

## Public Law and Human Rights discussion group

The **Public Law and Human Rights Discussion Group** meets throughout the academic year to provide staff and students who share an interest in public law and human rights with a dedicated, informal and friendly forum to present their work and to discuss issues of current interest.

Meetings typically take the form of an introductory presentation of around 20 minutes given by a member of staff or a student, with around 40 minutes for discussion. Presentations can be on work in progress or a more informal commentary on recent developments.

Previous meetings have included:

- **[Jane Norton \(/staff/profiles/law/norton-jane.aspx\)](/staff/profiles/law/norton-jane.aspx)**  
"Regulating Group Membership: Associational Religious Freedom and Discrimination Law"
- Marco Goldoni (Glasgow) Chris McCorkindale (Strathclyde)  
"Parliamentary Sovereignty and the Paradox of the Political"
- David Williams (University of Auckland)  
"*The Crown*: Legal and Symbolic Perspectives on an Essentially Contested Concept"
- Colin Warbrick  
Recent Decisions on British Policy on the Recognition of Foreign Governments: International Law Considerations and Constitutional Implications
- **[Rosa Freedman \(/staff/profiles/law/freedman-rosa.aspx\)](/staff/profiles/law/freedman-rosa.aspx)**  
Failing to Protect: Is it time to change our expectations of United Nations human rights bodies?
- **[Sophie Boyron \(/staff/profiles/law/boyron-sophie.aspx\)](/staff/profiles/law/boyron-sophie.aspx)**  
*Comparative Utterances or the Dilemma of Comparative Lawyers*
- Dominic De Cogan  
*Tax by Law or Administrators: The Changing Boundaries*
- **[Jane Norton \(/staff/profiles/law/norton-jane.aspx\)](/staff/profiles/law/norton-jane.aspx)**  
*The Case for Religious Tribunals*
- **[Gulara Guliyeva \(/staff/profiles/law/guliyeva-gulara.aspx\)](/staff/profiles/law/guliyeva-gulara.aspx)**  
*Bringing Rights Back Home or Pushing Them Further Away? A Response to Michael Pinto-Duschinsky's Criticisms of the HRA and the European Court of Human Rights*

### Spring 2014 Schedule:

Wednesday 4 February, 2-5:30pm (G05)  
Roundtable discussion with Professor David Dyzenhaus (Toronto and Cambridge).  
Two papers: 1) 'Dreaming the Rule of Law'; and 2) Dworkin and Unjust Law'.

(\*if you have not yet indicated your attendance, could you please send Jane Norton an email.\*)

Tuesday, 17 February, 1pm (SCR)  
Dr Alexander Williams (Durham)  
Paper: TBA

Tuesday 3 March, 1pm (SCR)  
Dr Maureen Mapp (Birmingham)  
Paper: 'Towards a reconceptualisation of impartiality in the African human rights mechanism: lessons from clan court approaches.'

Tuesday 17 March, 5pm (SCR)  
Perspectives on Public Law series: Richard Percival (Cardiff and former Law Commissioner)

Thursday 19 March, 1pm (SCR)  
Professor Gavin Phillipson (Durham)  
Paper: 'Are Constitutional Conventions Legitimate?'