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The 2024/25 academic year has seen continued mainstream domestic and global attention to human rights issues from the UK to Ukraine, Palestine to Sudan, USA to South Korea and beyond. The past year has witnessed: new and ongoing armed conflicts; humanitarian catastrophes and atrocity crimes; protests, strikes and riots – involving mobilisations claiming rights and in solidarity with oppressed groups, and those seeking to deny rights to others; environmental crimes and injustice; further mainstreaming of toxic political discourse around marginalised and minoritised communities; and continuing developments in domestic, regional and international human rights law. As ever, Sussex Centre for Human Rights Research (SCHRR) members have responded to these and wider issues through carrying out research and publishing findings in scholarly, professional and popular outlets, engaging with practitioners, policymakers and international organisations, and through our programme of events. The Rights Research Series continued once again in blended in-person/online format and featured contributions from SCHRR members presenting works in progress in a supportive and engaged environment, as well as contributions from visiting scholars and practitioners. SCHRR hosted guest speakers, including Prof. Dia Dabby (Université Saint-Louis/UC Louvain Belgium, Université de Québec à Montreal), Prof. Myriam Hunter-Henin (University College London) and Prof. Richard Moon (University of Windsor, Canada). Both the Transitional Justice Network and the

(relaunched) Business and Human Rights Network were officially inaugurated at SCHRR in 2024, and continue to support engagement between academics and practitioners working in the respective fields. As usual, PhD candidates have been integrated into the Centre's activities, welcomed as researchers and contributed to events alongside faculty. New PhD candidates have been welcomed, and others have completed their studies. We also welcomed back one of our PhD graduates, Dr Aminul Islam, for the launch of his new book, based on his doctoral research at the Centre. The LLM in International Human Rights Law linked to SCHRR, and drawing heavily on research-led teaching by Centre members, welcomed a new cohort of students with a range of backgrounds and experience, and students on the LLM's Human Rights Law Clinic once again produced excellent practice-oriented research for use by human rights organisations.

The whole SCHRR community can be proud of our achievements in 2024/25. We look forward to developing further contributions to interdisciplinary research, dissemination and impact, research-led teaching and engagement with human rights practice in 2025/26!

Stephanie Berry, Matthew Evans and Aisling O'Sullivan

SCHRR Co-Directors

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News

Commemorating Justice Abou Bhakarr Muhammed Binneh-Kamara



Justice Abou Bhakarr Muhammed Binneh-Kamara

SCHRR offers its sincerest condolences to the family, friends and law colleagues of Justice Binneh-Kamara, a Justice of the Court of Appeal in Sierra Leone, who sadly passed away in Freetown on 15 July 2025. Justice Binneh-Kamara (known as Binneh) was a well-regarded member of our School of Law, Politics and Sociology (LPS) PhD community. He was close to completing his doctoral thesis focusing on media freedom and regulation in Sierra Leone, co-supervised by our Law colleagues Lindsay Stirton and Judith Townend, which promised to make an important contribution to his field of study in constitutional and human rights law. This was his second doctorate, having previously completed one at the University of Bedfordshire, on media and war crimes jurisprudence. In May 2025, Dr Binneh-Kamara was appointed as a Justice of the Court of Appeal, after serving in the High Court in Sierra Leone since 2017. He was also the first Dean of the Faculty of Law in Fourah Bay College, University of Sierra Leone. A more detailed tribute can be read [here](#).

In the year since September 2024 SCHRR members have engaged in and been recognised for research, knowledge exchange and public engagement activities. Some of the most notable highlights follow.



SCHRR organises a panel at AHRI conference

On **12-14 September 2024**, SCHRR organised (with the Minority Rights Solidarity Network) a panel entitled 'The Interaction between Minority Rights and International Human Rights Law in a Polarized World' at the Association of Human Rights Institutes Conference in Lund University, Sweden. It was chaired by Corinne Lennox (School of Advanced Studies, University of London), with papers from: David Keane (Dublin City University), Stephanie Berry (University of Sussex), Liliya Alijeva (University of London), Mohammad Shahabuddin (University of Birmingham), Kiruba Munusamy (Middlesex University).



Panellists at the AHRI conference

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Seyi Ugochukwu wins Sussex University's 3MT competition!



Seyi Ugochukwu

On **2 April 2025**, SCHRR doctoral researcher **Seyi Ugochukwu** (Sussex Law) won First Prize and People's Choice Award at the LPS 3-Minute Thesis competition on her doctoral research 'Access to Legal Aid for Undocumented Migrants in the UK: A Postcolonial Perspective'. Following her win, she represented LPS at the **University of Sussex's 3-minute Thesis competition**, where she competed against PhD researchers across the University. On **20 June**, Seyi won the **Judge's First Prize** at the University-wide Final. She also entered the '**Emerging Researcher Image Competition**' and won their First Prize too. Congrats, Seyi!



Seyi at the 3MT competition

Dr Charlotte Skeet's retirement!



Charlotte Skeet

Former Co-Director of the Sussex Centre for Human Rights Research **Dr Charlotte Skeet** retired in July 2025, though she remains affiliated to Sussex Law School as Emeritus Associate Professor. Charlotte's [research and teaching](#) covered many areas within the field of human rights, particularly the Rights of Women and of Indigenous Peoples. She taught and supervised countless human rights law students at

undergraduate, postgraduate and PhD levels. She helped to develop our Centre from its early years, alongside former Director Alex Conte and Co-Directors Dr Steph Berry and Prof. Nuno Ferreira, and was a long-standing member of UCU Sussex's Executive and of the University's Senate. We will miss Charlotte's extensive knowledge (academic and institutional), her activism and her compassion. Congrats, Charlotte!

Visit from Oles Honchar Dnipro National University, Ukraine

In **November 2024**, SCHRR welcomed our Visiting Research Fellow Dr Nadiia Maksimentseva and her fellow Department of Law colleagues from Dnipro, Ukraine for a week-long research collaboration visit.

Dr Darcy Leigh appointed Chair of Trans and Non-Binary Staff Network

In 2025, SCHRR member Dr Darcy Leigh was appointed to Chair of the University of Sussex's Trans and Non-Binary Staff Network. Congrats, Darcy!

Funding Success!

In 2025, **Bal Sokhi-Bulley** was awarded the prestigious **Leverhulme Research Fellowship** to complete her book project *Radical Friendship: Human Rights as Ethical Practice*. Both Bal and **Darcy Leigh** were awarded a grant from the **Faculty of Social Sciences Research Culture fund** for *Continuities of Liberalism and Fascism: Rights and Resistance 'After Liberalism'*. In 2025, they held both an [expert roundtable](#), and 'Anti-Racism in the University in a Time of Collusion' event, collectively drafting a Statement on 'Anti-Racist Collusion' with grassroots groups, including Sussex Anti-Racist Working Group and Black at Sussex.

Engagement with Human Rights Bodies, Government and NGOs

Dr Moira Dustin co-convenes (with Christel Querton, UWE Bristol) **Women in Refugee Law (WiRL)** – a network for senior and early career scholars, asylum seeking and refugee women, advocates, judges, policymakers and activists from all states and jurisdictions. In 2024, WiRL provided [expert guidance](#) for the 2024 UK visit of **Reem Alsalem, UN Special Rapporteur on Violence against Women and Girls** to ensure that refugee women's experiences and needs were addressed in her report to the UK government. WiRL also [contributed](#) to the 2024 Chile Declaration and Action Plan in the context of the Cartagena +40 multi-stakeholder pledge, where WiRL suggested States consider gender-sensitivity in the asylum application process and recognise refugee women's wider support needs in their discussions.



Moira Dustin

WiRL also hosted their third and final online public seminars on the theme of '[Refuge in a cold climate: the impact on women](#)' for those working with refugee or asylum-claiming women or with an interest in the needs and experiences of refugee women, and on **3 July 2025**, jointly organised with the [Immigration Law Practitioner's Association \(ILPA\)](#) a legal training session for UK-based asylum and immigration practitioners with a particular interest in gender-based claims for asylum. You can read more about the

network [here](#) and [new members](#) are welcome. WiRL has an online [database](#) of research, legal cases and other resources relating to refugee women and we appreciate suggestions for new items (please email info@wirl.org.uk).

On **21 February 2025**, SCHRR Co-Director **Dr Matthew Evans** was an invited participant in the 'Expert meeting on "Economic, social and cultural rights in the context of transitional justice"', convened by the **UN Special Rapporteur on the promotion of truth, justice, reparation and guarantees of non-recurrence, Bernard Duhaime**. Matthew also made a [written submission to the Special Rapporteur](#) on this topic.



Matthew Evans

On **4 June 2025**, **Dr Judith Townend** convened a workshop and public lecture at Green Templeton College, University of Oxford, supported by the LPS HEIF fund and the [Sheila Kitzinger Programme](#), themed on open justice and courts observation, with event report to follow. The workshop events were attended by court observers from journalism, NGO and academic backgrounds, as well as legal specialists and policymakers from Government, the Law Commission and other institutions. The [evening lecture](#) was delivered by high court judge **Mr Justice Nicklin**, chair of



the Judiciary's Transparency and Open Justice Board, and reported in [Law Society Gazette](#) and by legal commentator Joshua Rozenberg, [whose](#) [piece](#) includes responses from members of the [Courts and Tribunals Observers' Network](#), including Judith's.



In **June 2025**, **Dr Moira Dustin** and **Prof. Nuno Ferreira** made a

submission on behalf of the [Negotiating Queer Identities in Forced Migration project](#) (NQIfFM) to the [Call for Evidence](#) by the European Commission regarding the EU LGBTIQ equality strategy for 2026-2030.

Dr Moira Dustin and **Prof. Nuno Ferreira**

also made submissions on behalf of the [NQIfFM](#) and the [SOGICA](#) projects to the Call for Input by the UN Independent Expert on Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity on 'Protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity in relation to forced displacement', January 2025. Both these submissions were widely referenced in the [Report of the Independent Expert on protection against violence and discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity](#), Graeme Reid.

The NQIfFM project's documentary film **'The Other Place'**, directed by [Mehran Rezaei](#), is out now, available to watch [here](#).



In 2025, **Dr Maria Federica Moscati** engaged in strategic discussions with trans activists, parents' groups, lawyers and healthcare providers on advancing the rights of young trans people in Europe.

Dr Elizabeth Craig was appointed to Scientific Advisory Council of the **Institute for Minority Rights** (Eurac Research Bolzano/Bozen).

Dr Jo Wilding, in collaboration with JUSTICE and Dechert LLP, compiled a report ['People Need Legal Help': The value of legal advice in the](#)



Jo Wilding

[Windrush Compensation Scheme](#) that examined what exactly lawyers do for claimants in the Windrush Compensation Scheme, which has no provision for funded legal advice (unlike other compensation schemes, such as Horizon IT). Jo and her collaborators reviewed 17 case files, interviewing the lawyer and (where possible) the claimant. A launch event was held in the UK Parliament on **16 June 2025**, sponsored by Andy Slaughter MP, with Baroness Benjamin as a speaker. See also [Free Legal Aid petition](#), initiated by two survivors of the Windrush scandal (and the project's participants), calling for funded legal advice to be made available.

Jo also published [No Access to Justice 2](#), an update to the UK-wide mapping of immigration legal advice and representation which was originally published in 2022. It was funded by the Justice Together Initiative and was launched in UK Parliament on **9 June 2025**, sponsored by Tony Vaughan MP,

after which Abtisam Mohamed MP brought the findings to the Legal Aid Agency.

In **September 2025**, Jo, Mike Collyer (Global Studies), Linda Morrice (Education and Social Work) and Elif Demirbas (LPS), in collaboration with Brighton and Hove City Council and Sanctuary on Sea, published their report [*What Does it Mean to be a City of Sanctuary?*](#). The project was funded by a Sussex Knowledge Exchange Fellowship and is now incorporated into the Council's plan for achieving accreditation as a Local Authority of Sanctuary.

SCHRR Events

SCHRR is committed to fostering an inclusive research cultural space for human rights researchers and our [Rights Research Series](#) is a critical dimension in achieving this. In the 2024/25 academic year we have hosted collaboration workshops, book launches, discussion panels and work in progress seminars featuring Sussex faculty and doctoral researchers as well as external speakers from academia and human rights practice as part of our public engagement. Some highlights include the following events.

The SCHRR **Annual Human Rights Workshop** was held on **20 September 2024**, attended by academic colleagues, PhD students and both outgoing and incoming LLM students. It involved a panel session with **Jess Shurson**, **Christina Miliou Theocharaki**, **Bal Sokhi-Bulley** and **Stephanie Berry**, followed by a 'Research Roundtable'.

On **6 November 2024**, **Maira Dustin** presented 'Separate but Equal: is segregated schooling (still) good for girls?'.

On **20 November 2024**, SCHRR's newly established

Transitional Justice Network

was launched by a 'Research collaboration workshop on justice during and after conflict' with

contributions from Dr Nadiia Maksimentseva (Oles Honchar Dnipro National University, Ukraine), Dr Oleksandra Drigol (Oles Honchar Dnipro National University, Ukraine), Dr Benjamin Thorne (University of Reading), Dr Henry Redwood (King's College London), Dr Anna Katila (City St George's, University of London), Dr Caroline Bennett (Sussex), Dr Lydia Cole (Sussex), Dr Elizabeth Craig (Sussex), Dr Aisling O'Sullivan (Sussex) and Dr Matt Evans (Sussex, convenor). The Workshop featured a roundtable with Dr Thorne as discussant, as well as a creative collaboration session facilitated by Dr Cole, during which participants made collages based on the workshop themes.



Collage



Participants at the 'Research collaboration workshop on justice during and after conflict', November 2024

On **27 November 2024**, **Leonard Chimanda Joseph** (PhD Candidate, Sussex Centre for Human Rights Research) presented 'Studying Forced Migration in the Global South Using TWAIL 2: A Synopsis' and **Samual Ballin** (PhD Candidate, Centre for Migration Law, Radboud University, Netherlands)

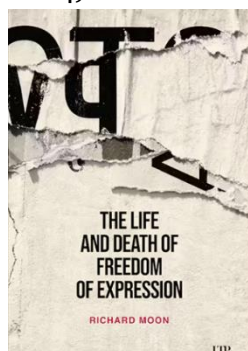
presented 'Eco-eco migration: a theoretical framework'.

On **4 December 2024**, **Ashleigh Keall** presented 'A tale of two school prayer bans: Webber Academy Foundation (Canada) and Michaela Community Schools Trust (UK)'.

On **6 December 2024**, **Aminul Islam** celebrated the publication of his new book *Protection of Civilians in UN Peacekeeping Operations: Legal Responsibility and Accountability* (Routledge 2025). **Dr Alexander Gilder** (Associate Professor of International Law and Security, University of Reading) was external discussant and **Prof. Chris Henderson** (who along with Dr Matt Garrod) supervised Aminul's PhD at Sussex) was internal discussant.

Moving into the second semester, **Qingxiu Bu** presented 'The TikTok Debacle: Navigating Privacy and Security in Cross-Border Data Flows' on **28 January 2025**.

On **2 April 2025**, **Richard Moon** (Professor of Law, University of Windsor, Canada) discussed his recently published book *The Life and Death of Freedom of Expression* (University of Toronto Press, 2024).

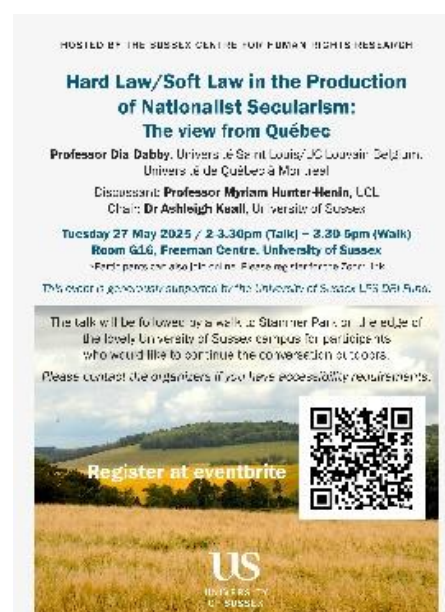


SCHRR's **Transitional Justice Network** held its second 'Research collaboration workshop on justice during and after conflict' on **3 April 2025**.

SCHRR's **Business and Human Rights Research Cluster** hosted a Research Collaboration workshop, funded by the

Social Sciences Research Culture Fund, on **9 May 2025**. The Cluster's new webpage can be [accessed here](#).

On **27 May 2025**, SCHRR hosted a 'Talk and Walk' event with **Dia Dabby** (Professor of Law, Université Saint-Louis/UC Louvain Belgium, Université de Québec à Montreal) and **Myriam Hunter-Henin** (University College London) as discussant on the theme of 'Hard law/soft law in the production of nationalist secularism: the view from Québec'. The event was organized and chaired by **Ashleigh Keall** (Sussex), followed by a nature walk on the University campus, and funded by LPS Director of Research and Innovation fund.



SCHRR's transitional justice reading group

Matthew Evans convened our informal reading group on transitional justice, including a discussion with **Dr Caroline Bennett** (Global Studies) on her new article '[The evidentiary potential of art after genocide](#)'.

To find out more, please visit [SCHRR's website](#)

Other Events



Judith (right) in Dundee

On **18 September 2024**, **Dr Judith Townend** was invited by the University of Dundee Law School and Leverhulme Research Centre for Forensic Science to give their inaugural joint lecture on '[Opaque Justice? The technology and transparency of courts and tribunals](#)'. Her talk shared internationally comparative findings and proposed a research and policy agenda for open justice and court technologies.

On **30 June 2025**, **Judith Townend** shared collaborative work (with Julie Doughty) on a 'gendered chilling effect' reflecting on women's free speech and legal threats in the wake of #metoo, as part of a visit to the Centre for British Studies, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, where she also delivered guest teaching on the British media, as part of the Centre's masters course. Dr Doughty also presented their work at Queen Mary University of London.

On **28 November 2024**, Women in Refugee Law, co-convened by **Dr Moira Dustin** co-hosted with [GenSem](#) a film screening of the documentary *Solace* and panel discussion on 'Borders of Exclusion: The Power of Visual Counter-Narratives in Epistemic Knowledge'.

In **September 2024**, **Nuno Ferreira** presented on 'Unravelling the knot of credibility assessment in



Nuno Ferreira

SOGIESC asylum', as keynote at the '[Believe it or not](#)' conference, Amsterdam.

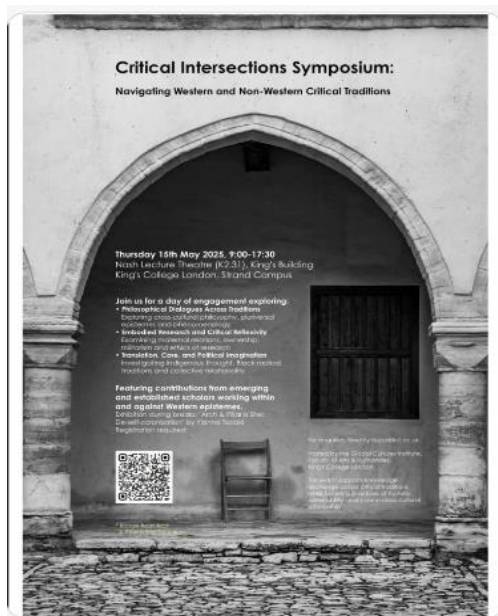
On **10 May 2025**, **Nuno Ferreira** also took part in a panel discussion and co-facilitated a workshop at the at the '[Minor Cosmopolitan Intervention](#)' conference, by the Research Training Group Minor Cosmopolitanisms, Berlin, Germany, co-organised by [Mohammad Dalla](#).



Matthew Evans presented the paper "Visible Mending" and Transitional Justice' at the workshop 'The Art of Peace and Justice: Thinking, acting, relating, and being otherwise' held at Sussex on **27 May 2025**. He was also discussant on one of the workshop panels, responding to papers presented by Sukanya Podder (King's College London), Lars Waldorf (Northumbria University) and Katy Budge (Aberystwyth University).

On **8 July 2025**, **Marianna Iliadou** presented on 'Surrogacy: Reproductive Rights Enabling Biological Colonialism?' at the 'Reimagining Health and Wellbeing Across Societies and Systems' conference, University of Essex.

On **15 May 2025**, **Aneira Edwards** presented at the 'Critical Intersections Symposium', King's College London, on her current research 'Militaristic Feminism: IDF Women, Gaza 2023-4', which explores and tries to explain IDF women's involvement, openly celebrated, in the torture of Palestinian detainees.



SCHRR Co-Director, **Dr Stephanie Berry** gave an invited paper 'Religious Minorities and the UN Human Rights Committee: The Added Value of Article 27?' in the Plenary Session of the [DiverCity Workshop 2025](#) on 'Inclusive International Minority Rights Legal Norms: Exploring engagement with the UN Human Rights Committee' held, at City Law School on **10 June 2025**. The workshop brought together academics, members of the UN Human Rights Committee, civil



Stephanie Berry

society, activists and representatives from minority communities to share experience and knowledge.

Dr Stephanie Berry also presented on 'The Impact of Securitization on the Rights of Religious Migrants in European Societies?' at the conference on 'Migration and Religion: International Law Perspectives and Beyond', held on **17-18 July 2025** at the University of Trieste. This was the final conference of the *Migration and Religion in International Law (MiReIL): Research-based Proposals for Inclusive, Resilient, and Multicultural Societies* project, on which Dr Berry serves as a member of the Advisory Board.

On **9 June 2025**, **Dr Aravind Ganesh** presented on 'Grotius and Hardin as Doppelgangers: From the Global Commons to the Great Replacement' at the 'Climate (Im)mobilities Workshop', University of Southampton.

Aravind Ganesh also presented on "Waves of Freedom": Kant and the Right to Rescue on the High Seas' at the University of Aberdeen on **7 May 2025**, the University of Edinburgh on **22 April 2025** and at the Kant Works-In-Progress Seminar 'Using People Well, Treating People Badly: Towards a Kantian Realm of Means and Ends' on **2 June 2025**.



Aravind presenting

On **2-4 June 2025**, **Maria Federica Moscati** was invited to facilitate *Dancing Children's Rights*, a dance workshop

during which young activists created a choreography of embodied children's rights, at the World Congress on Justice with Children.



Dr Moscatti (top row, third from left) at the World Congress on Justice with Children

Maria Federica Moscatti also presented at the Osservatorio Nazionale sull'Identità di Genere international conference at University of Naples Federico II, Italy on **24-25 January 2025** and at 'CENESEX, IX Coloquio Internacional Transidentidades, Género Y Cultura', Havana, Cuba, **6-8 May 2025**.

On **17 January 2025**, **Bal Sokhi-Bulley** was an invited speaker on 'After Gaza, Before Rights' at the workshop on 'Critical Approaches to European Human Rights Law' at The Hertie School, Berlin. Her paper of the same title is being considered for an upcoming special issue.

On **3 Dec 2024**, **Bal Sokhi-Bulley** and **Darcy Leigh** co-organised and presented in the Law and Resistance Research Group's Roundtable on *Book Proposals in Anti-Colonial Justice*, with Darcy Leigh (LPS) *Uncivil: Struggles for Expression in the Wake of Empire*; Louiza Odyseos (Global Studies) *Rebellions of Livingness: toward a de-colonial sociopoetics* and Bal Sokhi-Bulley (LPS), *Radical Friendship: Human Rights as Ethical Practice*

In **April 2025**, **Charlotte Skeet** presented on 'Histories of Activism and the Activation of Human Rights', exploring the drafting and litigation history of s.28 of the Canadian Charter of Fundamental Rights and Freedoms, at the SLISA Annual Conference (Equality and Human Rights Stream).

In **May 2025**, **Elizabeth Craig** presented on the 'League of Nations Minority Regime and the Legacy Problem' at the Decolonising Minority Rights Discourse Conference in Cluj, Romania.

In **July 2025**, **Jo Wilding** presented her work on Legal Aid and access to legal advice at the WZB (Social Science Centre Berlin), to German academics working on access to justice and officials from the German Federal Ministry of Justice and the Berlin State's Justice Department.



Isabel Soloaga

Isabel Soloaga presented her research with the [Negotiating Queer Identities Following Forced Migration Project](#) at the 'Shifting Borders' Conference, University of Oxford, **17-18 May 2025**. The NQIfFM project's co-authored monograph *Decolonizing Queer Migration: Perspectives on Iranians in Exile* (provisional title) will be published by the University of Bristol in 2026. The NQIfFM project's documentary film 'The Other Place', directed by [Mehran Rezaei](#), is available to watch [here](#).

Books, Chapters and Articles

Baldi, Giorgia (2025) 'Managing crisis: multiculturalism and the politics of exclusion' in Ruth Rubio Marín, Dorothy Estrada-Tanck, Benedita Menezes Queiroz and Fulvia Staiano (eds) *Handbook on migration and human rights* (Cheltenham: Edward Elgar Publishing).

Berry, Stephanie (forthcoming) *Islam in the European Court of Human Rights: From Securitization to Desecuritization*.

Chimanda Joseph, Leonard and S Kalangson Mlungu (2025) '[Three Decades in the Constitution: Analysing the Contribution of the Bill of Rights to Economic Development in Mainland Tanzania](#)' in Ines Kajiru, John Cantius Mubangizi, Elia Mwanga and Leonard Chimanda Joseph (eds) *Economic Development and Human Rights in Contemporary Sub-Saharan Africa* (Cham: Springer), pp. 201-221.

Coleman, Lara Montesinos, Helena Müllenbach Martinez and Louise Wise (2025) '[Reparation for extractivist genocide: harm, responsibility and implications for a just transition](#)'. *International Journal of Human Rights*.

Ferreira, Nuno, Maria Federica Moscati and Senthoran Raj (eds) (2025) *Queer Judgments* (Coventry: Counterpress).

Ferreira, Nuno and Tawhida Ahmed (2025) '[European Union Approaches to Europe's Romani People: The Potential of a Capabilities Approach to Law and Policy Making](#)' in Despoina Anagnostopoulou (ed.) *Fundamental Rights and Intercultural Dialogue: Valuing Europe's Diversity* (Cham: Springer), pp. 129-154.

Ganesh, Aravind (2024) '["Waves of Freedom": Kant and the Right to Rescue on the High Seas](#)'. *Buffalo Law Review* 72(5): 1455-1525.

Ghouri, Ahmad (ed.) (2025) *Principles of International Law – Insights and Reflections from Pakistan* (Cambridge: Ethics International Press).

Kajiru, Ines, John Cantius Mubangizi, Elia Mwanga and Leonard Chimanda Joseph (eds) (2025) *Economic Development and Human Rights in Contemporary Sub-Saharan Africa* (Cham: Springer).

Kira, Beatriz, and Judith Townend (2025) '[Defining the boundaries of journalism and news publishers: implications of the Online Safety Act 2023 for the public interest and media freedom](#)'. *Journal of Media Law*.

Iliadou, Marianna (2025) 'Surrogacy in Europe: The Findings of the ECtHR and the Law Commissions' Reform Proposals' in Kirsty Horsey, Zaina Mahmoud and Katherine Wade (eds) *Future Directions in Surrogacy Law: Law and Policy Reform in the UK and Beyond* (Bristol: Bristol University Press).

Iliadou, Marianna (2025) '[Medically Assisted Reproduction and the ECtHR: The Evolving Case Law in an Evolving Field](#)' in Philip Czech et al (eds), *European Yearbook on Human Rights 2024* (Leiden: Brill), pp. 317-357.

Moscati, Maria Federica (ed.) (2024) Special section on 'Children's Rights: Current Issues in Law and Society', Parts I, II and III. *Amicus Curiae* 5(2), 5(3) and 6(1).

O’Sullivan, Aisling (2025) ‘Jurisdiction in International Law’ in Ahmad Ghouri (ed.) *Principles of International Law – Insights and Reflections from Pakistan* (Cambridge: Ethics International Press).

Townend, Judith (2025) ‘[Book review: Reporting the Courts](#)’. *Journal of Media Law*.

Sokhi-Bulley, Bal and Louiza Odysseos (eds) (2024) ‘[After rights? Politics, ethics, aesthetics: an introduction](#)’. *International Journal of Human Rights* 28(8-9): 1209-1220.

Blogs

Barrington, Robert and Shahrzad Fouladvand (2024) ‘[Corruption, human trafficking and UK borders](#)’. *LaPSe of Reason: Blogging from the School of Law, Politics and Sociology*, 3 October.

Ferriera, Nuno, Maria Moscati and Senthoran Raj (2025) ‘[Queering Migration and Asylum Judgments](#)’. *LaPSe of Reason: Blogging from the School of Law, Politics and Sociology*, 21 May.

Ganesh, Aravind (2025) ‘[A Kantian Critique of SS and Others v Italy](#)’. *Völkerrechtsblog*, 15 July.

McGready, Will (2024) ‘[Are Vladimir Putin and Benjamin Netanyahu Immune from the ICC’s Jurisdiction under Customary International Law?](#)’. *LaPSe of Reason: Blogging from the School of Law, Politics and Sociology*, 2 December.

O’Sullivan, Aisling (2024) ‘[The International Criminal Law Regime and Reproduction of Structural Inequalities](#)’. *LaPSe of Reason: Blogging from the School of Law, Politics and Sociology*, 1 October.

PhD Success

As ever, we are proud of our doctoral researchers, and we are happy to announce the following successful thesis defences – huge congratulations to them both!



Emmanuel (bottom right) with external examiner Dr Aderomola Adeola (bottom left), internal examiner Dr Matt Evans (top left) and chair Dr Maria Moscati (top right)

Emmanuel Njoku passed his viva on 3 February 2025. His thesis title is *Reforming the Legal Framework for Protecting the Rights of Internally Displaced Persons in Nigeria: A Case for the Constitutionalisation of IDP Rights*. Emmanuel was supervised by Dr Matt Garrod (Sussex Law) and Dr Ceri Oeppen (Sussex Geography). Examiners were Dr Aderomola Adeola (University of Pretoria) and Dr Matt Evans (Sussex Law School).



Neemah (middle) with external examiner Prof. Lisa Welby (left) and internal examiner Dr Charlotte Skeet (right)

Neemah Ahamed passed her viva on 19 February 2025. Her thesis title is *A study of the role of intersectional identities in influencing Black women's perceptions of their workplace sexual harassment and pursuit of access to justice in England and Wales*. Neemah was supervised by Dr Ioannis Katsaroumpas (Sussex Law) and Dr Maria Moscati (Sussex Law). Examiners were Prof. Lisa C Webley (University of Birmingham) and Dr Charlotte Skeet (Sussex Law).

LLM News

Our **LLM in International Human Rights Law** has had yet another successful year, with students in 2024/25 coming from all over the world, including Afghanistan, Indonesia, USA, Brazil and Burundi – and of course the UK.

For the last workshop of Autumn term 2024/25, our LLM in International Human Rights Law students put what they had learnt to use in order to design an NGO campaign. Students worked together to design a campaign in response to a human rights issue assigned to their study group at the beginning of term: the current war in Sudan; the treatment of migrants/refugees on the Greek Islands; illegal mining on Indigenous land in Brazil; or discrimination against the Roma in the Slovak Republic.



Over the course of the term, students slowly built their understanding of the situation on the ground, the applicable human rights frameworks and standards, potential avenues for redress as well as how social movements can engage with international human rights law. The campaigns designed by the students suggested a range of innovative strategies to achieve their aims, including social media campaigns, third-party interventions to the European Court of Human Rights, communications to UN Special Rapporteurs and educational outreach to impacted communities. Students developed the work completed in this session as part of the assessment for this module.



Career Guidance @ Sussex:

In January 2025, recent LLM in International Human Rights Law graduate Lucimar Prata Dos Santos spoke to our current LLM students about her internship with the UN OHCHR, in the Anti-Racial Discrimination Department as well as her work for Guardians Worldwide and Oxfam. In February 2025, LLM IHRL convenor Steph Berry spoke to students about the range of opportunities available to students with an LLM in International Human Rights Law and gave advice on how to develop their CVs.

To find out more, please visit [SCHRR's website](#)

Human Rights Law Clinic

In 2024/25, students on the Human Rights Law Clinic produced excellent work in response to some particularly challenging briefs. The clients were particularly impressed with the practical avenues identified by the teams, as well as the quality and depth of research. Memoranda will be made available on [SCHRR's website](#), subject to client consent.

Lola Francis-Clark and **Natalie Sweiss** worked on a brief for War on Want entitled 'Assessing the United Kingdom (UK)'s Legal Accountability: International Criminal and State Responsibility for Alleged Complicity in War Crimes and Genocide in Gaza'.

Juliette Hudson and **Sabrina Shafi** worked on a brief for Global Rights Compliance entitled 'Children's Rights to Education, Cultural Identity, and Freedom of Expression in Armed Conflict: Legal Analysis of Violations in Russia and Ukraine'.

Oliver Johnson and **Pedro Monteiro** worked on a brief for Survival International entitled 'State Responsibility for Indigenous and Tribal Peoples Rights under Convention no. 169 of the ILO: The German case'.



LLM IHRL Graduate Destinations

2024-25 LLM IHRL student, Juliette Hudson starts an internship with the [Council of Europe](#) in the field of child rights in October.

2023-24 LLM IHRL graduate, Bilan Hirsi is a Network Coordinator for [Every Casualty Counts](#).

2023-24 LLM IHRL graduate, Lucimar Prata Dos Santos completed an internship with **UN OHCHR**, [Anti-Racial Discrimination section](#) in June 2025. She also works as a Research Officer at [Guardians Worldwide](#).

2023-24 LLM IHRL graduate, Shivani Patel is working for the [Asylum Support Appeals Project](#).

2023-24 LLM IHRL graduate Meredith Armstrong has recently been appointed as a Legal Adviser at [Protect](#), the UK's leading whistleblowing charity.

2023-24 LLM IHRL graduate, Henry Curties will shortly start as a Youth Ambassador Intern for the Green Response Programme at the [British Red Cross](#). He also volunteers for the [Refugee Buddy Project](#).

2023-24 LLM IHRL graduate, Ophelia Geary has completed her LPC and will shortly start her training contract with **Moore Barlow LLP**.

2017-18 LLM IHRL graduate, Tom Thrower has qualified as a solicitor and is working in the **Brodie Jackson Canter** Immigration team.

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