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Future: Renovation or Innovation

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Celebrating 25 Years of the British Law
Centre in Central and Eastern Europe



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BLC 25TH ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE

8th September 2017– Law Faculty, University of Cambridge

Conference programme

9.30- 10.00 Registration and coffee

10.00– 11.15 **Plenary session 1 (chaired by Lord Robert Carnwath, UK Supreme Court)**

Introduction—Professor Kenneth Armstrong , Director of CELS, University of Cambridge



Keynote address by UK Advocate General Eleanor Sharpston

“More important than Brexit? The EU and the Refugee Crisis.”

11.15-11.30 Tea break

11.30—12.30

“The External and Internal Transformation of the EU Judicial System”? Looking to the reforms of the Tribunal, non-accession to the ECHR, and the institutional design of the EU judiciary. - Advocate General Michal Bobek

“The EU and the “badge of lost innocence”: some thoughts on the judicial review of EU legislation.” – Kieron Beale QC

12.30-13.45 Lunch Break

13.45 – 15.45 Concurrent panel sessions

Panel 1: Brainstorming the future: Moderator, Advocate General Michal Bobek

“Looking to the European Union of the Future: Changes to the Current Free Movement Principles and the Demographic Challenge”—Judge Alexandar Kornezov— General Court to the EU

‘Brexit, me and the EU’ - Professor Catherine Barnard, Cambridge University

‘EU enlargement at the crossroads: is there a way forward?’ Professor Adam Lazowski, University of Westminster

‘The perspectives for innovative audiovisual services’ Dr Katarzyna Klaskowska-Wasniowska, AMU, Poznan

‘Diversity in unity: struggle for competences in management of marine (biological) resources in Regional Organisations’

Agnieszka Stobiecka— Kuik, European Commission

Panel 2 : Commerce, litigation and globalisation, Moderator: Professor Andrew Johnston (Sheffield University)



‘Is globalisation good for the law?’- Stephen Denyer, Law Society of England and Wales

‘EU as a leader of prosperity - challenges for EU governance’ Blaž Golob, Director GFS Institute

‘Commercial Litigation in Europe: Life After Brexit’ - Professor Richard Fentiman, Cambridge University

‘Artificial Intelligence in the Legal Profession’ Wojciech Wiewiorowski Assistant European Data Protection Supervisor

‘Quo vadis European company law’ -Dr Bartłomiej Kurcz, European Commission (JUST)

15.45-16.00 Tea/ coffee break

16.00-17.00 **Closing plenary session** with reports/ feedback from moderators and final discussion/ conclusions

More details will be posted at <https://britishlawcentre.co.uk/news>



CONFERENCE SPEAKERS

UK Advocate General Eleanor Sharpston

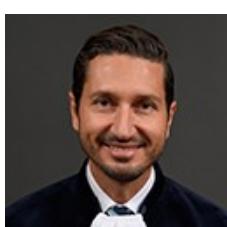


The British Advocate General at the Court of Justice of the European Communities since 2006, Eleanor Sharpston QC is also a fellow at Kings College Cambridge. She has been a great supporter and friend of the British Law centre for many years as well as the Presiding Judge of the Central and Eastern European Moot competition (CEEMC) since 2009.

Czech Republic Advocate General Michal Bobek



The Czech Advocate General at the Court of Justice since 2015 previously Professor of law at College of Europe in Bruges. Co-founder and President of the Czech Society for European and Comparative Law. A distinction graduate of the BLC diploma in English and EU law. A former competitor and current member of judging panel of CEEMC.



Judge Alexandar Kornezov- General Court

Judge at the General Court since September 2016, formerly Judge at Civil Service Tribunal. Founding member of Bulgaria Association for European Law and editor in chief of Evropeiski praven pregled. A long time friend of the BLC and member of the CEEMC judging panel

Professor Richard Fentiman, Cambridge University



Professor of Private International Law and current Chairman of Faculty of Law of the University of Cambridge. Richard is also the current Academic Director of the charity JAS Ltd and has lectured BLC students at the University of Warsaw since 1992, so has the distinction of being the longest serving visiting lecturer at the BLC centre Warsaw and an occasional judge at the CEEMC.



Professor Catherine Barnard, Cambridge University

Professor of European Union law at the University of Cambridge, former co-director of the Centre for European Legal Studies, University of Cambridge and holder of Jean Monnet Chair of EU Law. Catherine has also lectured at a number of the BLC centres over the years and has also been a member of the judging panel of the CEEMC.

Professor Kenneth Armstrong, Cambridge University



Professor of European law at University of Cambridge since 2013 and Director of the Centre for European Legal Studies as well as being editor in chief of the Cambridge Yearbook of European Legal Studies.



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Wojciech Wiewiorowski Assistant European Data Protection Supervisor

Appointed as Assistant Supervisor at EDPS in 2014 for a term of five years, previously the Inspector General for the Protection of Personal Data at the Polish Data Protection Authority. Wojciech is a BLC alumnus and former BLC local programme director of the BLC centre in Gdansk, as well as a competing in the CEEMC in 1997.

Dr Adam Lazowski, University of Westminster

Professor of EU Law at the School of Law at the University of Westminster (London). Adam is a BLC alumnus and a former tutor at the BLC centre in Warsaw.



Stephen Denyer, UK Law Society

Director of Strategic Relationships at The Law Society of England & Wales and responsible with for co-operations with and between law firms and academia nationally and internationally. Formerly with Allen & Overy for 36 years, during which time his firm became a primary sponsor of the BLC and also assisted in the management of its operating charity JAS Ltd.

Kieron Beale QC

Appointed as Queens Counsel in 2012, Kieron is also qualified as a special advocate and was elected a Master of the Bench of the Inner Temple in 2016. He regularly appears before all levels of courts and tribunals in the UK and in Luxembourg and Strasbourg. Kieron joined the CEEMC judging bench in 2016.



Dr Katarzyna Klaskowska-Wasniowska



Member of the European Law Dept, Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznan since 2007. A BLC alumna and the current BLC local programme director at its centre at AMU, Poznan

A member of the Legal Service of the European Commission since 2003 with an LLM from KU Leuven. Agnieszka is a former Fullbright scholar at Columbia University, President of the International Board of ELSA in 1998 and trainee with Judge Koen Lenaerts at the CFI as well as a BLC and AMU alumna from Poznan.



Blaž Golob



A founding Director of the Centre for eGovernance Development for South East Europe and the president of the Bled Forum on Europe. Blaž is a BLC alumnus from its European law diploma for Slovenia students organised in collaboration with Institute of Continuing Education, Cambridge University.

Dr Bartłomiej Kurcz

Head of the company law team at the European Comission at DG JUST and a BLC alumnus from the Katowice centre. He is also a former competitor and judge at the CEEMC.





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HISTORY

The British Law Centre opened its doors to its first students in October 1992, with a splendid opening ceremony in the Rectors Palace of Warsaw University in the presence of Prince Charles. This joint venture between the Law Faculties of the University of Cambridge and the University of Warsaw, which arose from the initiative of the Hon. George Dobry, QC, CBE has now reached its 25th year!!

Its original objective of providing a corps of Polish lawyers with sufficient knowledge of English law to meet the needs of English and Polish law firms has far been surpassed, with its addition of teaching centres in other parts of Poland and other Central and Eastern European states.

More than 3000 law students, professional trainees and qualified lawyers have graduated from the BLC's centres in Poland, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia.

For a student in 1990s Prague Law Faculty, bored stiff by tedious ex-cathedra lectures, presenting law dogmatically as a body or rules to be memorized, the Diploma in English and EU Law offered an exciting and refreshing window into a very different legal world, way of thinking, and understanding the law. For me personally, that was the moment when law started being fun. Add to that the opportunity to learn and perfect your legal English, a must in any international legal work done today, and you have the recipe for a successful career in law, in your home country or beyond.

**Advocate General Michal Bobek
(BLC distinction alumnus/CEEMC alumnus and judge)**

BLC graduates do not only include lawyers however, but also a growing body of legal translators, whose accuracy and understanding of the underlying legal doctrines impacting on legal English will continue to have a profound impact in a European Union comprising 24 authorised languages.



The Honorable George Dobry

The popularity and prestige of the BLC is unchanged in the region. Over its 25 years it has co-operated with 17 university partners as well as a number of professional legal associations and its courses remain widely recognised (not only by its students, but also by its university partners and law firm sponsors) as providing an ideal preparation for legal practice in an international law firm, an excellent grounding for a continental lawyer planning to specialise in European Union and international law and an unparalleled preparation for students who wish to undertake further education abroad and/or commence an academic career.

THE CHARITY: JURIS ANGLIAE SCIENTIA LTD

At the heart of the BLC is *Juris Angliae Scientia Ltd*; a charitable foundation set up in 1992 with the object of promoting education links between the United Kingdom and Poland. For two decades it has promoted the activities of the British Law Centre, through its co-operation with universities in the region. Throughout their shared history JAS Ltd and the BLC have maintained an exceptionally close connection with members of the faculty of the University of Cambridge, with its founding director Professor W.R. Cornish remaining a member of the JAS Board accompanied by colleagues from Cambridge Law Faculty.



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BLG GRADUATES

BLG graduates have pursued their varied careers in EU institutions, national ministries, universities or law firms (both national and international). Each in their way has assisted in the transition of their country during its early years of EU membership. In this way the BLG has made, and will continue to make, a significant contribution to political and legal transformation in Central and Eastern Europe.

BLG alumni include/have included members of the Court of Justice to the European Union, representatives to European and international bar associations, international law firm partners, EU and national data protection supervisors, under-secretaries of state, executive members of the European Commission/European Parliament and European Bank of Reconstructions and Development, reputed academics; including a number of law faculty deans/rector in the region.....

although this summary no doubt reflects only a small part of BLG alumni achievements!

"Juris Angliae Scientia is a truly unique institution. I have been involved in legal education and training and the development of new markets for legal services all over the world, and have never encountered anything to compare with it.

It has made a unique contribution to the development of many of the most talented lawyers from across Central Europe, Having been involved with its first 20 years, I look forward to many further years of successful partnership."

Stephen Denyer, Strategic Development, UK Law Society.

"Over the twenty years of its life the British Law Centre has transformed the approach to teaching law in Central Europe, and so played an important part in helping to strengthen the rule of law in those countries. A generation of some of the brightest students have learnt to see legal issues in a new and different way through their experience of the common law and of European law taught in English. Graduates have been enabled to find challenging careers in the public and private sectors that might otherwise have been closed to them.

I have been proud to be associated with the Charity for many years, and look forward to working with its friends and supporters to build on that successful record." (Lord Robert Carnwath- UK Supreme Court and Chairman of Members of JAS Ltd)

PROFESSIONAL PARTNERS

"With increasing numbers of law graduates on the employment market, graduates need to ensure that they stand out from the rest of the pack. The BLG Diploma is a great way for candidates to distinguish themselves."

Nick Fletcher,
Clifford Chance Warsaw
/ JAS Director

JAS also enjoys the support of members of the UK and European Union judiciary and legal profession including the current Chairman of the Members of JAS, Lord Robert Carnwath of Notting Hill, member of the UK Supreme Court.

Both practical support and sponsorship is also provided for JAS from a number of international law firms with offices in the Central and East-

ern Europe region. This relationship is of mutual benefit as it enables law firms to meet and often recruit BLG alumni, whether at guest lectures or during the annual Firms Fair / firms workshops.

All professional partners provide annual workshops for BLG students with professional skills training





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ACADEMIC PARTNERS

A central feature of the British Law Centre is that all of its courses are taught in English at the local universities of its students, enabling them to study English common law and to gain practical legal skills alongside their own university degree studies.

The host university nominates an academic partner for the course and commonly arranges that successful completion counts towards the attainment of the national law degree, whether by including the BLC modules as part of its degree subjects or arranging for local or ECTS credits to be awarded. These partnerships are highly valued by JAS because they contribute a great deal to the success of the British Law Centres.

Some students have even travelled to the BLC's partner Universities especially to study the BLC course. The course's comprehensive e-learning structure is crucial to ensuring the continued success of the course, as is the small class teaching by resident and visiting tutors. Partnerships have not only existed with a number of universities in Poland but also with universities in other parts of the region in particular, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia.



The BLC's graduation ceremonies often give the opportunity for graduates to meet a special guest or two....

CENTRAL AND EAST EUROPEAN MOOT COURT COMPETITION



The BLC promotes the practical experience of mooting as part of its class activities and encourages its students to take part in mock trials/moots as optional activities. In 1994 it founded the annual CEEMC - Teams of 3-4 law students and young lawyers from Central and East European universities present arguments on a current issue of European Union law in an active simulation of proceedings before the European Court of Justice.

CEEMC teams present their legal submissions in English to a panel of experts in European Law led by Advocate General Eleanor Sharpston of the Court of Justice to the European Union.

"Working within any legal system requires both linguistic precision and deep immersion in that system's legal culture. Young lawyers from Central and Eastern Europe who have studied with the British Law Centres of JAS therefore have an immense advantage when it comes to dealing with English-speaking colleagues from common law systems."

Advocate General Eleanor Sharpston

The previous President of the 'Court' was the late Lord Slynn of Hadley.



The best speaker of the competition wins a short stage in the Advocate-General's Chamber and the winning team visits the University of Cambridge, Inns of Court and Supreme Court in London.





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