

Programme

- 10:00 **Arrive and refreshments, Grimond Foyer**
- 10:15 **Introduction and Welcome**
- 10:25 **My law student life**
Kent Law School students share their experiences and perspectives of studying law at Kent – what it's really like, and how does it match up to the expectations they had beforehand?
- 11:00 **BREAK**
- 11:15 **Sample law lecture - Character: The Good, the Bad and the Ugly**
Darren Weir, Lecturer in Law, Director of Mooting
Imagine you have been summonsed to sit on a jury. You know nothing about the case. You see the witnesses and the defendant telling you their accounts of what has happened. But you don't know them. What do you really know about them? Would it help you to know about their backgrounds and their character?
This sample lecture will examine what juries can and cannot be told about the people who give evidence in front of them.
- 12:15 **LUNCH** (followed by optional campus tours for accompanying guests)
- 12:45 **Seminar 1: choose one seminar from the choice of five below**
Critical Introduction to Law: War Crimes and the Rule of Law (Dr Hayley Gibson)
Brexit, Boris, and the Sovereignty of Parliament? (Dr Mo Afshary)
Testing the Boundaries of (Private) Property (Dr Hannah Phillips)
Joint Enterprise: has the 'wrong turn' been corrected? (Johanne Thompson)
Social media use and abuse: exploring our legal obligations in an online world (Dr Marie Kerin)
- 13:40 **Seminar 2: choose a second seminar from the choice of five above**
- 14:35 **Q&A panel** (with students from Kent Law School)
All our guests gather back together at the end of the day for the opportunity to ask questions about any aspect of studying Law at university and at Kent
- 15:00 **END**

Sample seminar choices (select two)

Critical Introduction to Law: War Crimes and the Rule of Law *(Dr Hayley Gibson)*

In the wake of the Second World War, the victorious Allied powers found themselves faced with the task of bringing the captured Nazi leaders to justice. Agreeing that reparations were not a suitable response to the atrocities carried out during the Nazi regime, the Allied leaders decided that, for the very first time, individual state officials would be held criminally responsible for their actions; and a brand new set of war crimes were drafted in order to prosecute offences that had hitherto never been contemplated by the legal imagination. In this seminar, we will examine the legal idea of the Rule of Law in light of the 1945 Nuremberg Trial. Students will perform the Judges' role, hearing preliminary arguments by the prosecution, and delivering a response to the defendants' motion: that the trial cannot go ahead.

Brexit, Boris, and the Sovereignty of Parliament *(Dr Mo Afshary)*

One of the fundamental principles of the UK constitutional law is that the Parliament has sovereignty over the Judiciary and the Executive (government). However, the Brexit referendum in 2016 gave rise to major disputes as to the nature of the relationship between Parliament and the Executive. In one well-known example, Prime Minister Boris Johnson sought to shut down the Parliament for five weeks. However, in a historic judgement, the UK Supreme Court held that this was unlawful, and soon afterwards MPs returned to Parliament. In this seminar, we discuss the principle of 'Parliamentary Sovereignty' as reflected in some of the major judgements by the Supreme Court since the Brexit referendum.

Testing the Boundaries of (Private) Property *(Dr Hannah Phillips)*

How we choose to conceptualise property shapes not only how we relate to pieces of land but also how we relate to one another. In this seminar, we will think about the sort of images that come to mind when we hear the word 'property' and question the extent to which they inform our broader social interactions. To do this we will not only explore how we define property but also how we believe we gain entitlement to it. All of this will be done with the view of exposing the function that property performs in creating and maintaining inequalities, which should, in turn, leave us questioning the true value of (private) property in our society today.

Joint Enterprise: has the 'wrong turn' been corrected? *(Johanne Thompson)*

Joint enterprise is a 300-year-old doctrine where a person can be liable for a criminal offence that's committed by another when both embark on a joint criminal venture. This doctrine became particularly cumbersome in joint enterprise murder cases when the case of Chan Wing-Siu made its ruling in 1984 (extending liability for murder to a secondary party). However, the case of Jogee in 2016 held that the law had taken a 'wrong turn' in 1984 and therefore reverted back its original principle (asserting secondary liability is intention to assist or encourage the crime). This seminar will look at how it had taken a 'wrong turn', and whether it has taken the correct approach since Jogee.

Social media use and abuse: exploring our legal obligations in an online world *(Dr Marie Kerin)*

This seminar will examine if and how should we be (legally) responsible for the consequences of what we post online. Drawing on topical examples, wider news stories, and your own experiences, we will explore the potential legal implications of the way in which we use (and sometimes abuse!) social media.