, International Commercial Arbitration and International Sale of Goods and is currently working on a doctorate at Newcastle Law School. Dr Ball's expertise focuses in the areas of property law viewed from a public, private and comparative perspective.

Professor Joanna Gray - recent international activities in the area of financial regulation:

Professor Gray taught on the European University Institute Global Governance Programme 6 - 9 June.

Professor Gray also participated in

- Max Weber Programme Conference "Learning from Global Economic Crises: Lessons for and From the Social Sciences" - 11 May 2011
- Financial Regulation Workshop Sydney, Australia as Keynote speaker in a high-level invitation-only workshop "How does regulating the superannuation system contribute to positioning Australia as a leading financial centre in our region?" This workshop was organised by the University of New South Wales and was dedicated to discuss the implications of APRA's evolving role with respect to the Australian superannuation system. On 29 April at UNSW CBD Campus, Sydney.

Newcastle Law School's Teaching Commended by Vice Chancellor

Newcastle University has announced a formal commendation for excellence in teaching for Colin Murray, a lecturer at the Law School. The award is based on Colin's support for the Law School's Mooting teams and his commitment to interactive learning environments. Colin was one of three staff at Newcastle Law School nominated for the award, once again indicating the Law School's commitment to innovative teaching practice.

Head of Newcastle Law School, Professor Chris Rodgers, says: "The nominations and awards given to Newcastle Law School colleagues further highlight the high standard of teaching which we offer at the Law School. We are proud of the teaching we offer our students and we are pleased that this has been recognised outside the Law School".

Dr Katselli's book – Sold Out

Dr Katselli's book entitled *The Problem of Enforcement in International Law: Countermeasures, the Non-Injured State and the Idea of International Community* (Routledge: 2010) has sold out. The publisher therefore decided to re-print the book in paper-back format (in addition to hard-back) which will be ready at the end of July 2011. This will make the book more widely available and accessible.

The book was recently reviewed by Professor Skordas (Bristol University) according to whom: "Katselli Proukaki deserves credit for vigorously challenging the ILC approach with good arguments. Her scholarly work contributes greatly to the debate on solidarity measures as one of the still open issues of the law of State responsibility".

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Newcastle Law School Again Ranked in Top Ten

Newcastle Law School has been ranked 9th in the Guardian's University Guide for 2012. The ranking, which ranks all UK law schools, draws on criteria such as the percentage of students satisfied with their course (98% for Newcastle) and percentage of students satisfied with the teaching they receive (95%). The result adds to the strong performance by Newcastle Law School in both the 2009 and 2010 National Student Satisfaction Surveys, where Newcastle Law School was ranked in the top two with an overall student satisfaction outcome of 98% and the ranking of UK law schools carried out by the Sunday Times which ranked Newcastle Law School as number three.

Head of Newcastle Law School Professor Chris Rodgers said: "Newcastle Law School is renowned for being a friendly and supportive place in which to study and research. This excellent league table ranking reflects this and comes hard on the heels of strong results in the Times Good University Guide, both putting Newcastle in the top 10 for English Law Schools. Our mission is to give our students the best possible learning experience while at Newcastle, and our National Student Satisfaction Survey scores indicate that we are delivering strongly on this key indicator of the quality of a Newcastle law degree. It is testament to all the hard work of our academic, support and library staff in delivering a top quality student experience at Newcastle Law School".

Dr Elena Katselli - Visiting Professor at the University of Tuebingen

Dr Elena Katselli has been invited as a Visiting Professor at the University of Tuebingen in July 2011. During her visit at Tuebingen Dr Katselli will continue her funded research on property rights affected as a result of armed conflict.

Newcastle Law School in the Top Ten for studying Law yet again...

Once more Newcastle Law School has been ranked in the Top Ten for Law in the Times Good University Guide for 2011.

Head of School Professor Chris Rodgers comments: "This is a further endorsement of the student-focused and dedicated approach that our staff bring to delivering an excellent learning experience for our students. The Law School has just completed a million pound plus refurbishment of its teaching facilities, and we aim to further improve our delivery of quality teaching and learning in the future."

Professor Richard Collier invited as a Senior Visiting Scholar

In May 2011 Richard Collier was a Senior Visiting Scholar at the European Centre of Gender Excellence (GEXcel) Sweden, Linköping University, presenting papers at the conference 'Men and Masculinities Moving On Again! Transnationalising Flows, Technologies, Institutions, Theory', (25-27 May 2011) and at the Department of Social Work.

In June Richard is speaking about his research at the European University Institute, Florence at the workshop 'The European Family: New Challenges to Old Paradigms'. Richard's recent book *Men, Law and Gender: Rethinking The 'Man of Law'* has just been republished as paperback (2011), and his article "The Responsible Father in New Labour's Legal and Social Policy", 2011 has appeared in J. Bridgeman, H. Keating and C. Lind (eds) *Regulating Family Responsibilities* Aldershot: Ashgate, pp47-67.

In November 2011 Richard will be a Research Fellow at the Faculty of Law, University of New South Wales, and Visiting Scholar at the Faculty of Law, Australian National University. He has also recently presented papers on his research at the universities of Edinburgh and Sunderland.

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Dr Katselli Presents Findings on Human Rights Council

Dr Elena Katselli was invited to participate in the Joint Seminar organised by Working Group 1 of COST Action IS0702 and the Danish Institute for Human Rights held in Copenhagen on May 23 and 24. Dr Katselli presented a paper on Recommendations for the UN Human Rights Council Reforms which reflected the views of selected academics from the UK.

During the seminar there was a thorough discussion on the political realities which continue to inflict a real obstacle in the effective functioning of the Human Rights Council. Emphasis was placed on the positive role of National Human Rights Institutions and other independent experts and their significant contribution in the process of the Universal Periodic Review. During the Universal Periodic Review, a procedure introduced with General Assembly resolution 60/251 when the Human Rights Council was established, UN member States need to explain what action they have taken domestically to abide by their international human rights obligations.

The Working Group is part of the Association of Human Rights Institutes to which Newcastle Human Rights Research Group is a member.

Office of the Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court Delivers Lecture at Newcastle Law School

Mr Reinhold Gallmetzer, Appeals Counsel, Office of the Prosecutor at the International Criminal Court (ICC) delivered a highly successful guest lecture to staff and students at Newcastle Law School on May the 6th. In the talk, Mr Gallmetzer explained the criteria followed by the Office of the Prosecutor when conducting preliminary examinations to determine whether to open an investigation into an alleged crime. He also demonstrated how preliminary examinations have so far been conducted in practice. Mr Gallmetzer then elaborated on the general principles of investigation and the selection of cases and demonstrated how these have been applied in the context of the situations where the Office of the Prosecutor has opened investigations.

The lecture was organised by Newcastle Law School and Newcastle Human Rights Research Group.

Dr Ole W Pedersen - Climate Change Economics and Law Conference

Dr Ole W Pedersen presented a paper titled 'The Janus-Head of Climate Change and Human Rights: Adaptation and Mitigation' at the Climate Change Economics and Law Conference hosted by Bern University on 17-18 June 2010.

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