

Institution: Edge Hill University
Unit of Assessment: 20 - Law
<p>a. Overview</p> <p>Those submitted to C20 (Law) are full time members of the Department of Law & Criminology, located in the Faculty of Arts & Sciences. Established in 2004 in order to bring together new provision in law with existing expertise in criminology, on its creation the Department established two research groups, one for criminological research, one for legal research, with a third emerging from the latter following the launch of the Centre for Sports Law Research in 2007. The research groups are each headed by a Professor. Individuals select membership of a group, although given the disciplinary synergies between the groups, staff contribute across groups and collaborative research activity between members of each group is encouraged. This is the Department's first REF submission. 66% of staff are included, with a further colleague being returned in C22.</p>
<p>b. Strategy</p> <p>At its inception in 2004, in line with institutional strategy, the Department set out a 10-year strategy to build research capacity to a point where it would rival more established units elsewhere. As perhaps the youngest Department of Law and Criminology in the UK we stressed the importance of a high proportion of staff producing work of national and international importance. For RAE2008, the year in which the University achieved research-degree awarding powers, four Departmental staff were submitted to UoA 40: Social Work, Social Policy & Administration and one to UoA 45: Education. The dispersal of staff into these two units reflected the young age and early career staff profile of the Department. It is part of our strategy to focus on ensuring that our work informs professional practice within our respective fields through the provision of consultancy services, expert advice and through the authorship of research reports. The key vehicles to deliver this vision have been the establishment and progressive formalisation of our three research groups. Post 2014, these groups will continue to lie at the heart of our research vision:</p> <p>The Criminology Research Group builds on the Department's history of inquiry into critical criminology, especially disasters and the rights of victims. Between 1989 and 2003, the Hillsborough project was managed by the Centre for the Study of Crime and Social Justice under the Directorship of Scraton (now at QUB). This research was influential in leading to the publication of the 2012 Hillsborough Independent Panel Report. Research into disasters continues to be a focus of the group as part of a wider focus on corporate and state crime. The group also has research expertise in children, young people and families, penology and policing, crime and place, and theoretical and philosophical criminology. Members of the group have strong links with key research users and beneficiaries, in particular various NGOs, police forces and the Home Office. Post 2014, the group intends to strengthen such links locally, nationally and internationally. The members of the Criminology Research Group who are being submitted to REF2014 are Professor Millie (Director), Dr Baker, Dr Barton, Dr Davis, Dr Peters and Kinsella (C22). The group also includes one part-time and two full-time PhD candidates, one of whom is employed as a GTA.</p> <p>The Legal Research Group, since its establishment in 2004, has made a regular scholarly contribution in the areas of EU law, international trade law, international human rights law, legal theory and public law. Our approach to legal education and legal research is distinctive insofar as we place heavy emphasis on the international dimension of legal inquiry, specifically that relating to the law of the European Union and international law. Our staffing strategy reflects our commitment to these two strands which will remain at the heart of our post 2014 approach. In recent years we have also developed a highly distinctive specialism in the area of legal theory. The members of the Legal Research Group who are being submitted to REF2014 are Professor Rizzuto (Director), Dr Farah, Dr Langford, Dr Mariniello, Dr McGarry and Giuffré.</p> <p>The Centre for Sports Law Research is a specialist legal research centre focusing on regulation of the sports sector. Established in 2007, the launch of the Centre was a major strategic initiative of the Department designed to coincide with the preparation and entering into force of Article 165 of the EU's Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU) – the new sports competence. The Centre's launch was in anticipation of the release of new EU funds which accompany the development of new EU competences. Since its launch, the Centre has established itself as a highly influential participant in EU and EU-related research and consultancy activities and has benefitted from being able to market itself as a specialist research centre. Post</p>

2014, the Centre intends to strengthen further its links with the EU institutions but also work more closely with national and international sports bodies and private legal practice in order to diversify its jurisdictional expertise. This strategy is consistent with the existing expertise of Centre members, but the Centre will also be appointing additional visiting professors and associates, particularly from outside the academy. Members of the CSLR submitted to REF2014 are Professor **Parrish** (Director), Dr **O'Leary** and **Pendlebury**. The Centre also has a Visiting Professor (Professor Robert Siekmann, University of Rotterdam), a Visiting Research Associate (Dr Vanja Smokvina, University of Rijeka), and four PhD candidates, one of whom is a GTA.

Management: Each group is led by a professorial member of staff (Director). From 2013 the groups are required to operate more formally, meeting no less than three times per year and reporting minutes to the Head of Department through a Group Directors meeting chaired by the Head. The Directors monitor research performance through data submitted to our institutional repository, offering support and reporting to the Head. The Directors keep abreast of University-wide policies and procedures and ensures that the groups operate in conformity with them. Members within the groups produce an Annual Academic Return (AAR) and a medium term (3-5 years) research plan which is scrutinised by the Group Directors and the Head of Department. Staff deployment decisions are informed by these plans, and the achievement of them. In order to manage the productivity of the groups strategically, a teaching relief scheme for staff will be operational from 2013/14 for staff to pursue projects detailed in their approved AAR's and medium term research plans. Where the curriculum does not offer staff the opportunity to employ their research in the classroom, curriculum development is undertaken as witnessed by the validation of a new LLB module in International Sports Law (**Parrish**) and an LLM module in International Criminal Law (**Mariniello**).

Impact strategies: Each group is required to devise research impact strategies and, where appropriate, expects members to build these into the research design of individual or collaborative research projects. The groups regularly hold guest lecture programmes, conferences and workshops involving practitioners. Recent guest lectures have included contributions from: The Crown Prosecution Service; The House of Lords; Brabners Chaffe Street Solicitors; the International Criminal Court; the Professional Footballers' Association; Womenkind Worldwide; Warchild; Platform; Survival International and the European Football Agents Association. Some members of the group have attained advisory and expert positions in professional practice and some have submitted evidence to parliamentary inquiries. Since 2010 the Department has operated two 'end-user' advisory panels that the groups seek advice from. The Legal Professional Advisory Panel is composed of solicitors, barristers and a judge and the Criminology Professional Advisory Panel is made up of professionals from criminology-related professional practice. Each panel meets two-three times per year and advises on how the Department can meet the needs of the respective sectors, specifically in terms of graduate knowledge and skills and research-informed professional practice. Similarly, the Department regularly invites alumni from professional practice to attend group and Departmental events. Each group is required to make available on-line accessible fact sheets or summaries of our research. The groups are also responsible for maintaining a database of end-user contact details and ensuring that impact is measured and recorded so that we have access to this data for future research exercises.

Input strategies: The groups encourage and support staff to secure internal and external research funding. The groups are required to operate a compulsory internal peer review system for internal and external funding applications so that the quality and integrity of our research is maintained and enhanced with a view to securing a high success rate for our bids. As part of the institutional signing off procedure, funding applications are not approved by the Head of Department unless they have been approved by the Group Director following peer review. Each group is required to produce a short accessible staff guide detailing sources of internal and external funding.

Output strategies: Each group encourages and supports staff to produce at least one 2* or higher output per year. The groups are required to produce a 'target journals' league table which will inform staff research plans and raise publication ambitions. The groups are required to establish an internal peer review system for research outputs so that the quality and integrity of our research is maintained and enhanced and so that colleagues can be effectively advised on publication outlets. The Director records and tracks the progress of submitted outputs. Staff and postgraduate seminars operate, as does a mentoring system. The groups identify collaborative and

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interdisciplinary research opportunities within the group, between the groups, and externally. Key research themes and clusters are defined and promoted by the group.

The Department can claim significant progress in achieving our strategic research objectives. One measure of success is our progress since RAE2008. This progress is evidenced with reference to increasing our return from 5 to 15 Departmental staff and ensuring that we return a stand alone Law submission to REF2014 (one member is being returned to C22). This increase sits in the context of the University adopting a much more discerning approach to the quality of submissions than in 2008. These 15 staff represent 71% of the 21 full-time staff employed in the Department, a measure of our inclusive - and mainstreamed - approach to research. The University is supporting the six Departmental staff not being submitted to REF2014 so that their research careers will develop in the next cycle. We confidently expect to return more than 70% of staff next time.

c. People, including:**i. Staffing strategy and staff development**

Since 2004, most new academic appointments have been full-time permanent early career positions following external advertisement in which a commitment to research was specified as an essential requirement in the person specification. In its recruitment processes and deployment decisions, the Department is committed to equality of opportunity and to ensuring a diverse staff base. In order to reflect the international dimension of our undergraduate and postgraduate provision, particularly in law, and as a demonstration of our commitment to equality and diversity, the Department has put in place academic staff drawn from diverse backgrounds. A quarter of staff are from non-UK backgrounds. Just over half of our staff are female (11 of 21). The University is in the process of making an application for an Athena Swan Bronze Award. We are aware of the need to increase the proportion of female staff in the next REF and to have a better representation of women in senior academic posts. We are committed to exploring and removing the obstacles to their career paths and offer mentorship for women to take on more senior positions. Additionally, we encourage staff, particularly women, to access external training such as Vitae's Leadership in Action course. On entry into the Department, new staff are provided with a University-wide induction programme which includes sessions on research. Staff also receive Departmental induction at which point they are allocated a mentor. For staff whose research mentoring needs are better served by expertise outside the Department, staff can participate in a University mentoring programme. Departmental mentoring has produced positive results, including assistance with the production of first or joint publications, including a monograph. In addition, ECRs are given priority in internal research funding.

Research leadership within the Department was initially provided by **Parrish** who secured a readership in 2006 and a personal chair in 2008. In order to strengthen research leadership within the Criminology Research Group, **Millie** was appointed externally in 2011. Following the award of personal chair to **Rizzuto** in 2012, the leadership structure of the three research groups was reconfigured so that **Rizzuto** is Director of the Legal Research Group, **Millie** is Director of the Criminology Research Group and **Parrish** is Director of the Centre for Sports Law Research. Staff are appraised annually by the HoD following the submission of an Annual Academic Return (AAR). To supplement this document, staff also submit medium term research plans detailing individual research strategies of up to 5 years. Active performance management ensures the on-going implementation of the AAR and medium research plans which are monitored by periodic review by the Research Group Directors and the Head of Department. Staff deployment decisions are informed by these processes.

Evidence that research plans are being effectively implemented is provided by our post RAE2008 research performance. Since 2008, the Department has increased its return of staff for research assessment from 5 (RAE2008) to 15 (REF2014 – 14 into UoA 20 and 1 into UoA 22). At the same time, the Department has achieved consistently excellent scores in the annual National Student Survey (NSS) including a 2011 national 4th = finish for law schools for 'overall student satisfaction'. This evidences the commitment of the Department to providing the environment in which staff can achieve excellence in both teaching and research. This environment, combined with opportunities at University level for research to be rewarded in terms of pay progression and promotion, has also contributed to the Department retaining many of its most promising researchers. The University issues an annual call for readerships and personal chairs and for those not ready to apply for these positions, research-related achievements are specified on the

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University's re-grading criteria. **McGarry** was appointed Reader in Law in 2013.

In keeping with the Concordat to Support the Career Development of Researchers, the Department and the University recognise the importance of researchers' personal and career development, and lifelong learning. Staff have access, on a competitive basis, to staff development funds administered at Departmental and Faculty level. Additionally, staff can apply to a University-administered Research Investment Fund for research-related projects. Based on Vitae's Researcher Development Framework, a University-wide Research Capacity Building (RCB) programme of workshops operates throughout the year, as does a series of CPD sessions. As signatories to the Concordat to Support Research Integrity, the University and the Department are mindful of the need to ensure that our research conforms to the highest standards of ethics and integrity. Each research group operates a peer review system for funding applications and intended publications. In order to support the research activity of staff, particularly early career researchers, the Department operates an ethics committee (chaired by **Peters**), which advises staff and considers their research proposals. The committee operates alongside faculty and University research ethics committees, the latter chaired by **Parrish**.

ii. Research students

In 2004, the development of our postgraduate profile was identified as a longer-term strategic objective to that of first establishing a suite of new undergraduate programmes. Having achieved its own research-degree awarding powers in 2008, the University established a Graduate School in 2010 and made a commitment to fund five cohorts of 12 GTAs annually from 2012. In addition to two completions in the census period, the department has won two GTAs, one each in Law and Criminology. The University's Graduate School provides generic training, support and guidance to postgraduate research students (PGRs) and this is supplemented by a Departmental training programme on research skills. PGRs are also encouraged to access the RCB to complement their other training and they can enrol on the PGCert for Learning and Teaching. Quality assurance is overseen by the Graduate School Board of Studies which meets three times per annum and receives annual student and supervisor progress reports. A dedicated PGR study room is provided and training programmes are offered to PGR students throughout the year, including periods of residential study. GTAs are accommodated in the same way as staff and the Department also provides a law and criminology study room. The Department's postgraduate strategic plan saw the introduction from 2011 of a suite of postgraduate programmes, namely an LLM in International Justice and Human Rights Law, an LLM in International Business and Commercial Law and two research degrees, an LLM by Research and an MRes in Criminology. All PGR students participate in LLM and MRes skills workshops and Departmental visiting speaker programmes. All current supervisors, and many prospective supervisors, have undertaken research supervision training as part of the University's annual in-house training provision. The University operates a system whereby PhD students are supervised by a team led by an experienced Director of Studies. This allows less experienced supervisors to gain experience of the supervisory process. The Graduate School also provides generic staff research training to complement discipline specific provision.

d. Income, infrastructure and facilities

The University has two main sources of internal funding to support the development of research and outputs; Faculty Funding (primarily for presenting papers at UK-based international conferences) and the Research Investment Fund (to support research projects and conference papers). These are awarded on a competitive basis. Additional funding is deployed at Department level to support staff development activities and those presenting at UK-based academic conferences. The Department has received generous internal support to fund the organisation of conferences, attendance at conferences and research sabbaticals as well as the funding of library holdings. The Research & Enterprise Support Offices (RESO) also focusses on providing mechanisms of advice and support to develop research bids. Staff are encouraged to bid for external funding and they are mentored and supported to that end. A system of internal peer review (and, for substantial bids, external review) for all research funding submissions has been created to prioritise bids with greater likelihood of success to major funding bodies. RESO hosts external funding workshops to identify expanded pools of funders and opportunities for networking with a wider range of organisations. The University's RCB programme includes sessions to develop knowledge of funding body opportunities, requirements and procedures. Staff are encouraged to develop partnerships to generate joint bids, evident in **Parrish's** recent work with Liverpool on the Home Grown Player's project and **Millie's** work for the Home Office. To

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encourage income generation, the EHU consultancy policy now has provision for staff and departments to retain a proportion of net fee income to invest/spend on research and KE activity. Staff can access best information on funding opportunities via Research Professional supplemented by RESO which also directly highlights opportunities.

The Library provides support through a dedicated Research Support Librarian (as well as a Law librarian) who offers expert advice and guidance on information management, the effective use of research resources and specialist tools such as RefWorks. The strategy is to provide a comprehensive range of services and resources, tailored as necessary to meet specific discipline requirements of researchers. The University has a dedicated Conference Team to provide advice, facilities, materials and administrative support for staff in hosting academic conferences and events. Marketing and Creative Services also support staff in the organisation and marketing of research/impact-related activities and events.

Since 2008 the Centre for Sports Law Research (**Parrish**) has participated in consortia in a number of European Commission and European Parliament-funded studies. The Centre's share of this income has helped fund new research ventures and provided staff development opportunities for its members, particularly in relation to conference attendance. The 2013 European Commission *Study on the Assessment of UEFA's Home-Grown Player Rule* (with Liverpool University) totalled €59,623. The 2010 European Commission *Study on the Equal Treatment of Non-nationals in Individual Sports Competitions* (with TMC Asser Institute and the University of Leiden) totalled at €270,000. The 2010 European Parliament Study on *The Lisbon Treaty and European Union Sports Policy* (with TMC Asser Institute and Loughborough University) totalled €43,000. The 2009 European Commission *Study into the Identification of Themes and Issues to be Dealt with in a Social Dialogue in the European Professional Cycling Sector*, (with TMC Asser Institute and the University of Leuven) totalled €123,000. The 2008 European Commission *Study into the Identification of Themes and Issues to be Dealt with in a Social Dialogue in the European Professional Football Sector*, (with TMC Asser Institute and the University of Leuven) totalled €62,000. In 2008, **Parrish** secured £3,380 from the British Council-NWO Partnership Programme in Science to support a postdoctoral workshop on *The European Commission White Paper on Sport*, held in The Hague, Netherlands (February 2008). The Centre has participated in a numerous other EU activities, such as participation in the EU TAIEX scheme, attending Commission expert groups and Parliamentary committee meetings, all of which have been funded through the EU. Centre members have also accepted funded invitations to speak at national and international academic and professional conferences.

The Legal Research Group (**Langford**) achieved a Leverhulme Trust Visiting Research Fellowship (£23,050), which funded a visiting academic (Dr Diana Cucos) from the Moldovan Law Academy of Sciences. The Criminology Research Group (**Peters**) secured £2,000 from Barnardos to investigate *Parenting Orders*.

Following a competitive process, our Research Groups have also received the following University funding to support research and engagement with research users: **Barton** received £3,585 for the project '*Researching Crime and State Power*' (2008). **Langford** was granted a sabbatical to pursue research projects (2010). **Davis** received a sabbatical in 2011 for the production of two journal articles. In 2011, **Rizzuto** organised a workshop on '*The Lisbon Treaty and National Parliaments*' with Lord Norton of Louth providing the keynote address. **Langford** and **McGarry** ran two workshops on Hans Kelsen in 2012 and 2013, the second assisted by an additional €1000 grant from the Austrian Cultural Forum. **McGarry** received funded teaching relief in 2012 for the production of two journal articles. In 2013, **Mariniello** staged an international conference on '*The First Ten Years of the International Criminal Court: Achievements and Challenges*' with Vice President of the ICC, Judge Cuno Tarfusser giving the keynote address.

e. Collaboration or contribution to the discipline or research base

Criminology Research Group:

The group builds on over four decades of criminological scholarship at EHU. Since 2008, it has made contributions in anti-social behaviour, disaster management and policing.

Anti-social behaviour: **Millie's** *Anti-Social Behaviour* (2009) was awarded runner up in the British Society of Criminology Book Prize. **Millie** has co-authored (with colleagues from the Universities of Glasgow, Sheffield and Kent) a report on perceptions of anti-social behaviour for the UK Home Office (2010). **Millie** is a member of the Research Advisory Group for the Howard League for Penal Reform. In 2009, he was Visiting Fellow at the Center of Criminology, University

of Toronto where he presented on 'Anti-social behaviour and urban aesthetics', and in 2011 he advised the Dutch Government on anti-social behaviour.

Disaster management: Following work on Hillsborough, research on disaster management has been an important aspect of the Department's research profile. **Davis** continues this work and in 2009 he authored a report for the Lancashire County Council Emergency Planning Group on *Intervening in Emergency: A Critical Evaluation of Crisis Support Work in Lancashire*. This fed into a review of crisis support arrangements and was followed by presentations to the Emergency Response Group, Lancashire County Council (December 2010) and to the Regional Emergency Planning Humanitarian Interest Group in Preston (March 2010). **Davis's** work on disaster management appears in the *British Journal of Criminology* and the *British Journal of Social Work*.

Policing: In 2011 **Millie** co-organised (with the University of Surrey) a British Academy-funded seminar on *Policing in a time of contraction and constraint*. This led to a co-edited special issue of the journal *Criminology & Criminal Justice* (2013). **Millie** was invited to contribute evidence to Lord Stevens' Independent Police Commission on the roles and responsibilities of the police service in England and Wales in the 21st Century.

In 2010, the group co-hosted, with the Department of History, a conference on 'Crime and its contexts'. Building on her work on Dartmoor Prison (2011), in 2013 **Barton** co-hosted a conference on 'Prisons and the public'. **Millie** is a Director of the British Society of Criminology (BSC). He is also Chair of the BSC's Publications Committee and Editor of the BSC Newsletter and online journal 'Papers from the British Criminology Conference'. **Millie** is on the Editorial Board of the *British Journal of Criminology* and has served as Editor of the journal *Urban Studies* (2009-2011). **Millie** is a member of the ESRC Peer-Review College and in 2013 was a member of the QAA Subject Benchmark Statement Review Group for Criminology.

Legal Research Group:

The group has made contributions to the fields of international trade law, international human rights law, European Union law and legal theory.

International Trade Law: In 2012 **Farah** acted as an international consultant for a United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to assist and assess the accession of Belarus to the World Trade Organisation. Since 2006 **Farah** has acted as Scientific Director and Programme Coordinator of a Summer School which is currently held at Peking University. **Farah** is also vice-coordinator at the University of Piemonte Orientale for the 2012/13 Fondazione Cariplo funded project 'GOING EAST - Enhancing Asian Research Cooperation in Higher Education for the Challenges of the Global Markets'. **Farah** also has leading roles in three EU Commission funded collaborative research projects with European, Chinese, Japanese and Russian Universities: (1) since 2011, the 'Evaluating Policies for Sustainable Energy Investments' project (2) since April 2012, the 'Liberalism in Between Europe and China' project and (3) the 'Partnering Opportunities between Europe and China in the Renewable Energies and Environmental Industries' project. **Farah** also sits on the editorial committee of the international review *Research in Social Change*. In 2013, Routledge invited him to be editor-in-chief of a new series on Transnational Law and Globalization, as did Ashgate for a new series on International economic law and development.

International Human Rights Law: In 2013, **Mariniello** organised an international conference on the International Criminal Court (ICC) with Vice President of the ICC, Judge Cuno Tarfusser, giving the keynote address. Wachala's article 'Watching over the rights of women' (2006) was cited in a report presented to the US senate by the Congressional Research Service in November 2010.

European Union Law: **Farah** has acted as a European Commission TAIEX legal expert on the free movement of services in Slovakia and Cyprus (both 2008). **Mariniello** has co-authored (with an external partner) a report funded by the EU's 7th Framework Programme on 'Privatisation of War' (September 2009 - March 2010). **Rizzuto** participated in a European Commission Civil Justice Programme funded project involving Brunel University and Kiel University, Germany (November 2010 and April 2011). His article, 'Parallel competence and the power of the EC Commission under Regulation 1/20003EC according to the CFI', in *European Competition Law Review* was cited by the Advocate General in the European Court of Justice (case C-375/09, Tele 2). In 2011, **Rizzuto** organised a workshop on 'The Lisbon Treaty and National Parliaments'. Rizzuto's publication on 'Injunctions against intermediate online service providers' (CTLR 2012) is referenced in the Notes on Academic Writings accompanying the ECJ judgement Case C-70/10 Scarlet Extended v SABAM of 24 November 2011. The same paper by Rizzuto is included in the

European Parliament Library Keysource document of May 2012 on *Illegal File Sharing* addressed to MEPs and staff of the European Parliament for their parliamentary work. Rizzuto's work on Antitrust civil redress actions is also listed as a resource for members on the website of the American Bar Association: Section of Antitrust Law: Civil Redress.

Legal Theory: **Langford's** record of publications in the field of international human rights law and legal theory led to his appointment as peer reviewer on Panel 11 (History, Philosophy, Pedagogics, Psychology) for the evaluation of research within the framework of the Italian Evaluation of Research Quality exercise (VQR 2004-2010). In 2012, **Langford** and **McGarry** ran an international workshop on '*Hans Kelsen and Max Weber*' and in 2013 they organised the first English language international interdisciplinary workshop on the relationship between Kelsen's theory of legal positivism and the natural law tradition (assisted by a €1000 grant from the Austrian Cultural Forum). Both events were organised in conjunction with Lancaster University.

Centre for Sports Law Research:

In conjunction with UK and European partners, the CSLR has made a pronounced contribution to shaping national and EU policy and practice in the area of sports law and policy. **O'Leary** is on the Sport Resolutions (UK) Panel of Arbitrators and Mediators, an independent dispute resolution service for sport in the UK. **Parrish** was Special Advisor to the House of Lords EU Select Committee Inquiry into Grassroots Sport and the EU (Nov 2010 – March 2011). **Parrish** was also appointed member of the European Commission's Group of Independent Sports Experts on the invitation of the European Commissioner for Education and Culture. **Parrish** acted as expert advisor for European Commission TAIEX programmes in Albania (04/08), Belarus (06/09) and Turkey (02/10) on the approximation of European laws relevant to sport. **Parrish** provided advice to FIFPro (the international players' union) on collective bargaining in European professional football at a Lawyers' Network in June 2009 in the Netherlands and he did likewise at a two day FIFPro Colloquium on Paris on the legal meaning of the 'the specificity of sport' (Oct 2010).

Many influential EU sports reports have been co-authored by the Centre. In particular, it has provided the European institutions and sports stakeholders with research findings in three areas: social dialogue, discrimination, and Article 165 TFEU. *Social Dialogue*: **Parrish's** co-authored studies into social dialogue (see section D above) and **O'Leary's** work as an expert for EU Athletes on a European Commission-funded project on social dialogue in Rugby League (2011/12) have been influential in providing the research base supporting the successful launch of an EU social dialogue committee for professional football, and the on-going development of a more general committee for sport and active leisure. *Discrimination*: **Parrish** has co-authored the two most prominent European Commission funded studies into discrimination in sport and has therefore helped structure the dialogue the Commission has had with sports that adopt discriminatory practices (see section d above). Since 2009 **Parrish** also contributes the UK sport chapters to the European Commission (DG Employment and Social Affairs) annual Free Movement of Workers survey. *Article 165*: **Parrish** has advised the EU institutions on the limits of this new competence. He co-authored the European Parliament's 2010 study into *The Lisbon Treaty and EU Sports Policy* and presented the findings to the Parliament's Committee on Culture (September 28th 2010) where he was questioned by MEPs. As part of his role on the European Commission's Group of Independent Sports Experts, **Parrish** co-authored the group's report on *EU Priorities in the Field of Sport* (July 2010), a report Commissioned by Commissioner Vassiliou.

In March 2011, **Parrish**, on a panel of four, gave a sports law talk to the British Institute of International and Comparative Law, the first in the Institute's 120 year history. In March 2012, **Parrish** and **Pendlebury** collaborated with Brabners Chaffe Street Solicitors to stage a CPD accredited International Conference on *Football and the Law* in Manchester. The Solicitors Regulation Authority review of the event stated "[t]he speaker profiles are the most impressive I have ever seen assembled" (SRA Monitoring Report, 01/05/2012). Since its creation in 2005 **Parrish** has chaired the subject association *Sport & EU*. With a global membership of over 400 and having held eight annual conferences, the Association can claim to have significantly contributed to the promotion of the study of this nascent discipline. **Parrish** was guest editor on the *International Journal of Sports Policy*, special edition on the White Paper on Sport (2009). **Parrish** is an editorial board member on: (1) *International Sports Law Journal* (2) *International Journal of Sports Policy* (3) *Sport and the Law Journal* and (4) *European Sports Law and Policy Bulletin*. Notable media engagements include **Parrish's** interview by Joshua Rozenberg on BBC Radio 4: Law in Action programme (February 2012).