

<p><b>Institution: Cardiff University</b></p>
<p><b>Unit of Assessment: UoA 20</b></p>
<p><b>a. Overview</b></p> <p>Cardiff Law School ('the UoA') is characterised by broad engagement across doctrinal, empirical, theoretical and contextual legal research, with a long-established tradition in socio-legal work.</p> <p>Research is structured thematically around four broad groupings - Governance and Constitutionalism; Medicine, Health Care and Society; Procedural Justice; and Regulation of Commercial Activity. Within the themes research Centres have provided an increasingly important focus for activity during the assessment period. These are: Governance and Constitutionalism - Centre for European Law and Governance (CELAG), Centre for Human Rights and Public Law, Centre for Law and Religion (CLR), and Wales Governance Centre (WGC); Medicine, Health Care and Society - Centre for Economic and Social Aspects of Genomics (CESAGen) and Centre for Health and Social Care Law; Procedural Justice - Centre for Crime, Law and Justice (CCLJ); and Regulation of Commercial Activity - Centre for Business Relationships, Accountability, Sustainability and Society (BRASS). UoA researchers also participate in PLACE, the Sustainable Places University Research Institute (URI) which has taken on some of the research themes developed in BRASS. Research is also carried out on an individual basis.</p>
<p><b>b. Research strategy</b></p> <p>The UoA's research mission is the production of world-leading legal research and scholarship, evidenced by international recognition of its intellectual and policy impacts. Five key objectives were identified in RAE 2008:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Appointment and promotion of staff with developing international reputations to provide sustained research leadership over the medium and longer term;</li> <li>• Strengthening the UoA's international reputation through expansion of links with other centres of excellence beyond the UK;</li> <li>• Consolidation and augmentation of the UoA's international reputation as a leader in research in empirical socio-legal studies;</li> <li>• Development of interdisciplinary collaboration with Cardiff researchers beyond the UoA;</li> <li>• Enhancement of research strength in governance and constitutionalism, social theory and feminist legal studies.</li> </ul> <p>These objectives have underpinned UoA research policy since 2008. They informed a review of policy leading to a five-year strategic plan agreed in 2010. The following year, UoA research management was restructured around a new Directorate comprised of both professorial and more junior staff (to enhance collegiality). The Directorate has specific responsibility for evolution and implementation of research strategy, subject to review and approval by the School Board. The division of tasks between pairs of Assistant Research Directors (one senior, one junior) ensures that all areas of strategic importance e.g. seminar series, visiting scholars, funding, research leave, Postgraduate Research Students (PGRs) are afforded equal attention. A new College structure facilitates regular meetings of the Director of Research (DOR, Doe) and Directors of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, creating new opportunities for collaboration and interdisciplinarity.</p> <p>Provision of future leadership in the UoA and expansion of international links has guided recruitment and progression of staff (see section c (i)): Field has collaborated with researchers in Nantes, Rennes and Macerata; Grear and Syrett operate international research networks (see section e); Manji is the Director of the British Institute in East Africa (and has responsibility for promoting research throughout that region); and Wincott jointly co-ordinates a team of researchers from Barcelona, Erlingen, Heidelberg, Madrid, Rennes and Vienna. The UoA's standing as a pre-eminent UK location for socio-legal research has been strengthened as a result of recognition by, and participation in, the ESRC Wales Doctoral Training Centre (DTC) through provision of a unique pathway in Socio-Legal Studies (Empirical Studies in Law) which has expanded funding opportunities for high quality PhD students (see section c (ii)).</p> <p>Particular progress has been made in interdisciplinarity and research on governance and constitutionalism. Building on traditional strength in socio-legal research (centred on the UoA</p>

*Journal of Law and Society*), staffing strategy has enhanced senior-level interdisciplinary capacity (e.g. appointment/progression of Field, Gear, Manji, Smismans, Syrett and Wincott). UoA-led research Centres are key sites for interdisciplinarity: CELAG and CCLJ, which draw on expertise from a variety of disciplines at Cardiff, were newly established during the assessment period. Research on governance and constitutionalism is particularly vibrant, with close and strengthening connections to the Politics discipline. Profiting from its proximity to devolved institutions in Wales, the WGC (a Law-Politics collaboration co-Chaired by Wincott) has agreed a partnership with the National Assembly for Wales. The University has made substantial investment in the WGC since 2009. In 2012 the European Commission recognised CELAG as a Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence. Interdisciplinary research on European Law and Governance, again with a strong link to the Politics discipline, has provided a rich source of research income (see section d). Appointments during the assessment period (Gear, Harrington, Manji, Wincott) enhance existing strength in social theory (Nelken, Priban). Growing research capacity in feminist legal studies has generated the Gender and Work in the Corporate Environment collaboration (led by Russell, with colleagues from Bath, Bristol and Exeter – making up the Great Western 4 group (GW4) with Cardiff) and Gendered Research Opportunities (George serves on its management committee). Recent senior appointments (Gear, Manji) consolidate and augment this expertise.

The UoA has enhanced support for individual researchers. For example, from 2012 it has increased funding for travel connected to research by 50% to £1500 a year and established an Early Career Researchers Network to provide a formal opportunity to share research experience and collaborate. UoA commitment to initiatives which underpinned its performance in the last assessment period has been renewed and extended, including a series of informal presentations of nascent research propositions and pathways, the research leave policy and Visiting Scholars programme (see section e) which provides networking and collaborative study opportunities.

Alongside these specific objectives the UoA has responded to developing opportunities and challenges, and reviewed its strategy in this context – leading, for example, to the 2011 restructuring of School research management. As a result, greater strategic priority has been accorded to generation of research income, research impact and growth in the number of high-calibre PGR students. Research Centres remain strategically fundamental. They provide a focus for clusters of scholars with sufficient breadth and depth to develop proposals which secure research funding (e.g. BRASS, CCLJ, CELAG, CLR, WGC – see section d). These clusters also: provide opportunities for impact by building relationships with, and disseminating research to, users in industry, government and the third sector (e.g. BRASS, CELAG, Centre for Health and Social Care Law, CLR, WGC – see section e and the impact template and case studies); and/or offer collaborative support and advancement of knowledge within the discipline e.g. by discussion of work in progress, sharing of information and informal peer review (e.g. Centre for Human Rights and Public Law). The UoA has sought to increase the number of PhD opportunities available across the range of thematic priorities reflected in its Centres by linking studentships funded by AHRC and ESRC and the University's President's Scheme to its own resources (see section c (ii)).

The UoA benefits from University-wide investment in research infrastructure, such as the £30 million Hadyn Ellis Building, completed in 2013, which serves as a research hub, housing URIs (including PLACE) and the University Graduate College (UGC). In 2012 the University introduced a tri-college structure which provides new strategic opportunities for the School. The UoA sits in the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Studies which: encourages and enhances opportunities for collaborative interdisciplinarity through major infrastructure investment. This includes the commitment to develop a Social Science Research Park which will co-locate research Centres and third party users and bring together researchers from across the disciplines along with policy-makers and practitioners to promote the design, conduct and evaluation of high quality cross-disciplinary research with impact. The College also fosters cross-School interaction among academic staff at all levels. Through its continuing strength in socio-legal research, its participation in the Wales DTC and via existing and new research Centres, the UoA is well placed to benefit from, and lead, these changes. Looking forward, the UoA aims to develop in three areas. First, building on its PGR strategy, the creation of a cohort of postdoctoral researchers is a core School objective. Five recent appointments have initiated this process (three posts in Smismans'

European Research Council-funded project and two co-funded by the *Journal of Law and Society*), which aims to enhance interdisciplinary socio-legal and social theory research as well as UoA grant capture capacity. Second, the development of a research network, led by Kelly, within the Regulation of Commercial Activity thematic group, will focus commercial expertise particularly amongst early career researchers. Third, intensifying regional collaboration is also core, especially through the GW4 initiative which facilitates collaboration between Cardiff, Bristol, Bath and Exeter (building on existing links, e.g. Douglas, Khan, Krajewska, Roberts, Russell, Syrett, Wincott).

### c. People, including:

#### i. Staffing strategy and staff development

Two primary objectives underpin staffing and staff development strategy. First, the UoA has built on existing strength through recruitment and promotion of established senior-level researchers (e.g. Field, Grear, Harrington, Manji, Smismans, Syrett, Wincott) who bring depth and breadth to the UoA's four thematic domains and offer future research leadership. Emphasis on appointment and advancement of colleagues engaged in interdisciplinary research has sought to stimulate collaborative research within and beyond Cardiff (see section e). Secondly, the UoA has endeavoured to secure and enhance its research reputation in the longer term both by investing in early career researchers (e.g. Cahill O'Callaghan, Doughty, Khan, McDonagh, Sandberg, Renaudin, Roele, Russell) and promoting (and so retaining) staff who have demonstrated excellence in research (Arsalidou, Davey, Glass, Sandberg, L Smith, Stokes (Senior Lecturer), Hunt, Priaulx, M Smith (Reader), Field, Khaliq, Smismans, (Professor)). The UoA has actively sought to secure and enhance its research standing by these means, notwithstanding staff retirement (e.g. Miers and K Smith) and departure (e.g. Holm, Lee and Moorhead).

The UoA assists staff in the development of their research careers. A formal mentoring system is operated for all staff and an Early Career Researchers Network has been established, to offer developmental support and advice. Newly appointed lecturers are allocated reduced teaching and administrative workloads giving them time to develop their research. Lecturer grade staff (e.g. Davey, Drake, Morris, L Smith and Stokes) are involved in PGR supervision, collaborate with senior colleagues on major funded research projects (e.g. Davey and Stokes with Wincott, Sandberg with Doe, L Smith with Douglas, Stokes with Smismans), and are assisted in submitting their own grant applications (see section d) – policies which have contributed to recent promotions for Davey, L Smith and Stokes. Annual appraisal fixes objectives for research career development and progression, provides opportunity to reflect upon, discuss and celebrate research achievements and identifies training and developmental needs. Formal peer review of publications by a Soundings Panel (of all professorial staff) is supplemented by more informal mechanisms to discuss and review work in progress. As well as individualised commentary, these include (through the research Centres): weekly staff seminars (which also offer staff development and collaborative opportunities via attendance by visiting scholars); lunchtime sessions focusing on nascent research ideas; and specialist reading groups (e.g. the socio-legal group).

University level provision complements the UoA's mechanisms for staff development. Cardiff won an HR Excellence in Research Award from the European Commission (2010, renewed 2012) and initiated a 'Cardiff Futures' programme in 2012 for early career development and stimulation of collaborative interdisciplinary working (Stokes was selected in the first (2012) cohort and Krajewska in the second (2013)). A Leadership and Management Development Programme for Research Team Leaders, recognised by an award from *THE* in 2010, offers training in building and leading a research team (Smismans). Cardiff also leads the HEFCW-funded Welsh Crucible programme of personal, professional and leadership development for promising future research leaders; Stokes was selected as one of 30 participants across all Welsh Universities in 2012.

Research leave is integral to realisation of UoA strategic objectives. School policy means research-active staff are eligible for one year of leave in every five. A new University scheme supplements School leave: Priban and Stokes won awards totalling £26K in its first year. The School application process, scrutinised by a panel chaired by the DoR, is modelled on the AHRC Research Fellowship scheme. Reports on outcomes and other benefits are required. The leave scheme has facilitated completion of such projects as Smisman's successful applications to the European Commission and European Research Council and monographs by Doe, Khaliq and M Smith. In

addition, there is a flexible managerial approach to teaching and administrative duties for staff in receipt of major project grants e.g. through buy-outs for Kariywasam, Smismans and Stokes. All staff undertake mandatory equality and diversity training. The UoA's Equality and Diversity Committee ensures that respect for others and equality, dignity and diversity are cross-cutting principles informing all activities, including recruitment, appointment, conditions of employment, research leave and promotion. A Research Ethics Committee reviews all proposals for research which involve human participants, material and data, guided by the Socio-Legal Studies Association *Statement of Principles of Ethical Research Practice*. It reports annually to the University Research Ethics Committee.

## ii. Research students

PGR strategy has sought to attract higher quality applicants and enhance opportunities for students once they arrive at Cardiff. The first limb of this strategy is to win studentships so as to attract the highest calibre candidates; the second involves supporting the development of skills and fostering a sense of research community. The strategy has borne fruit: 37 students registered for PhDs during the assessment period and 21 awards were conferred. The UoA plays a leading role in PGR strategy development across the University and beyond, via membership of the Senior Management Board of the UGC and of the ESRC Wales DTC Management Group.

A strong tradition of PGR supervision has been enhanced by actions successfully increasing the number of studentships available – especially from prestigious sources – to appeal to high quality candidates. The UoA has developed a unique pathway (Empirical Studies in Law) within the ESRC Wales DTC - the only Law School-based pathway within the DTC – despite not being recognised by the ESRC previously. A commitment to interdisciplinarity enabled the UoA to be included in Cardiff's AHRC Block Programme Grant. Collaboration across Law Schools in the consortium secured the discipline's position in the AHRC South, West and Wales Doctoral Training Partnership. So, during the REF assessment period, the UoA has secured access to continuing funding from both UK research councils that support Law PGRs. Through negotiation of additional funding and by committing resources to match research council support, the UoA has effectively doubled the number of awards available (two AHRC and two ESRC 1+3 in 2011 and two ESRC 1+3 in 2012). The UoA also led a Law, Policy and Politics of Wales pathway in the Cardiff interdisciplinary President's PhD Scheme, a competitive process which resulted in five studentships, including three in Law. UoA resources have funded a further three studentships.

The strength of community fostered among the UoA's PGRs provides opportunities for these researchers to develop key career-enhancing skills – it also enhances the integration of PGRs with the School's wider academic community. A programme of fortnightly PGR work in progress seminars has been supplemented since 2011 by a PGR-run session called '20 minutes of' prior to weekly staff seminars (which PGR students also attend). At these sessions, UoA researchers give short informal presentations on current research, theoretical perspectives, innovations or new funding opportunities and issues directly related to completing the PhD. An active Facebook community has grown up around these sessions – and, at the PGRs' request, it has also been extended to ECRs. An annual internal PhD conference, at which all PGRs (especially second years) are encouraged to present work, enhances research skills and provides an opportunity to celebrate the successes of the previous year. PGRs have also been notably successful in securing University funding to organise seminars and conferences. These have included a UGC-funded conference on Law, Policy and Politics in November 2012 which attracted participants from Aberystwyth, Bangor, LSE and Strathclyde as well as Cardiff and secured Paul Silk (Chair of the Commission on Devolution in Wales) as keynote, and four successful bids to the University Interdisciplinary Research Fund for symposia and workshops since 2009. The UoA has enhanced its skills provision for PGRs, both through the modules offered via the DTC pathway and via initiatives such as the Cardiff-led AHRC-funded Collaborative Skills Development project 'Legal Analysis and/as Research Methodology' which commenced in January 2013. PGRs attended 18 different UGC courses relating to research and transferable skills and career progression in 2012.

Individual PGR achievements illustrate the community's growing strength and dynamism. Recent examples include: the best poster prize at the 2012 Society of Legal Scholars Conference (Cahill

O'Callaghan); the Legal Wales essay prize in 2012 (George); publishing in *International and Comparative Law Quarterly* (Zwingmann), *European Competition Law Review* (Cole) and *Insurance Law Journal* (Richards); and appearing on BBC Radio 4's *Law in Action* (George).

#### **d. Income, infrastructure and facilities**

Interdisciplinary Centres led by the UoA have provided a major focus for the pursuit of research income during the assessment period - ESRC funding for both BRASS and CESAGen continued until 2012. Individual researchers continue to be successful in obtaining funding from a broad range of European, RCUK, charitable and governmental sources. New income streams have been developed through CCLJ, CELAG, CLR and WGC.

During the assessment period, funding of £4.5m was spent in the UoA by researchers, compared to the sum of £2.8m in the RAE 2008 period. UoA external research income spend fell temporarily in 2012/13, after ESRC funding for BRASS was completed (strands of BRASS activity continue in PLACE) and before significant spending started on Law, Science and Interests in European Policy-Making (LASI). Major projects involving UoA researchers during the period include:

- BRASS: ESRC Centre, 2001-12 (Lee, Co-Director): £11m;
- CESAGen: ESRC, 2007-13 (Chadwick, Grant Holder): £8.26m;
- LASI: European Research Council, 2013- (Smismans, Grant Holder, Stokes (CELAG)): €1.45m;
- Citizenship After the Nation State; European Science Foundation/ESRC, 2008-2010 (Wincott, Co-Holder): €428,179;
- UK's Changing Union: Joseph Rowntree/Nuffield Trust, 2012- (Wyn Jones, E Lewis, Wincott (WGC)): £150,000;
- Attitudes to the law of inheritance: Nuffield Foundation 2009-2010 (Douglas): £193,542;
- Social Cohesion and Civil Law: The Family and Religious Courts: AHRC/ESRC, Religion and Society Programme 2010-11 (Douglas, Doe, Sandberg): £79,862;
- Hague Abduction Convention Statistical Template Project: International Centre for Missing and Exploited Children/Permanent Bureau of the Hague Conference on Private Law, 2008 (Lowe): £45,000;
- Making sense of youth justice: a comparative study of Italy and Wales: AHRC, 2010 (Field (CCLJ)): £40,360;
- Investigating delay in 1980 Hague Child Abduction Convention applications: Nuffield Trust, 2012 (Lowe): £12,000.

The University helps with the identification and management of income sources, notably through *Research Fortnight Online*, Development Officers who work with researchers in developing bids and a Cardiff Researcher Programme (training for research staff). The College sponsors tailored support for applications to funders of social science and humanities research (e.g. a 'Hear from the Experts' (April 2013) workshop and networking event led by colleagues with experience of winning ESRC and AHRC awards). In the School, an Assistant Research Director with responsibility for assisting with projects and grants provides advice and facilitates internal peer review, while regular workshops on funding applications and grant-writing are run by successful applicants (e.g. Douglas, Field, Smismans). Two UoA staff identify and disseminate funding opportunities/calls.

The UoA provides resources for the development and completion of research through a Research Grant Scheme (administered by the DoR). Staff can apply at any time for funding of incidental research expenses, organisation of conferences, equipment and (where necessary) travel. Both small grants (up to £500) and substantial grants (to a sum determined by the Head of School), are available, subject to completion of reports on progress one month after the project completion date. Approximately £18,500 has been granted through this Scheme since 2008. Research travel is supported primarily through an annual allowance of £1500 for each member of staff (increased from £1000) effective 2012/13. Research assistance is funded both through an *ad hoc* scheme operated by the UoA and the University's competitive Undergraduate Research Opportunities Programme (providing up to £1360 for undergraduate placements of up to 8 weeks' on supervised, staff-defined projects - Cahill O'Callaghan, Douglas, Morris, Price and L Smith have benefitted from the University scheme during the assessment period).

An extensive infrastructure underpins the UoA's research environment. Cardiff's Information

Services provides IT services and systems, including the largest wireless network in UK higher education. In-house support is provided by a team of five staff within the UoA responsible for IT, web and systems. The UoA contributes £35,000 annually to Cardiff Law Library, which HEFCW has described as 'outstanding'. It contains more than 100,000 volumes including subscriptions to over 279 current periodicals and law reports. Electronic databases and retrieval systems (e.g. Westlaw, Lexis-Nexis and Hein On-Line) allow access to other major reports and journals. Law Library staff offer specialist research assistance, one-to-one and workshop training and mediated literature searches. In 2009, a course for solicitors ('Lexis, Westlaw or Google?'), set up by Clinch (Senior Subject Librarian Law, retired 2010) in conjunction with the Head of Training and Development, Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals, was awarded full CPD accreditation to improve legal research skills and use of online resources and databases. This was the first occasion on which a UK law librarian had devised and run a course with accreditation from the Solicitors Regulation Authority. Cardiff Law Library staff are held in high esteem among academic lawyers and the broader field of legal information. Recognition for this work includes: the British and Irish Association of Law Librarians (BIALL) awarded Jackson, Senior Consultant Information Literacy, the Wallace Broom Memorial Award for an outstanding contribution to law librarianship (2008); BIALl awarded the Law Library the contract for the annual survey of academic law libraries in the UK and Ireland (2008); Clinch assisted the Libraries Sub-Committee of the Society of Legal Scholars by undertaking a number of surveys of Heads of Law School and University Law Librarians, gave a presentation on a new foreign law database to the BIALl Annual Study Conference (Manchester 2009), and on retirement was awarded life membership of BIALl for his significant contribution to the Association and the legal information world.

Each PGR student is allocated £500 p.a. (which can be carried over) for research support, including conference attendance and fieldwork, held in an individual account. Requests to access funds are submitted to supervisors and approved by the Postgraduate Research Director. PGR students have dedicated networked office space in the Graduate Law Building and use meeting space there and in the Law Building for regular research and social events. The University Graduate College (located in the Hadyn Ellis Building from autumn 2013) manages a dedicated facility for postgraduate students, providing bookable meeting rooms, social space and computer facilities. The 2012/13 Postgraduate Research Experience Survey reported 100% overall satisfaction for UoA PGRs.

**e. Collaboration or contribution to the discipline or research base**

The UoA's continuing commitment to collaboration within and beyond the discipline of law is reflected in, for example, its investment in research Centres. Centres facilitate cross-disciplinary working with academic colleagues in other schools and universities, and engagement with external users of research which provides a focus for the UoA's contribution to the local, national and international legal research base. Staff are leading and active participants in a number of networks which extend the reach and impact of research. Recent appointments (e.g. Gear, Manji, Syrett) have significantly strengthened capacity for international collaboration.

The UoA's role in several interdisciplinary research networks develops its strength and provides synergies with researchers in Cardiff and other universities. Notable illustrations are:

- BRASS (Co-Director: Lee), funded by ESRC to 2012, drew together expertise from Law, Business and Management, and Planning and Geography, on issues of business sustainability, corporate social responsibility and relationships between businesses and key stakeholders.
- CCLJ (Deputy Director: Field), a Law-Social Science collaboration which conducts research into policing and the governance of security, community safety and crime prevention, offending, offender management and identities, transnational crimes and their regulation, courts and access to justice, comparative criminal justice, youth justice and family law, and restorative justice;
- CELAG (Director: Smismans). This European Commission-recognised Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence draws together researchers from six Cardiff schools to pursue research on European governance and to stimulate broader theoretical and methodological work at the interface of law, governance and regulation;
- WGC (Director: Wyn Jones; Co-Chair: Wincott; Senior Fellow: E Lewis) sponsored and supported by Law and European Languages, Translation and Politics (EUROP). Centre research focuses on the law, politics, government and economy of Wales and the wider UK, and European

contexts of territorial governance. WGC participation in the Citizenship After the Nation State Project (with Edinburgh) resulted in collaboration with institutions in four European member states: Paris Lodron Universität Salzburg and GfK Austria (Austria); CNRS and Université de Rennes (France); Universität Heidelberg and Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg (Germany); Centro de Estudios Políticos y Constitucionales, Madrid and Universita Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona (Spain). WGC also links with partner Universities in Wales, particularly via the St. David's Day group and the Wales Institute of Social and Economic Research Data and Methods (WISERD: Cardiff with Aberystwyth, Bangor, South Wales and Swansea);

- Research Centres enjoy collaborative relationships with government, industry, commerce and other users, which reflect and enhance the UoA's research impact on society and governance. CELAG works with the European External Affairs Committee of the National Assembly for Wales and the European Commission office in Wales; WGC is linked to the Institute of Welsh Affairs, has a partnership agreement with the National Assembly for Wales and provides events and activities for public and civil society organisations; the Centre for Law and Religion (Director: Doe) Interfaith Legal Advisers Network provides a forum for lawyers and administrators of different faiths to meet annually to discuss common problems and developments in state law.
- Developing research collaboration with partner universities in the GW4 (with Bath, Bristol and Exeter) – a University strategic priority – builds on existing relationships and projects within the UoA, including: the Network on Family, Regulation and Society (Douglas, Doughty and L Smith), led from Exeter, with Bristol and Bath, which has secured Leverhulme International Network funding for partnerships with Notre Dame, Melbourne and the Free University of Amsterdam; and the AHRC funded Collaborative Skills Development project 'Legal Analysis and/as Research Methodology' (PI Wincott, with Bristol).

Other national and international academic collaborations in the UoA include: CESAGen (Director: Chadwick), a collaboration between Cardiff and Lancaster funded via the ESRC Genomics Network; the Commission on European Family Law (Lowe: organising committee) - harmonising principles on family law through collaboration across 26 European jurisdictions; the Chronic Disorders of Consciousness Group (Clements) has obtained ESRC funding for a seminar series on advance decisions in collaboration with York; the CLR Law and Religion Scholars Network (Convenor: Sandberg) has 200 members worldwide; the Global Health Justice Network (founder: Syrett), funded by the Worldwide Universities Network, has established collaborative relationships with Southampton, Sydney, Alberta, Wisconsin-Madison, Bergen and Maastricht on work relating to climate change and global public health; and the Global Network for the Study of Human Rights and the Environment (founder: Grear). Gunningham and Nelken collaborate closely with researchers in the UoA (respectively on: the environment and regulation with colleagues in BRASS and on comparison, criminal law and social theory, including with colleagues linked to CCLJ) while maintaining strong international profiles and connections. As Director of the British Institute in Eastern Africa, Manji has developed and leads a network of Africanist humanities and social science researchers, which the UoA will encourage her to maintain.

An active programme of conferences, lectures, workshops and seminars facilitates the development of collaborative research relationships with international and UK scholars and practitioners. The programme enhances UoA research culture, especially for early career researchers and PGRs. The UoA hosted the 2009 *Hamlyn Lectures*, delivered by the late Lord Bingham. A public lecture series has welcomed distinguished practitioners and public figures including Lady Justice Arden, Lord Justice Sedley, Michael Mansfield QC and Trevor Phillips (Equality and Human Rights Commission). CELAG runs a regular series of Jean Monnet seminars, hosts an annual lecture, operates regular workshops (including the 'Debating Europe' series open to students and the general public) and organises European multi-level governance conferences in conjunction with the WGC, while CCLJ runs a series of regular seminars. Weekly staff seminars are presented by invited scholars. A Visiting Scholars Programme strengthens the UoA's international relationships: recent visitors have included academics from the Czech Republic, Denmark, Italy and Switzerland and judges from Japan and Taiwan.

The UoA houses the leading UK journal in socio-legal studies, the *Journal of Law and Society*, (JLS) founded by Thomas (Emeritus). Edited by a Board drawn from the UoA, the content and

readership of JLS is interdisciplinary and international. Staff have held editorial and board positions on more than 25 journals across legal sub disciplines, including, for example: *Child and Family Law Quarterly* (Douglas), *Czech Sociological Review* (Priiban), *Environmental and Planning Law Journal* (Gunningham), *Journal of Business Law* (Luxton), *Journal of Common Market Studies* (Wincott), *International Journal of Law in Context* (Nelken) and *Social and Legal Studies* (Manji).

Staff have contributed expertise to a variety of professional and external bodies. Research with regional, national and supranational governmental and legislative institutions is particularly prominent. Notable examples include:

- Doe: invited presentations on canon law and covenant to the Lambeth Conference 2008; appointment as member of the Anglican Communion Covenant Design Group; appointment as Chancellor of the Diocese of Bangor, Church in Wales
- Fennell: Specialist Legal Advisor to Welsh Affairs Committee in its scrutiny of the National Assembly for Wales (Legislative Competence) (Health and Health Services and Social Services) Order in 2009; references to research in National Assembly for Wales Proposed Mental Health (Wales) Measure, Stage 1 Committee Report July 2010
- Krajewska: appointment as expert and observer for Molecular Genetic Testing Committee, Polish Ministry of Science and Higher Education
- Lowe: advising the Council of Europe on the rights and legal status of children; consultancy role with the Hague Conference on International Private Law
- Manji: authorship of the Policy Brief on 'Gender and Access to Land' for UN Food and Agriculture Organisation in 2009
- Priiban: Advisory Board of the Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs during the Czech Republic presidency of European Union in 2009
- M Smith: special advisor to the European Parliament on enforcement of EU obligations; advisor to the European Parliament's Working Group on European administrative law
- Stokes: submission of invited evidence to the House of Lords' Science and Technology Committee and the Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution
- Wincott: submission of invited evidence to the Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee of the National Assembly of Wales and the ('McKay') Commission on the consequences of devolution for the House of Commons

Douglas and Wincott have been appointed to the Welsh Advisory Committee of the Law Commission (making the UoA the only Law School with two representatives). The Unit encourages and supports membership of Research Council UK panels and committees - Douglas (AHRC) and Hunt and Wincott (ESRC).

Staff hold senior positions in national and international learned societies, including: Academy of Social Sciences (Nelken: Academician); British Association for Canadian Studies (Syrett: National Secretary; President, Legal Studies Group); European Centre for Tort and Insurance Law (Morris: Fellow); European Consortium for Church and State Research (Doe: President, 2010); International Society of Family Law (Lowe: Executive Committee); International Sociological Association (Priiban: Research Committee); Learned Society of Wales (Douglas: Fellow); Society of Legal Scholars (Morris: Subject Sections Secretary).

Researchers have also won several prestigious awards: the Best Poster Prize at the 2013 Socio-Legal Studies Association Conference for '*Personal Values: An important element in the diversity debate*' (Cahill O'Callaghan); the 2013 USA Law and Society Association Laureate of the Association for Law and Society International Prize (Nelken); the 2012 Socio-Legal Studies Association Prize for Contributions to the Socio-Legal Community (Thomas, Emeritus); the Best Poster Prize at the 2012 Society of Legal Scholars Annual Conference for '*Do Personal Values Tip the Scales of Justice?*' (Cahill O'Callaghan); the 2011 International Sociological Association Pódgorecki Prize for distinguished and outstanding lifetime achievement in socio-legal research (Nelken); the American Society of Criminology Sellin-Glueck award in criminology (Nelken); and the 2009 Universities Association for Contemporary European Studies prize for *Ethical Dimensions of the Foreign Policy of the European Union* (Khaliq).