

LAW SCHOOL RESEARCH FESTIVAL

28 May, 9.30am-9pm

Talks in King's College G7

Coffee breaks, lunch, display of research booklets, publications and posters in James MacKay

BBQ in King's Quad

RESEARCH LAUNCH IN KC G7 (9.30-12.55)

9.30-9.45 Welcome to the Research Festival

Professor Irène Couzigou, Dr Rossana Ducato

9.45-9.55 A Monograph as an Achievement of PhD studies

Dr Euan West

9.55-10.15 The Rewarding Venture of Writing a Monograph

Dr Clare Frances Moran

Professor Andrew Simpson

10.15-10.35 Exploring the Exciting Process of Editing a Book/Journal/Blog

Professor Katarina Trimmings

Dr Patricia Živković

10.35-10.55 Q&A (moderated by Dr Rossana Ducato)

10.55-11.15 Coffee break in James MacKay (with exhibition)

11.15-11.45 The Rewarding Journey of Writing 'Shorter' Pieces of Research

(articles, book chapters, book/paper reviews, blogs)

Roundtable (moderated by Professor Irène Couzigou) with: Dr Ilona Cairns,

Ms Luci Carey, Dr JP Fassnidge, Dr Claudio Lombardi, Professor Zeray

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11.45-12.05 The Challenges and Merits of Interdisciplinary Publications

Professor Abbe Brown

Dr Mitchell Lennan

12.05-12.25 The Value of Impact and Public and Policy Engagement

Professor Justin Borg Barthet

Dr Alisdair MacPherson

12.25-12.45 Q&A (moderated by Dr Eddy Wifa)

12.45-12.55 Concluding Remarks

Emeritus Professor Donna McKenzie

12.55-2.00 Lunch in James MacKay (with exhibition)

ACADEMIC EVENTS IN KG G7 (2-6)

2.00-3.00 AI for Metascience?

For better or worse, artificial intelligence is transforming our research practices. However, one area of growing concern is the risk of inaccuracies and hallucinations brought by GenAI and Large Language Models which may produce incorrect results, fake references, and ultimately pollute the scientific knowledge environment. These tools can further exacerbate existing challenges related to research integrity, undermining the trust in science and the "pursuit of truth".

Join Professor [Alison Avenell](#) (Clinical Chair in Health Services Research), Dr [Yaji Sripada](#) (Senior Lecturer in Computing Science), and Dr [Rossana Ducato](#) (Senior Lecturer in IT Law and Regulation) for a discussion on metascience, the science of science. The event will present an ongoing project of the University of Aberdeen developed in the field of medicine (INSPECT-AI) that examines how AI can help detect integrity issues in clinical trial research publications. It will also discuss what lessons can be learnt for the field of law, including for legal journal practices, judicial assessments, advocacy, evidence-based policy.

The event will also provide an occasion to brainstorm about potential future research collaborations under the relevant grants programme in metascience.

This event is organised as part of the Erasmus+ Jean Monnet Chair in [Fair Digital Transition](#), co-funded by the European Union. The INSPECT-AI research group wishes to acknowledge support from UKRI's Metascience Grant as well as the INSPECT-SR research team led by [Jack Wilkinson](#).

3.00-3.15 Coffee break in James MacKay

3.15-4.45 Death & Law RSE Book Club Launch

Fictions of Death and the Legal Imagination: Why Literature Matters for Law?

Join us for the launch of the [Death & Law RSE Book Club](#), featuring a roundtable discussion on the fictions of death and their significance for law and the legal imaginary. Together, we will read and reflect on three short stories about death, grief, and loss, engage in close readings of key passages, and explore the themes that connect literature, death, and legal thought. We would love for everyone to read the stories in advance so you are ready to join in the discussion.

- [The Masque of the Red Death, Edgar Allan Poe \(1842\)](#)
- [The Story of an Hour, Kate Chopin \(1894\)](#)
- *The Scythe*, Ray Bradbury (1972) (Available in SRDL)

The event will also include a brief presentation of the Death & Law project and its public engagement initiatives, supported by the RSE Collaborator Grant. Dr [Jonathan Ainslie](#) (Principal Investigator), Dr [Nevena Jevremović](#) and Dr [Patricia Živković](#) (Co-Investigators), from the School of Law, will be joined by a panel of discussants.

Content warning: Please note that the discussion will address themes of death, grief, and bereavement.

4.45-5.00 Coffee break in James MacKay

5.00-6.00 Influencing and Informing International Treaty Negotiations: Challenges and Opportunities

Professor [Abbe Brown](#), Dr [Tomilola Akanle Eni-ibukun](#) and Dr [Mitchell Lennan](#) from the School of Law and Professor [Marcel Jaspars](#) from Chemistry will share their experiences in influencing and informing international treaty negotiations in different capacities in an informal discussion, with a general theme of ocean and the environment. Questions from the floor are also most welcome including from experiences in other areas.

We hope this discussion will be of interest to all considering international policy work and we look forward to learning from the experiences of others.

6.15 onwards **BBQ in King's Quad**