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Institution: Swansea University
Unit of Assessment: 20 - Law
a. Overview

1. The College of Law is home to five University-recognised Research Centres:

The Centre for Criminal Justice and Criminology (CCJC)	Prof Kevin Haines*, Prof Peter Raynor, Prof Maurice Vanstone, Dr Stephen Case, Dr Tracey Sagar, Dr Pamela Ugwudike, Sue Roberts, Dr Stuart MacDonald, John Minkes, Dr Anthony Charles
The Centre for Environmental and Energy Law and Policy (CEELP)	Prof Mark Stallworthy*, Prof Karen Morrow, Dr Patrick Bishop, Ms Jill Morgan
The Institute of International Shipping and Trade Law (IISTL)	Prof Baris Soyer*, Prof Dennis Patterson, Prof Andrew Tettenborn, Prof Anthony Sebok, Prof Simon Baughen, Dr Theodora Nikaki, Dr Richard Caddell, Dr Shuangge Wen, Dr George Leloudas, Tabettha Kurtz-Shefford, Prof Rhidian Thomas
The Centre for Global Legal Priorities (CGLP)	Prof John Linarelli*, Prof Joel Trachtman, Prof Philip Bobbitt, Prof Jukka Snell, Dr Bebhinn Donnelly-Lazarov, Dr Helen Quane, Prof Volker Roeben, Dr Arwel Davies
<i>Sefydliad Hywel Dda</i> (Hywel Dda Institute) for scholarship on Legal Wales	Prof Gwyn Parry*, Prof Tim Jones, Dr Victoria Jenkins, Dr Simon Hoffman, Dr Andrew Iwobi, Keith Bush

Each Centre has a Director (asterisked) tasked with coordinating research activities and guiding publication strategies. Oversight is provided by the College Research Committee which produces formal policies, identifies strengths across centres, and monitors sustainability and performance on an on-going basis. A key function of that Committee is to identify a strategy for the College as a whole. The College also hosts the interdisciplinary Wales Observatory on the Human Rights of Children and Young People, founded by Dr Hoffman and Jane Williams in 2012. Complementing these formal arrangements, we have notable individual strengths in Contract Law, exemplified in the leading research produced by Prof Elizabeth MacDonald and by members of the IISTL.

b. Research strategy

2.1 Implementation of 2008 strategy

Our vision is to produce research that is comparable to the best research in the UK and internationally. In realising this vision there are two objectives:

- (i) to be focused in our approach, and,
- (ii) to facilitate an ethos within which research ideas are exchanged, debated, and challenged at all levels of their development.

The strategy from RAE 2008 was implemented with this vision in mind. Focus has been achieved through a concentration on areas of strength. The aspirational ethos has become a cultural norm through mechanisms of exchange and mentoring, recruitment of research leaders, and, more organically, in our natural development as a body of researchers. Actions taken to implement the 2008 strategy and to build on feedback from RAE 2008 are highlighted below:

- *Establishing a centre-based structure* This development was inspired by the success of long-established centres (IISTL, 2000, and CCJC, 1994) in supporting their members, articulating a clear set of goals, attracting world-leading researchers (Patterson, Sebok, Tettenborn, Soyer, Raynor, Haines, Vanstone) and producing research at the international forefront of Criminology and Commercial Law respectively. The three recently established centres (CGLP, 2009; CEELP, 2007; Hywel Dda, 2010) already have noted scholars in their ranks in Bobbitt, Linarelli, Trachtman, Morrow, Stallworthy, and Parry. The success of centres' well-developed mentoring programmes is evidenced in notable publications by ECRs and junior researchers, including articles in the *Journal*

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of *Environmental Law* and *Northern Ireland Legal Quarterly* (Bishop); *Criminal Law Review* (Hoffman); *Howard Journal of Criminal Justice* (Ugwudike); *Legal Studies* and the *Canadian Journal of Women and Law* (Iwobi) and in REF submitted monographs by Leloudas and Wen.

- *Developing a formal sabbatical policy that recognises and delivers research excellence* Following the introduction of a formal sabbatical policy, researchers are offered a six-month sabbatical every three years, subject to prior scrutiny of likely outcomes and subsequent discussion of achievements. An additional sabbatical is available annually by open competition.

- *Enhancing engagement with Legal Wales* Satisfying this ambition was the impetus behind the establishment of Hywel Dda in 2010.

- *Integrating Criminology and Law into the College of Law (2011)* This structural change, initiated in 2010, was an institutional response to our ambitions for cross-disciplinary collaboration, for the sharing of best practice in attracting grant capture and for establishing a community of PGRs working together through a broad range of research methodologies.

- *Improving PGR admissions and completion* PGR recruitment has increased by 15% since 2008 and completions have increased by 50%. Recruitment occurred across research areas but has been the particular focus of the IISTL and CCJC, both with well-established PGR cultures and methods of integration. (5 PhD students have graduated from the IISTL and 8 from the CCJC.) We aim to have a PhD cohort spread evenly across centres within five years.

2.2 Current strategy and relationship to structure

The College Strategy for Research aims to: (i) produce work that is excellent in terms of its originality, significance and rigour, nurturing research potential and recruiting staff accordingly; (ii) integrate PhD students into the research community, helping them to acquire career-building skills; (iii) establish links to international partners, allowing our global research to flourish; (iv) secure the external funding needed for particular research areas to thrive; (v) identify and support areas of our research that benefit from interdisciplinary approaches; (vi) collaborate with research users where we have relevant skills, to enrich our outputs and to deepen our engagement with the legal world.

Centres' own strategies articulate those of the College but in a focused manner, according to their strengths, needs, and ambitions:

- The **CCJC** operates through long-established strategies of producing empirical research on interdisciplinary issues including: youth justice policy, community-based supervision, sex work, anti-social behaviour, and white-collar crime. Since joining the College of Law, the Centre has widened its scope to include doctrinal analyses, part of its ambitions for an integrated approach to understanding crime, offenders, institutions and penology. The centre is a member of the Research Institute for Applied Social Sciences (RIASS), a flagship, cross-University collaboration bringing together researchers from social, human, health and environmental sciences (Haines is Deputy Director). A priority development area for the College over the next five years is to broaden its capacity for interdisciplinary research via enhanced engagement with RIASS.

- The **CEELP** aims to produce empirical and non-empirical research in environmental law, developing the research of its junior researchers through the experience of its internationally recognised researchers (Stallworthy and Morrow). It seeks to establish close links with lawyers and environmental bodies in the UK and beyond, and is particularly concerned to collaborate with policy-makers on sustainable development in Wales. Recognising our growing strength in this field, and the open nature of the discipline, the College has identified both the recruitment of PGRs and the production of funded interdisciplinary research as priority areas for development of the Centre.

- The objectives of the **IISTL** are to enhance further its position as the UK's leading centre for maritime law research; to expand its internationally excellent research in the fields of commercial and trade law; to foster closer links with lawyers and law reform bodies in the UK and abroad for work on matters of practical importance; to arrange an annual conference that informs a book on contemporary issues of interest to shipping and commercial lawyers; to maintain an up-to-date

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specialist library for members and PGRs; to develop scholarly international exchanges; to mentor and develop the research of ECRs utilising the expertise of senior members such as Soyer, Tettenborn, Sebok, Patterson and Baughen; and to provide specialist educational services to City firms and other legal practitioners in the UK and internationally.

- The **CGLP's** focus on contemporary global legal orders complements the IISTL's expertise in international commercial and maritime law. Two substantive areas for development have been identified for the Centre. One, "Global Challenges - Global Law", builds on Trachtman's research in public international and international economic law: witness the launch of his book, *The Future of International Law: Global Government* (CUP, 2013), at a major international conference convened by the CGLP in June 2013. The second, building on Bobbitt's work, covers foreign relations, national security, and associated political theory. With leadership and mentoring provided by Trachtman and Bobbitt, the centre aims to improve the depth and breadth of expertise in the two thematic areas. Ongoing interdisciplinary discussions with researchers in Development Economics and Politics are aimed at developing inclusive responses to these identified research challenges.

- **Hywel Dda** aims to provide leadership and cohesion to a group of researchers working in the broad area of 'Legal Wales'. Initial successes can be observed in the publication by Parry of two REF submitted monographs and in the first supervision to completion of a Centre PhD. The establishment of Hywel Dda reflects our ambition to engage at a high level with the Welsh dimension and the emerging separate Welsh jurisdiction – the centre is already a recognised provider of expertise (Jones was expert witness to the House of Commons Select Committee on Welsh Affairs and Parry was appointed to the Welsh Language Commissioner's Advisory Panel).

2.3 New areas of strategic importance

In addition to the priority development objectives already mentioned, the College has identified two new areas of strategic importance centred around Hywel Dda (see above) and The Wales Observatory on the Human Rights of Children and Young People. The Observatory aims to provide a forum for interdisciplinary research, advocacy and expertise on children's and young people's rights. It is already developing the capacity to produce important work on these and provides a unique platform for engagement with partners locally, nationally and internationally. We aim, through staff development, recruitment, and collaboration to support both the Observatory and Hywel Dda to produce a body of internationally leading research within the next 5 years.

c. People, including:

i. Staffing strategy and staff development

3.1 Our emphasis on producing internationally leading research has been strategically underpinned by the making of focused, permanent academic appointments. Early in the assessment period the IISTL was identified as a key growth area; the aim being to increase the breadth of research in an already thriving field. Following the retirement of Thomas (now Emeritus Professor and important mentor for Centre Members) this aim has been supported by the appointment of Wen and Leloudas to lectureships, and by the recruitment of Tettenborn, Sebok (fractional), and Baughen, all to Chairs. Strategic appointments have also occurred in the CGLP, where, following the departures of Halpin and Stahn, Linarelli, Trachtman (fractional) and Bobbitt (fractional) joined as Chairs, to lead and develop the Centre's aforementioned research ambitions.

Having a committed body of long-established researchers is critical to our development; ECRs are inspired by their success and reassured by the confidence that prestigious researchers instil. Important REF-submitted monographs from Patterson, Trachtman, Bobbitt, Baughan, Parry, Haines and Case have enhanced our profile nationally and internationally, facilitating retention of staff and enabling effective recruitment planning. The sophisticated intellectual engagement evidenced in the work produced by this cohort sets the standard that we encourage our ECRs to attain and marks our ambitions for attracting junior researchers with outstanding potential.

3.1.1 Support for career development at all stages The College provides formal career development through a sensitively modulated system of Professional Development Review (PDR) that is designed to measure, recognise, and improve individuals' performance in research. PDR

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has enabled the College to reward excellent research on a frequent and systematic basis: Haines, Soyer and Parry were promoted to Chair; Donnelly-Lazarov to Reader; and Williams, Nikaki, MacDonald, and Sagar to Senior Lecturer. During the assessment period, and reflecting the growing maturity of our research environment, we have also been able to use our PhD provision as a pathway to an academic career, appointing Hoffman and Ugwudike to full-time lectureships, Kurtz-Shefford to a Tutorship, and Charles to a Research Assistantship. The College has also supported researchers at all levels (Parry, Caddell, and Leloudas) to obtain PhDs. Further support is provided by our sabbatical policy under which all researchers returned to REF have been offered at least one sabbatical in the assessment period. In addition, the College uses a strict 'workload model', allocating a minimum of 40% of working time to research.

Institutional support enhances our initiatives: for example, specific advice on funding is provided by the University's Department of Research and Innovation (DRI), which identifies strategically important funding opportunities for Colleges and individuals. The institution's successes in performance enabling have been recognised externally: our institutional PDR system has achieved national (THE) recognition and Swansea University was one of the second tranche of HEIs to be awarded the European HR Excellence in Research award. It retained the Award in 2013 when the Commission found its Concordat implementation plan to be fully in line with step four of the HR Strategy for Researchers incorporating the Charter and Code.

3.1.2 Dedicated support for Early Career Researchers Research development is aided by our centre-based structure, where mentoring and advice is provided by subject specialists. In addition to the expectation that at least two centre members will read a colleague's work, ECRs have the opportunity to co-write publications, co-convene conferences, and co-edit collections - Ugwudike (ECR) and Raynor recently edited a major international collection: *'What Works in Offender Compliance?'* Centre Directors help guide the intellectual curiosity of ECRs, set realistic targets for research, and advise on how to construct high-quality research profiles. Through the College seminar series, part of our identity as a community of researchers, ECRs are invited to take their research through a 'workshop' process; papers are circulated generally for careful reading before a presentation is made to the College. The College's workload model allows for reduced teaching and administrative loads in the case of ECRs, and the University's Academic and Professional Enhancement Centre (APECS) organises dedicated courses to assist their research development.

A particular support is 'The Welsh Crucible', an annual programme of professional and leadership development for 30 of Wales's best ECRs from Swansea, Bangor, Cardiff and Aberystwyth Universities. Ugwudike is a recent beneficiary of the programme, which is designed to help participants develop a network of peers within the research community and to fuel interdisciplinary research. Since her participation Ugwudike has been awarded £10,000 follow-up funding from the Crucible for interdisciplinary research on legal and criminological issues relating to ageing.

3.1.3 Research fellowships post 2008 Fellowships at prestigious international research centres have helped develop some of the research submitted to REF. Examples include: Sebok (Princeton, 2008), Nikaki (University of Oslo, 2011), Soyer (University of Queensland, 2008), Donnelly-Lazarov (Heidelberg, 2009), Morrow (Leuven, 2008-11), Haines (University of Melbourne, 2011), Raynor (Pompeu Fabra University Barcelona, 2009), Patterson (University of New South Wales, 2009), Trachtman (Hong Kong University, 2009; Hamburg University, 2011).

3.1.4 Ethics and equality of opportunity Of the 22 staff submitted to REF, 15 are men and 7 are women; 14 were born outside Great Britain. The College Research Committee has a 50/50 gender balance. Our commitments to diversity and equality are part of a broader institutional ethos: The University's Strategic Equality Plan commits to providing high-quality research and training opportunities to the widest possible constituency (the University is a recipient of the Athena SWAN bronze award). Academic vacancies are advertised as suitable for job share, part-time or flexible working, whilst promotions data are monitored and trends highlighted for action. Staff benefit from subsidised onsite nursery facilities and from the University's Childcare Voucher Scheme.

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Research conducted by staff and PGRs conforms to the University's ESRC-compliant Research Ethics Policy (written by Haines). DRI provides institutional support on ethics, research governance, and procurement, providing risk assessment for applications above £100 000.

c. II. Research students

3.2 All aspects of our PhD provision are aimed at identifying and supporting talented researchers with the potential to make lasting contributions to the discipline. The Postgraduate Research Experience Survey ranks overall satisfaction among PGRs at 91%, significantly above the national average for research degrees. PGRs are allied to the Centre closest to the subject of their work.

3.2.1 Training and support PGRs are allocated two supervisors and follow generic research training (organised by APECS and the Academic Board, PGR). Their research development is directed by the University's detailed policy on PhD progression. Annual PGR presentations are delivered to the College, form a part of formal progression and often act as a precursor to publications. (See, e.g., Halbert's chapter in *Responsibility to Protect*, University of Chicago Press, 2012; Samson's LQR article, 2009; and Al-Ameen's *Competition Law Review* article, 2010.)

Centres also have subject-specific training initiatives which may include international collaboration: the IISTL provides training to PhD students in the field of maritime transport in partnership with maritime institutions at Erasmus University, the University of Oslo, the University of Bologna and the University of Sassari. Along with these institutions it organised, at Ravenna, Italy, a research forum on Maritime Transport Law (2013). The event was a platform for PhD students from across Europe to present their research and receive feedback from distinguished academics in the field.

3.2.2 Doctoral Training Centre (DTC) status Criminology is a recognised pathway in the ESRC-funded Wales DTC, established in 2011. In 2012 when funding was first made available, the College secured two competitively funded studentships through the Criminology pathway. A further competitive studentship has been awarded in 2013. Six CCJC members contribute to the DTC research-training programme provided through the MSc in Social Research Methods. Other College of Law PGRs, conducting empirical research, enrol on three modules from this MSc, selected by students according to their particular research needs.

3.2.3 Studentships 18 PhD students have completed their research degrees during the assessment period. Of these, 6 were funded by University studentships (an increase of 30% from 2008), 4 were Graduate Teaching Assistants who received a fees waiver and a stipend of c£14000 annually, 3 were awarded fees-only bursaries, 2 were self-funded, and 3 were awarded external funding, including prestigious, competitive funding from the Thomas and Elizabeth Williams Postgraduate Scholarship (Halbert) and the Overseas Research Students Scheme (Zheng).

3.2.4 Strong and integrated PGR culture Our PGR experience is informed by the principle that students are being inducted into the academic discipline; attendance at the staff seminar series is expected. PGRs have dedicated office space (equipped with networked computers, telephones and printers) co-located with that of their supervisors, facilitating informal and formal contact. Students are encouraged to develop their CV through participation in training and conferences, while publication strategies are discussed within Centres and developed in close co-operation with supervisors. Finally, PGRs are carefully introduced to teaching, and receive mentoring from subject specialists. Annual teaching hours typically number no more than 4 a week over 16 weeks.

d. Income, infrastructure and facilities

4.1 Administrative support and management

The College of Law has comprehensive, well-functioning management systems allowing for the coordination of research activities and for the provision and maintenance of research infrastructure. College status gives enhanced representation and influence at institutional level, allowing us to set and direct our research ambitions, and to receive University support. The College's mature

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administrative mechanisms have enabled our Research Committee and Centres to focus on delivery of strategic aims, significantly enhancing our research environment.

4.2 Research funding and strategies for generating grant income

Major research funding has been secured during the assessment period with significant expenditure in each of the 5 years (£136,000, 2008/9; £147,000, 9/10; £235,000, 10/11; £143,000, 11/12 and £190,000, 12/13). Haines has obtained eight significant competitive awards, covering pioneering work in the area of youth offending generally and substance misuse specifically. Case has been the recipient of a major competitive grant in the same area, with funding from the Welsh Government to examine the 'Pentrehafod Prevention Project'. Sagar's research on sex work in Wales has attracted substantial and growing funding from a range of bodies (including highly competitive BIG Lottery funding), reflecting the vital social importance of her work.

The repeated income generated by Sagar and Haines helps realise our first strategic ambition for grant capture: to grow initiatives in the CCJC with a demonstrated capacity to secure funding. Our second strategic aim is to develop new initiatives in Hywel Dda, in the CEELP and in the Observatory. In this regard, the sharing of CCJC expertise across the College has begun to bear fruit, for example, in the funding received by Hoffman, S. MacDonald and Stallworthy. In meeting this ambition for broader grant capture, the College aims to utilise the expertise of RIASS which coordinates a mentoring scheme for major interdisciplinary applications to the ESRC and other competitive sources of funding. Our income strategy also includes focused engagement with Horizon 2020; Haines is a member of the University Working Group for the programme.

4.3 Infrastructure and facilities supporting a vital and sustainable research environment

Support for the research environment is evidenced at a number of levels:

- Research centres receive a minimum of £3,000 annually for their activities (£5,000 was awarded recently to launch Hywel Dda). Centres have also invested their own self-generated funds in the research infrastructure; the IISTL, in the census period, has spent over £125,000 on its specialist library of monographs, reference books, and journals in maritime and commercial law.
- The basis for individual research funding has been formalised; an allowance of £750 is provided (as of right) to each researcher and substantial additional funds are awarded in meritorious cases. All researchers have received two new computers in the assessment period.
- PGRs receive £500 annually to support their research with additional funding available on application. These students benefit from a modern, purpose-built research suite following investment of £17,000 during the assessment period to update the existing facility.
- The College has directly funded a number of research initiatives and additions to facilities, reflecting its commitment to sustainability. In particular, library investment has increased to ensure coverage of any important area of the law of England and Wales, to support the interests of Centres and to internationalise the collection. Dedicated library staff (three librarians) are funded by the University. Funds have also been used to support 25 guest speakers to the staff seminar series from a wide variety of institutions nationally and internationally.
- Resources are provided at institutional level to encourage collaborations. 'Bridging the Gaps', one such initiative, is funded by the EPSRC to encourage and support interdisciplinary research projects. MacDonald is a recent beneficiary, receiving funding to convene an interdisciplinary workshop (2012) and conference (2013) on cyber-terrorism.

e. Collaboration and contribution to the discipline or research base

5. The College's engagement with the legal world has been transformed since 2008 - a natural consequence of the research and staffing strategies it has pursued. Our publications have been cited by the House of Lords, the Court of Appeal, the High Court, the German Constitutional Court, the European Court of Justice, the Singapore High Court and by law reform bodies nationally and internationally. Advice was provided to the Welsh Assembly Government, House of Commons

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Select Committees, the Ministry of Justice, the Youth Justice Board, and the Environmental Law Foundation. Other successes include: Hywel Dda's founding lecture, delivered in 2011 by Lord Judge, the Lord Chief Justice; Raynor's election to the Academy of Social Sciences (2013) and the prestigious award of the 2013 Howard League Research Medal to Haines and Case. Tettenborn served on the board of practitioners and judges that drafted the English Restatement of Unjust Enrichment and has been invited to serve in the same capacity for Contract. Bobbitt's *Terror and Consent* has been favourably reviewed by the *New York Times*, *The Spectator*, by Rowan Williams (*Daily Telegraph*) and by Vincent Cable (*The Guardian*).

We have also made important invited contributions to events nationally and internationally. Patterson's books (*Law and Truth* and *The New Global Trading Order*) have been the subject of dedicated debate at the Law and Society Annual Meeting, Montreal (2008) and at the University of Mexico (2011). Raynor presented the 14th annual Bill McWilliams Memorial Lecture (Cambridge, 2011) and Snell's important work on varieties of capitalism and on the single market has been presented at the universities of Amsterdam, Antwerp, Cambridge, Helsinki, Leeds, Liverpool, Oslo, and UCL. Linarelli presented his work on systemic risk and private law at Edinburgh, Mercer and UCL; both Linarelli and Quane participated in recent ASIL events (at Duke University and Tillar House, Washington respectively). Donnelly-Lazarov contributed to an international symposium on *Law and Justice in the Community*, Trinity College Dublin (2010) and in the same year Stallworthy delivered the University of Edinburgh, Brodies' Public Lecture in Environmental Law. Morrow spoke about women and climate change at a recent EUI event on Rio +20 (Florence, 2012). Such recognition has enhanced the repute of our research, helping us attract and retain internationally leading researchers. The collaborations and contributions referred to hereunder are those that have enriched the vitality of our research environment, enhancing, on a sustainable basis, our capacity to produce excellent research.

5.1 Interdisciplinary research

We view interdisciplinary research as essential to our ability to respond fully and adequately to certain kinds of research challenges; the questions that interest our Environmental Law scholars will naturally require an input from other disciplines. £58,000 has been awarded to The Climate Change Consortium of Wales (C3W) human dimensions team, led by Stallworthy (Law) and Phillips (Health Sciences), to assist cross-disciplinary research on societal responses to climate change. (Swansea is partner with Aberystwyth, Bangor, and Cardiff in C3W which has secured £4 million funding through the Higher Education Funding Council for Wales.)

Further collaboration is evidenced in MacDonald's cyber-terrorism project which has involved multidisciplinary workshops, conferences and PhD supervision. The research team covers Engineering, Computer Science, Political Science, and International Relations and an edited collection is forthcoming from MacDonald, Law; Chen, Engineering; and Jarvis, Politics, (Springer, 2014). Criminologists in the unit frequently collaborate on publications, notably with researchers from social policy and health science. A body of enhanced outputs has followed, including Haines's work on substance misuse, and Sagar's on sex work. Along with The University's Centre for Innovative Ageing, Ugwudike has established a series of seminars on older offenders.

5.2 Collaborations and networks

Researchers have made academic connections nationally and internationally leading to significant publications in the assessment period. Patterson's collaborations have produced the ground-breaking *Law and Neuroscience* with Pardo (Alabama) and *The New Global Trading Order* with Afilalo (Rutgers). Raynor, with McNeill (Glasgow) and Trotter (Monash), has edited, through CREDOS, *Offender Supervision: New Directions in Theory, Research and Practice*. E. MacDonald contributed to Furmston ed., *The Law of Contract*, part of the Butterworth's Common Law Library. Tettenborn is an invited contributor to *Halsbury's Laws of England* on damages and has collaborated with Kadner (Geneva) on Kadner's comparative European contract law monograph.

The assessment period has also been marked by the creation of research **networks**. Members of the CEELP, for example, have been active in the re-establishment of a Wales working party within the UK Environmental Law Association. The CGLP has been a driving force in the Welsh Forum of

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International Law and Policy and, as Chair of ASIL's legal theory group, Linarelli approves the symposia that contribute to CUP's *ASIL Studies in International Legal Theory* series. The IISTL has important links with maritime law researchers internationally and has agreements to foster scholarly exchange with Dalian Maritime University, Shanghai Maritime University and Korean Maritime University. The CCJC hosts the Wales branch of the British Society of Criminology and Raynor is co-founder and co-director of the Collaboration of Researchers for the Effective Development of Offender Supervision (CREDOS) with members in 10 countries. Raynor has also worked with the University of Bucharest on a European-funded project to improve post-release resettlement for Romanian prisoners. Recently, the University has signed a MOU with Rosario University, Argentina (where Hoffman delivered a 2012 keynote lecture on Childhood and Adolescence) to collaborate, via The Observatory, on children's rights as a global issue.

5.3 Internal and external conferences

Early in the assessment period (2008) our international lawyers hosted a major conference on 'Theorising the Global Legal Order'. An edited collection followed (Hart, 2009) with contributions from Davies, Halpin, Patterson and Roeben (Swansea), Patrick Glenn, Stefan Oeter and William Twining (external). Another key event on Global Legal Orders was hosted toward the end of the assessment period, including contributions from (internally) Linarelli, Patterson, Snell, Stallworthy, Tettenborn, Trachtman, and (externally) Simon Caney, Jan Dalhuisen and Peter Winship. In the interim we convened conferences on 'The Vienna Declaration' (2009) and 'The Crime of Aggression' (2011) both with the Welsh Centre for International Affairs.

The IISTL's annual Maritime Law Colloquia (6 in the assessment period), and the edited collections that follow, help Swansea to maintain its position as the UK's primary centre for research in the field. The IISTL also organised (with the Scandinavian Institute of Maritime Law) the Sixth European Colloquium on Maritime Law Research (Swansea, 2010). The College has recently hosted a conference on anti-social behaviour, a conference on Environmental Law and Policy in Wales, with a collection in press (Bishop and Stallworthy eds) and three conferences in the field of Children's Rights including, through The Observatory, one on: 'Children's Rights, Wales and the World' involving contributions from AMs, academics, charities, governmental organisations, and representatives of the Children's Commissions in England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.

Research in the College has become increasingly outward looking: the IISTL, with the English Law Commission, jointly organised two symposia on marine insurance; in 2008 and again in 2013, with selected papers from the latter published in the *LMCLQ*. The Centre convened a maritime law conference with Dalian Maritime University in 2012, where Caddell, Nikaki, Soyer, Tettenborn, and Wen all delivered papers. Linarelli organised the American Society of International Law's Legal Theory symposia in Washington, in 2008, and again in 2011, and co-chaired a major international conference on 'Afghanistan and the Future of State Building', at the University of La Verne in 2011.

5.4 Editorships

Our researchers hold editorial roles with important publications. Noting a few, Patterson is general editor to the OUP series, *Oxford Introductions to US Law* and a contributing editor for Jotwell. Tettenborn is part editor for *Marsden's Collisions at Sea* and *Clerk & Lindsell on Torts* and general editor, *Professional Negligence & Liability Reports*. Trachtman has served on the board of editors of the *American Journal of International Law*, and the *Journal of International Economic Law*. Other journals where we have editorial roles include *Legal Theory*, the *Canadian Journal of Law and Jurisprudence*, *Ratio Juris*, *European Law Review*, *Lloyd's Maritime & Commercial Law Quarterly*, *Journal of International Maritime Law*, *Public Procurement Law Review*, the *Journal of Environmental Law*, *Youth Justice*, and *Biosecurity and Bioterrorism*.

5.5 Since RAE 2008 we have continued to develop the vitality and sustainability of our research community. The activities and structures outlined represent our attempt to nurture a culture of inquiry, to encourage a spirit of philosophical, analytical, and practical engagement with the legal world, and to challenge each other, through our varied intellectual perspectives. Above all the objective has been to discover the ways in which law can produce vital changes to benefit individuals, societies, nations and the international polity.