

**Institution: University of Sussex**

**Unit of Assessment: UoA 20 Law**

## 1. OVERVIEW

To provide a sustainable environment and promote interdisciplinarity, in 2009 the University brought together three departments as a new School of Law, Politics and Sociology (LPS) under an externally-recruited Head. At its inception, LPS set out to expand from the 17.2 FTE Law returned in 2008. In REF 2014, 31 FTE are returned, with further appointments being made at all levels of seniority.

Research structures have evolved since RAE 2008. There continue to be thematic Law clusters, now focused upon responsibility, solidarity, citizenship, criminal justice, and international law, each supporting research by hosting international conferences, producing edited collections, engaging in interdisciplinary research and developing inter-professional networks. Additionally, significant numbers of Law faculty are also engaged in the four LPS-wide interdisciplinary Research Centres (RC): the Centre for Responsibilities, Rights and the Law, a Law-led initiative developed from the thematic cluster flagged in RAE 2008; the Sussex European Institute (SEI) that has a Co-Director from Law; the Centre for Gender Studies; and the Sussex Centre for the Study of Corruption (SCSC). These are outward-facing RCs, typified by the 2012 launch event of the SCSC, held in conjunction with Transparency International UK at the London offices of the sponsor, law firm Clifford Chance.

Law's rapid growth is being carefully managed to deliver an enhanced research profile that builds upon existing strengths, diversifies research areas, develops interdisciplinary research, deepens its research infrastructure and engages effectively with research-users.

## 2. RESEARCH STRATEGY

Law's research strategy is integrated into the mission of LPS, which is to generate and disseminate new knowledge and critical understanding about the societies in which we live, including explaining how these societies are and should be constructed, ordered and regulated. In so doing, it seeks to have a positive impact on society regionally, nationally and internationally. The Law UoA's strategy has been to focus research strongly on issues of social justice, particularly seen through a prism of responsibilities and rights. In implementing this research strategy during the REF period, Law has continued to develop its research environment, as described in the RAE 2008, with the objective of:

- managing and supporting individuals to develop their research profile and produce high-quality outputs which generate impact and influence;
- building the Centre for Responsibilities, Rights and the Law (CRRL) as a flagship for Law research to enhance the significance of 'responsibilities' issues externally, support funding applications and develop effective research-led and impact-creating pathways to connect with governments, NGOs and practice professions;
- reinforcing and developing thematic clusters to support individual and collaborative research, seek funding support and organise research events to showcase excellence;
- strengthening interdisciplinary research in collaboration with associated units in the University and beyond; and
- targeting recruitment specifically to strengthen strategic research areas and build authoritative research groups within LPS with critical mass and research power.

The implementation of these objectives in the current REF period is detailed below, followed by an explanation of Law's strategy beyond the REF period.

### Implementation of research objectives 2008–13

- **Supportive research management.** The mechanisms of RAE 2008 to support individual research have been developed throughout the REF period to ensure that research planning produces high-quality publications and grant-income capture, plus broad and deep impact. Individual research is

supported by designated Law Research Convenors who meet twice-yearly with faculty to review 5-year Personal Research Plans (PRPs) that monitor research performance, develop interdisciplinarity, advance planned projects, ensure appropriate publication placement, coordinate and support research-funding bids and strategies, and develop impact and networks. Individual research is further supported through development processes detailed in Section 3. Funding bids receive wider support through University and School mechanisms (see Section 4). Peer support is ensured through work-in-progress seminars in which individual faculty and PGRs present their research, plus a programme of external academic speakers and lectures by high-profile legal figures.

- **Supporting and developing research through the Centre for Responsibility, Rights and the Law.** The CRRL was launched in July 2008 with an international interdisciplinary conference on ‘Gender, Family Responsibility and Legal Change’, featuring a public lecture delivered by Baroness Hale, Justice of the Supreme Court. The CRRL’s focus upon doctrinal, theoretical and empirical research in ‘rights and responsibilities’ reflects the interests of many Law faculty and serves to coalesce specific research strengths in the Law unit in family responsibilities, UK rights and responsibilities and European human rights.

The CRRL has set the research agenda through a programme of conferences, symposia and workshops attracting key speakers and audiences. This is exemplified by the launch conference on family responsibilities (above), which had keynotes by internationally eminent speakers: Martha Fineman (Emory University, Atlanta), Eva Kittay (Stony Brooke University, NY), Barbara Hobson (Stockholm University) and Justice Albie Sachs (Constitutional Court of South Africa). The event addressed family responsibility from the perspectives of law, sociology, social policy and philosophy. Selected papers were published as two Ashgate collections edited by Bridgeman, Keating and Lind, *Taking Responsibility: Law and the Changing Family* (2010) and *Regulating Family Responsibilities* (2011).

A further example of how the CRRL has developed strategic areas of legal research and impact is through its active engagement in reform discourse, as evidenced by workshops organised to submit written responses to Consultation Papers issued by the UK Commission on a Bill of Rights in 2011–12. Those workshops, based on research by Skeet, Craig, Bridgeman, Millns and Dembour, fed directly into later research by Craig (see REF2).

The Centre’s focus upon rights and responsibilities has led the development of research within areas of existing strength. For example, within European Law, research has focused upon three strands: human rights under the ECHR (Dembour, Millns), minority and language rights (Craig, Ni Dhrisceoil, Berry) and the gendered dimension of human rights (Brayson, Skeet, Millns). Through these grouping, CRRL members have implemented our strategic aims of reaching out to researchers, organising research events and securing external funding. For example, Craig’s expertise on European minority rights led to her appointment as Legal Expert on the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages as part of a Council of Europe mission to the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia in 2009. In 2010, Craig co-organised a workshop on ‘Minority and Indigenous Rights: Emerging Themes and Challenges’ with Berry (then at Brunel) and others. The event was funded by the Human Rights Consortium and held at the Institute of Commonwealth Studies. Millns also completed a 3-year project (Juristras), funded by the EU, exploring processes of human-rights litigation in the ECHR.

The marked catalytic effect of the CRRL is further evidenced by a strong ‘responsibilities’ theme in a significant number of publications across a range of areas such as criminal law (Keating), family law (Keating, Lind, Bridgeman), healthcare law (Bridgeman), international law (Barker), European human rights (Brayson), minority rights (Craig), gender justice (Brayson) and corporate responsibilities (Zhao, Bu). This emphasis has also attracted PGR students to Sussex (e.g. Southerden, funded by an ESRC grant, for a study of human-rights litigation in migrants’ cases in the UK, and Gimson, Andre and Myers in areas of international criminal law and responsibility). To foster the next generation of scholars, PGR students have been integrated into the CRRL’s strategy through a programme of workshops on topics such as concepts of responsibility (June 2011), corporate social responsibility (March 2010, April 2012) and state immunity and human rights

(March 2012). The CRRL also directly supported the PGR Conference held at Sussex in 2012 entitled 'Rights and Responsibilities: Global Perspectives'.

- **Strengthening research through the concentration of expertise in Research Clusters.** Law ended RAE 2008 with research clusters in child/family law, European law, international and comparative law, and criminal law/justice. Law took the strategic decision to regroup the research clusters, in light of faculty research interests, interdisciplinary research opportunities and contemporary social debates, around responsibilities (conducted by the CRRL), solidarity, citizenship and constitutionalism, security, and governance. Taking the success of the CRRL as a model, clusters operate as groups, holding meetings to share work-in-progress, discuss new developments and receive outside speakers (including practitioners) with the remit to support individual, and foster collaborative, research.

Typically productive activity was the collaboration between citizenship and solidarity clusters that won *Modern Law Review* funding for an interdisciplinary seminar in 2008. Papers were published as *Promoting Solidarity in the European Union* (ed. Ross and Borgmann-Prebil, 2010, OUP). This venture formed the platform for further exploration of the interface between solidarity and citizenship (e.g. Ross, REF2). Veitch, another member of the solidarity cluster, also received *Modern Law Review* funding for a 2009 conference, 'Securing Insecurity: Law and the Foundations of Contemporary Social and Economic Insecurity'. Building on this, Veitch co-convened the 'Welfare State as Social Utopia?' stream at the 2012 Critical Legal Conference in Stockholm and won a competitive award to research at the University of California Berkeley (see Section 3).

In order to engage with research-users and professional communities, in 2009 the criminal law/justice group organised a workshop on Hate Crime with contributions from Sussex police, the Sussex Crown Prosecution Service, the Office for Criminal Justice Reform and leading academics. Walters now leads Law research in this field and has secured a Leverhulme award to undertake empirical research into the indirect effects of hate crime upon groups (see Section 4). The international law and criminal justice clusters jointly hosted the 2008 workshop 'Strangers in a Strange Land: The Plight of Foreign Prisoners in the UK', which brought together practitioners such as Judith Farbey, barrister, Frances Crook, Chief Executive of the Howard League, Nick Hammond, point of contact for foreign prisoners, the London Probation Service, and academics. The proceedings were published as a special issue (ed. Keating and Temkin) of *Journal of Contemporary Issues in Law* (2008/9).

While clusters remain a key aspect of how we implement our research strategy, Sussex Law also actively nurtures and supports the research of faculty who are not aligned to a specific cluster. For example, Howe, then the sole Sussex IP lawyer, held a 2011 workshop of international experts, published by CUP as *Concepts of Property in Intellectual Property Law* (ed. Howe 2013). Law faculty are similarly encouraged and supported to be active in other cross-University groupings, e.g. the Centre for Social and Political Thought (where Kochi is a core member).

- **Facilitating interdisciplinary research collaboration via RCs.** Law's collaborative, cross-disciplinary research endeavour has been enhanced within LPS. Law staff have well-established connections with the Sussex European Institute (SEI) – an interdisciplinary Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence of more than 20 years standing which acts as a hub of academics, researchers and practitioners. Law colleagues (particularly Millns, Brayson, Skeet, Ross) regularly contribute to SEI's weekly research-in-progress seminars and collaborate in funding bids with colleagues from Politics. For example, Millns (now Co-Director of the SEI) co-ordinates a project funded by the European Commission Representation in the UK on 'The Future of Europe in an Age of Changes, Challenges and Chances', designed in particular to engage academic and practitioner communities on contemporary themes of significance in Europe. Under the umbrella of an SEI FP7 bid in relation to 'Citizens' Resilience in Times of Crisis', Skeet successfully obtained funding for a workshop entitled 'Citizens coping with crisis: rights, participation, action', to be held in May 2014 at the Onati International Institute. This involves Skeet, Millns, Brayson and Craig, together with Sussex faculty from Politics, Global Studies and Social Work.

The latest LPS Centre, the SCSC, was created in 2011 and takes an interdisciplinary approach to analysing what corruption is, where and why it flourishes and, most importantly, what can be done

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to counteract it. Law members are initiating proposals examining corruption within corporate governance (Bu and Zhao), corruption as an obstacle to international wildlife protection (Harrop) and the criminalisation of corruption in international law (Barker and Vogler).

- **Recruitment to Law.** Over the REF period, in realisation of the expansion plans identified within the new School of LPS, recruitment has been targeted towards strengthening existing areas of research expertise and creating sustainable research teams in the areas of environmental law; media information and intellectual property law; and commercial law (see below).

### Strategy and implementation beyond the REF period

In the next five years, Law will continue its successful policies of individual research support and build on the achievements described above. We will take advantage of the further opportunities presented by the step-change growth which has taken effect as this REF period ends. Specifically, we aim to further expand areas of research expertise, intensify interdisciplinary research capacity and expand PGR numbers using the following additional measures.

- **The management of individual research support.** Further emphasis will be placed on increasing both the volume and the success of funding applications by exploiting recent senior appointments. Harrop and Marsden will facilitate the experience of large-scale funding success by cascading expertise to all staff. Similarly, individual impact strategies will benefit from senior experience (e.g. Harrop's access to the UN and other international organisations, and Marsden's and Szyszczak's links to European institutions). Szyszczak's rich editorial experience will be exploited to assist junior staff seeking to place publications.
- **Expanding the CRRL.** The CRRL's thematic research will harness Law's expansion to broaden into areas such as transitional justice, intellectual property, minority rights, and environmental responsibilities.
- **Exploiting new areas of research expertise.** Each of the three new areas of research activity for investment and capacity-building identified above offer scope for legal research around societal and technological change and economic crisis whilst, at the same time, fitting the Sussex research heritage and ethos, rooted in ethical commitment and engagement with social justice.
  - **Environmental law.** This area embraces and develops a number of existing Law research interests, with a special emphasis on natural-resource conservation. The 'responsibilities and rights' theme, in particular, is captured in many areas – e.g. liability for natural-resource damage and responsibilities towards ecological mitigation and compensation, wildlife protection and animal rights, fundamental rights in relation to the consequences of climate change and access to resources. The solidarity theme is picked up in work on inter- and intra-generational solidarity over finite resources and evolving concepts of stewardship in relation to property and the natural environment. There are thematic links to the work of the SEI in terms of EU environmental law and to the SCSC in terms of corruption and international wildlife crime.
  - **Media, information and intellectual property law.** As well as clear links to the CRRL's work on responsibilities and rights in terms of freedom of expression, a cluster in media, information and intellectual property law will substantially strengthen research currently pursued more at the level of individual researchers. These include intellectual property (especially copyright), internet intermediary liability, privacy and the protection of minorities and their cultural expression.
  - **Commercial law:** This focus offers interdisciplinary research with other Sussex units such as the School of Business, Management and Economics and the SCSC. The aim is to promote research in national and, especially, international commercial law, with emphasis upon the social and economic implications of the law. There is a thematic link to the CRRL's work on responsibilities and rights in terms of corporate responsibilities, the rights of stakeholders in various business organisations – including banks and public companies – and reforms in corporate, insolvency and banking law. It also fits into the work of the SCSC, especially in relation to corruption and corporate governance.

Appointments have already been made to ensure critical mass in these new areas of activity.

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Harrop and McGillivray provide leadership at Chair and Reader level, respectively, in conservation and environmental law. Harrop's appointment opens up access to his research networks with the UN, other international NGOs and conservation agencies and indigenous-rights groups. Three early-career researchers (ECRs) in environmental law have been appointed (Lydgate, Orlando, Finchett-Maddock). An Honorary Chair (Turner, formerly Professor of Environmental Law at QUB, now Climate and Energy Senior Lawyer at ClientEarth) has been appointed to facilitate research and impact links. Szyszczak adds further Chair leadership at the crossover between Environment and Competition law. In media and intellectual property law, Marsden has been appointed to a chair and Guadamuz as a senior lecturer, with Frabboni and Li joining as ECRs. To develop commercial law, both Bu and Zhao have been appointed to senior lectureships, bringing expertise in corporate, commercial, insolvency law, corporate governance and social responsibility. ECR Wilson adds expertise in banking law. Existing research areas have been strengthened by established researchers – e.g. Sullivan and Child (criminal law) – and ECRs – e.g. Ni Dhrisceoil, Berry (minority rights and languages), Owusu-Bempah (criminal law) and Walker (European and child law).

- **Strengthening research collaboration and interdisciplinary research.** Law is developing further integrative research with its partner LPS departments, working through the four RCs and, in particular, shaping large-scale funding bids. As noted above, Law faculty are actively engaged in the research agendas of the SEI and the SCSC. The new information law cluster is already engaged with colleagues in the digital humanities, media and communications, and the Science and Technology Policy Research Unit, as well as the 2012 Brighton Festival of Social Sciences.
- **Significant expansion of PGR numbers.** The ESRC Doctoral Training Centre will play a key role in this, as will the award of a block grant from the AHRC under its BGP2 scheme. The enhanced critical mass of existing research clusters and substantial investment in new areas reinforce Law's ability to attract significant numbers of PGR students, especially via planned new LLMs.

### 3. PEOPLE

#### Staffing strategy and staff development

Law's strategy throughout the REF period has been to support its existing faculty, a substantial majority of whom have been retained since the last RAE, and to expand using resources based primarily, but not exclusively, on income streams from its growth in student recruitment. At the start of the period, growth was used to buttress existing thematic clusters but the step-change investment in the final two years of the REF period has focused upon new research areas (Section 2). A key priority has been to appoint to permanent research-active posts. Appointments range from experienced Chairs bringing extensive professional networks and grant-capture records through to ECRs embarking on their first posts upon completion or near-completion of PhDs. This mixed approach has been used to launch new research teams with a critical mass from the start and to complement existing research clusters. Law's growth programme has attracted applicants from around the world, contributing to an international faculty. There is a strong ECR presence (15 FTEs) and a balanced gender profile in the unit's return (16 male, 15 female FTEs). Committed to retaining this, the unit is participating in the Equality Unit's Gender Equality Charter Mark pilot.

The unit's growth is being carefully managed. Whilst Law FTEs have doubled in less than five years, appointments have been planned to ensure a sound balance between experienced and more-junior faculty, returning 9 Professors, 4 Reader/Senior Lecturers and 18 Lecturers. Professorial faculty who have retired since 2008 have been replaced to ensure leadership, and new Chair appointments have substantial experience of people, research, grant and project management to support the Head of Law in implementing a coherent transition. Faculty appointed to their first permanent academic post are given research mentors, who discuss research-in-progress with tailored research targets, encourage the delivery of seminar and conference papers and support the development of funding proposals. Mentors also provide support by reading work, facilitating networking opportunities and talking through publishing plans, including the identification of high-quality journals. Junior faculty are also given a 'buddy', an existing member of faculty whose role it is to support and help integration into the Department. The Head of Law arranges induction events which include the Law Research Convenors, Directors of the LPS centres and key LPS administrative staff. New faculty are invited to

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give short presentations of their research areas; this is followed by social events. Joint doctoral supervision enables less-experienced colleagues to develop skills alongside established faculty.

Evidence of the internal recognition of research excellence is provided by promotions in the REF period: Bridgeman, Keating and Vogler to Chairs and Kochi to Senior Lecturer. Almost all departures by faculty nurtured at Sussex have been to research careers elsewhere (e.g. Wilkinson to Sheffield, Borgmann-Prebil to the research division of the European Commission, Omar to a Chair at Nottingham Trent). Annually, the Head of Law proactively invites internal promotion applications from faculty for promotions below Chair level.

### Personal research fellowships

Dembour secured a Leverhulme Major Research Fellowship 2009–12. Veitch secured a competitive Visiting Scholarship at the Center for the Study of Law and Society, University of California, Berkeley, October 2012–March 2013. Borgmann-Prebil obtained a Hanse-Wissenschaftskolleg (HWK) Fellowship to spend time at Bremen. Shute held a Research Fellowship at the Max Planck Institute, 2009–10.

### Equality of opportunity and staff development

Law seeks to develop all its staff to their fullest potential, whatever the stage of their career. ECRs have a lighter (two-thirds) teaching load. There are research-related activities at University, School and Department levels, such as LPS workshops on PGR supervision experiences and impact strategies, and 'sandpit exercises', which encourage previously successful grant bidders to work with those with limited or no experience of securing funding, matching less-experienced bidders with mentors. University-wide ethical-review procedures ensure that research, by faculty or by PGRs, is conducted to the highest standards of integrity, confronting and resolving any ethical issues which may arise. A new peer-review system for research-funding bids submitted by LPS was introduced in 2011–12. At unit level, Law held seminars from a senior Nuffield director and a successful grant-winner from another HEI on writing large-scale funding bids. All staff are also encouraged, and financially supported, to access other additional training opportunities, such as Craig's involvement in the ESRC Researcher Development Initiative Programme *Building Capacity in Empirical Socio Legal Research (ESLR)*, experience which she built upon in the interviews she carried out for the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission on the protection and promotion of the human right to culture in the context of societies emerging from conflict in 2013.

Each member of research faculty develops an individual Personal Research Plan (PRP) which feeds into annual appraisals that review progress and identify staff-development requirements. The Director of the CRRL also receives agreed PRPs to assist in progressing implementation of the CRRL's strategy. Research leave (normally one 12-week teaching block at a time) is awarded after a process involving the Law Research Committee, the Head of Law and the Head of the LPS. Leave applications are required to demonstrate alignment with Law's overarching research aims and must include evidence of the quality of the project proposal, potential outputs and impact pathways. The proposal is required to be written to the rigorous standards of a funding bid. Staff are strongly encouraged to seek external sources of funding alongside or to complement University periods of leave. Applications are invited from all research-active colleagues regardless of contractual status.

### Postgraduate students

The quality of the training and supervision of PGRs is secured at unit, LPS and University levels. At Law and LPS levels:

- All PGR students have a supervisory team of two faculty members. All faculty are required to undergo University training for research supervisors.
- An LPS–PGR Induction Programme and PGR Peer Mentoring scheme.
- Training needs are mainly met by the ESRC Doctoral Training Centre, which contains six 'pathways', one of which is 'Citizenship, Justice and Security', with training relating to Law, Politics, Sociology and European Studies. Needs are identified in the first year and formally reassessed every year. There is a range of general and specific research-methods training courses, mostly

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from the ESRC-recognised MSc Social Research Methods programme, although PGRs who are not formally registered on the programme are able to take the specific units they need.

- Law has a rigorous First-Year Outline Approval process that includes the presentation of outlines to faculty and other doctoral students.
- All PGRs participate in the annual review and feedback mechanism processes, enabling any difficulties, problems and best practices to be picked up and acted upon. There is also PGR representation on the LPS Research Degree Committee as a further channel for reviewing the quality of the on-going student experience.
- Annual LPS-level supervisory best practice workshops have become a model for other Schools.
- An initiative from Walters – a PGR student-led conference – has been expanded to become a School-wide interdisciplinary event with CRRL support.
- An LPS-based PGR Conference Support Scheme which is widely used by PGR students with short reports on their conference presentations being submitted afterwards.
- Students are provided with dedicated research space and computer facilities.
- PGRs attend and contribute to staff research seminars and other research events in Law.
- PGRs have opportunities to gain research experience working in collaboration with faculty on research projects (e.g. Garrod with Shute; O’Connell with Craig; Fouladvand with Vogler).

In addition, there are recruitment incentives such as LPS and University scholarship schemes (e.g. Helena Normanton held by Newbury and Dancer, GTA scheme and Chancellor’s Scholarships) which provide the financial support necessary to ensure that high-quality PGRs have the means to conduct their research at Sussex. To enhance their employability, PGRs are provided with opportunities to teach on core courses, supported by members of faculty, once they have attended the Teaching and Learning Development Unit’s, ‘Starting to Teach’ course.

The success of nurturing PGRs can be seen from their subsequent careers (de Cecco, PhD 2009, lecturer at Newcastle; Newbury, PhD 2008, lecturer at Royal Holloway; Newnham and Garrod both at Portsmouth, Dancer at Brighton, Weisemann at the Open University) and publications in leading law journals such as the *Modern Law Review* (Garrod), the *Journal of Law and Society* (Newbury), the *Journal of Business Law* (Buttigieg), *Human Rights Quarterly* (Southerden) and *American Journal of Comparative Law* (Jupp).

#### 4. INCOME, INFRASTRUCTURE AND FACILITIES

**Research grant capture and prestigious awards.** LPS is continually improving both grant-application and success rates. The tools to achieve this include School-wide research events at which funders and researchers who have won grants share their expertise or which provide opportunities to exchange information about research interests. In conjunction with the University’s Research and Enterprise Services – a dedicated University research office that supports funding applications – LPS provides services relating to external funding such as ethical clearance, internal peer review and funding advice. Law’s volume of applications has significantly improved upon its record in the 2008 RAE period. Its strategy for generating research funding beyond the REF period is detailed in Section 2. Recent awards include a Leverhulme grant of £247,000 to Walters and Professor Rupert Brown (Psychology). Marsden is PI and Joint Research Activity Leader in the FP7 Network of Excellence ‘European Internet Science’ (2012–15), an award of €227,800.

The LPS RCs are increasingly the mechanism for more-collaborative funding bids and Law staff are integrated into such projects (e.g. the FP7 bid from the SEI). Potential research-funding opportunities are identified by the Centre Directors for discussion. For example, Millns as Co-Director of the SEI was awarded €20,000 from the European Commission Representation in the UK for a series of workshops held during 2012/13 on the ‘Future of Europe in an Age of Changes, Challenges and Chances’. The SEI secured a further £5,450 from the AHRC for preparing an FP7 collaborative-project bid on ‘Citizens’ Resilience in Times of Crisis’.

**Infrastructure and facilities.** Library and IT provision are supported at University and LPS levels. The LPS Director of Research and Knowledge Exchange and the LPS Research Committee develop policy to support and manage research activity. LPS supports and contributes to the Seed Corn

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Funding Scheme for interdisciplinary research that has been developed by the Sussex Heads of School Group. LPS provides an annual research-support allowance of £1,000 per individual faculty member. The first £500 can be used for any research-related purpose (e.g. travel, research assistance) and the remaining £500 is conditional upon the faculty member making a funding bid.

Law is currently physically housed in temporary accommodation which, because of its successful growth strategy, is spread across two buildings. However, in 2013–14, LPS as a whole will move to a new building, currently undergoing a major £10 million refurbishment, which will provide office, research and teaching accommodation for LPS faculty, PGRs and administration. All staff and PGRs had their views incorporated into the planning process for refurbishment.

**5. COLLABORATION OR CONTRIBUTION TO THE DISCIPLINE OR RESEARCH BASE****Furthering the discipline and interdisciplinary connections**

Law takes a proactive role in disseminating new ideas across disciplinary boundaries and in high-profile fora. For example, CRRL members (Millns, Bridgeman, Lind, Craig, Howe and Skeet) were the organising committee for the Socio-Legal Studies Association Annual Conference 2011, held at Sussex, with other law staff convening several conference streams. Brayson and Kochi have successfully bid to host the Critical Legal Conference at Sussex in September 2014 on the theme 'Power, Capital, Chaos', with an organising committee also involving Paz-Fuchs, Frost, Finchett-Maddock and Veitch. Another high-profile interdisciplinary event was the workshop on 'Wealth and Poverty in Close Personal Relationships', organised by Millns, Woodfield (Sociology, LPS) and Wong (Kent), held in May 2012 at the prestigious International Institute for the Sociology of Law, Oñati, Spain. The event included contributions from Keating and Lind and from participants from the Institute of Gerontology at King's College, the Department of Social Policy and Intervention, Oxford and the Open University's Department of Economics. An edited collection from the workshop will be published.

The cross-disciplinary reach of Sussex research is also evidenced by Ross's work in relation to public services and the concept of solidarity, which has attracted interest from academic and professional audiences across the EU. This includes an address to the 12th annual conference of the European Centre of Employers and Enterprises Providing Public Services, Brussels 2009; a keynote to the International Conference on Healthcare and Trade, Erasmus University Rotterdam 2009; and the lead in the solidarity discussion at an Experts' seminar on 'Social Protection and Social Inclusion in the EU', Herman Deleeck Center for Social Policy, Antwerp 2011. Marsden has given papers in Europe, the USA and the Asia-Pacific about the public regulation of private digital spaces and the future of public communications networks in the Internet era (network neutrality) – e.g. the 7<sup>th</sup> international Web Science conference, Paris, May 2013; the 9<sup>th</sup> Internet-Law-Politics, Barcelona, June 2013; the MIT CSAIL public seminar in Cambridge, MA, June 2013; expert workshops at the Council of Europe (May 2013) and European Parliament, June 2013; the 7<sup>th</sup> United Nations Internet Governance Forum in Indonesia, October 2013; and the Korean Center for Law and Public Utilities, November 2013.

Law's commitment to interdisciplinarity permeates all career levels. Brayson, an ECR, is on the Committee of the Postgraduate and Early Career Academics Network of Scholars working in the field of law, gender and sexuality, originally funded through the ESRC's International Training and Networking Opportunities for Early-Career Scholars scheme.

- **Building research interchange.** Law attracts considerable interest under the LPS Research Fellow initiative that formalises arrangements for visiting scholars and practitioners, providing opportunities for the building of research collaborations and highlighting Sussex research. Visiting RFs include Prof. Adrian Howe (critical scholarship on law and literature), Stefanie Grant (from Harrison Grant Solicitors, London, researching forced and involuntary migration) and Dr Lesley Duff (from the Institute for Innovation and Research in Social Services, investigating recollections of contact with divorced-parents issues and young adults). Visiting appointments for periods of up to 36 months include Prof. Rod Morgan, Prof. Ralph Henham and Ms Gulay Gurebuz.

- **Editorial roles.** These include: Barker (*International Tribunals* editor, *International and Comparative Law Quarterly*); Harrop (Board of Editors, *Journal of International Wildlife Law and Policy*); Shute (Editorial Advisory Board, *Human Rights Review*; Editorial Boards, *International Review of Criminal Law*, *Criminal Law and Philosophy*); Marsden (Associate Editor, *INFO*); McGillivray (Associate Editor, *Journal of Environmental Law*); Temkin (Emeritus) (Editorial Boards, *Journal of Criminal Law* and *Howard Journal for Penal Reform*); Fortin (Emeritus) (Editor *Child and Family Law Quarterly*; Editorial Board, *Encyclopedia on Family and the Law*); Szyszczak (Editorial Committee, *Modern Law Review*; Editorial Board, *European Law Review*; International Editorial Board, *International Journal of Discrimination and the Law*).
- **Influencing national and international research agendas.** Dembour is a member of the Insight Grants Committee of the Social Sciences and Research Council of Canada and a member of the ESRC College of Experts. Shute is a Member of the Peer Review Colleges for both the AHRC and the ESRC. In 2010 he was asked to chair the AHRC's Fellowships Panel A and, in 2013, was a member of the panel reviewing BGP2 bids. He is also a Strategic Reviewer for the AHRC and, in 2011 and 2013, received commendations from that body for his 'outstanding contribution to the work of the Council'. Other law staff review funding projects for a number of research councils, e.g. Ross for Hong Kong, and Marsden for New Zealand, Canada, the Netherlands and Luxembourg.
- **International leadership and collaboration.** In 2009, Craig acted as a legal expert on the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages on a Council of Europe mission to the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. Vogler was appointed Criminal Justice Assessor for the Council of Europe for Ukraine (2009) and worked extensively as a Visiting Expert for the US Department of Justice's Rule of Law Program in Eastern Europe and Eurasia (2004–11). In 2008 he was awarded the Medal of Honour by the Republic of Ukraine's Department of Justice for work on criminal justice reform. Barker participated as British Rapporteur in the EU's Citizens Consular Assistance Regulation in Europe Project. Harrop led marine resource-management work with European partners when acting as Project Leader, UK for the EU INTERREG IVa: Channel Habitat Atlas for Marine Resource Management (see REF 3a). His research reaches across many boundaries; as a lawyer he has co-written with scientists, economists, ethicists and theologians, led interdisciplinary projects funded by INTERREG, DEFRA Darwin Initiative; ESRC and Leverhulme PhD and early-career projects in marine and terrestrial biodiversity conservation. Marsden regularly advises governments and regional organisations on telecommunications, media and Internet law reform (e.g. the European Commission, the European Parliament, the Council of Europe, the South Korean government and the Irish Regulator). He also served on the advisory board of FP7 projects 'Towards a Future Internet' and 'PARADISO2', as well as the EU–Brazil Fibre Testbed, and contributed to COST action 'LAPSI2' and the 'MEDIADDEM' project led by the EUI.
- **Forging strategic partnerships for research.** Law has recently established a new research partnership with Renmin University, one of the top universities in China, with pioneer projects in criminal law and criminal justice led by Vogler, environmental and natural-resources law led by Harrop and commercial law led by Zhao. It has also created research links with the University of Maastricht and is progressing relationships with institutions in India, Korea, South Africa and the USA. Paying researchers have visited from China, Kazakhstan, Pakistan and Spain, and Skeet was awarded funds under the UK and India Education and Research Initiative (UKIERI) Staff Exchange Programme to work with Symbiosis Law School, Pune, on research collaboration and research-led teaching at postgraduate level.

**In summary.** From a rising reputation at the end of the RAE 2008 period, Law has progressed to a position of sustainable expansion, consolidating existing areas of strength and embarking upon a strategic set of new research areas. The unit's critical mass, led by experienced faculty, enables the pursuit of ambitious research agendas, positioning Sussex Law at the forefront of current research whilst also nurturing the next generation of world-leading scholars.