

Faculty of Law, Governance and International Relations

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Dear colleague,

Welcome to the fourth issue of the LGIR Research newsletter. I compile and circulate the newsletter three times a year, in: October, February, and June. You can find past issues at: <http://www.londonmet.ac.uk/depts/lgir/research/research-newsletter.cfm>

The aim is to keep everyone informed about what the faculty collectively and colleagues individually are accomplishing in research-orientated activities. The main objective is to keep everyone informed of our preparations for REF 2014.

During 2010-11, Wendy Stokes (Academic Leader, Research and Postgraduate) and I will undertake the following research-orientated tasks in relation to LGIR:

Increase number and depth of research and knowledge transfer engagements

Increase research and enterprise income

Action: Work closely with Pat Gray, LGIR Associate Dean (External), to identify and exploit (1) potential research and knowledge transfer engagements and (2) sources of income involving research and enterprise initiatives.

Increase success rate with peer-reviewed research applications

Action: Work closely with Research and Graduate School to ensure that all LGIR peer-reviewed research applications are perused by Associate Dean (Research & Postgraduate) and other member of faculty Research and Postgraduate Degrees committee before submission to funding bodies.

Research survey of LGIR active staff in preparation for REF2014 in order to identify and reward with teaching relief staff most likely to provide high-quality research outputs

Actions: Undertake LGIR faculty research survey to ascertain which staff will receive teaching relief in 2011-12; Organise teaching relief for research active colleagues participating in REF2014; Undertake REF dummy run to assess whether teaching relief is being used productively;

Compile and circulate LGIR Research Newsletters three times a year;

Oversee process of organising regular LGIR research seminars in both Law and GIR subject areas.

This newsletter includes the following:

- ❖ Update on the Research Excellence Framework 2014
 - ❖ External funding for research
 - ❖ Profiles of Faculty Research Centres
 - ❖ Research profile: Dr Matthew Stone, Senior Lecturer in Law
 - ❖ LGIR research outputs update (June-October 2010)
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❖ Update on the Research Excellence Framework 2014

‘The REF will be a process of expert review, informed by indicators where appropriate. Expert sub-panels for each of 36 units of assessment (UOAs) will carry out the assessment, working under the guidance of four broad main panels. Institutions will be invited to make submissions to each UOA, to be assessed in terms of:

- **The quality of research outputs**
This will continue to be the primary factor in the assessment. The quality of research outputs will be assessed by the expert panels against international standards of excellence. We expect that some of the panels will make use of [citation information](#) to inform their review of outputs.
- **The wider impact of research**
We are currently running a [pilot exercise](#) to develop and test the method for assessing this.
- **The vitality of the research environment**

The outcomes of the overall assessment will be fine-grained enough to identify excellence wherever this may be found. Panels will produce a sub-profile for each element (outputs, impact and environment), to be combined into an overall excellence profile. The profiles will show the proportion of submitted work at each point on a five-point scale (1* to 4* plus Unclassified).’ (Source: <http://www.hefce.ac.uk/research/ref/>)

There is little to be added since the update in the last newsletter in June 2010. Detailed guidance on submissions and assessment criteria will be published during 2011. Institutions will be invited to make submissions during 2013 and the assessment will take place during 2014. For those interested, you can see what HEFCE is doing in terms of preparation at <http://www.hefce.ac.uk/research/ref/>. A pdf of the timetable to 2014 is available at <http://www.hefce.ac.uk/research/ref/timetable.pdf>

Outcomes will be published in December 2014, with a submissions deadline of ‘late 2013’. HEFCE’s course of action for the rest of 2010 is as follows:

Table 1: Research Excellence Framework timetable, July-December 2010

July	Main Panel Chairs Designate appointed Announce panel structure and start recruitment of expert panels
17 September	Deadline for applications for sub panel chairs
8 October	Deadline for nominating panel members
October	Sub-panel chairs appointed
November	Reports from the impact pilot exercise
December	Panel members appointed

❖ External funding for research

Helen Blockley (H.Blockley@londonmet.ac.uk), Communications and Promotions Manager, Research & Graduate School, recently emailed details of two events below which have been organised as part of the Researcher Development Programme 2010/11, which provides a range of training and development opportunities for academic and research staff, and postgraduate research students at London Metropolitan University.

For more information on the Researcher Development Programme, please visit http://www.londonmet.ac.uk/research/the-graduate-school/skills-training-programme/skills-training-programme_home.cfm

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Researcher Development Programme - Funding and Research Opportunities in the EU Tech Tower, 8th Floor, North Campus

Whether you are a seasoned applicant to EU funded Research Programmes or completely new to the process, all staff are invited to a workshop from **the Researcher Development Programme on Funding and Research Opportunities in the EU**. Inga Benner, European Advisor from UKRO is coming to London Metropolitan University to provide us with an update on the policy drivers influencing the EU research programme and the challenges ahead in 2011 - 2013.

Come and see how you can make informed decisions about participation in the varied and diverse EU programmes (FP7 and non-framework, including tenders and contracts) and how to get involved in the opportunities available. If you have a project in the making, take the chance to field your questions in the surgery sessions (by appointment only).

For more information, to register for this event or to book a surgery session, please contact Amy Tan, Funding Support Office at a.tan@londonmet.ac.uk by **12 October**, or you can phone Amy on ext. 4532.

This session is part of the Researcher Development Programme 2010/11, which provides a range of training and development opportunities for academic and research staff, and postgraduate research students at London Metropolitan University.

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Researcher Development Programme - Research Professional End-User Training North and City Campus

Want to keep up-to-date and be well informed about potential funding opportunities for your projects but no time to check out the different sources? With Research Professional, you can obtain the sort of information you require, however and whenever you need it. As a member of staff at London Metropolitan University, you can do this for free.

Come and learn how to build searches for relevant funding opportunities, save searches for future reference, and create personal email alerts based on your search criteria. Please see the attached agenda.

For more information or to book a place please email Neema Shivraj, Funding Support Office at n.shivraj@londonmet.ac.uk indicating the session of your choice by **20 October 2010**, or you can phone Neema on ext. 4533.

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<http://www.londonmet.ac.uk/enterprise>

<http://www.londonmet.ac.uk/studententerprise>

<http://www.londonmet.ac.uk/accelerator>

<http://www.londonmet.ac.uk/metropolitanworks>

❖ Profile of Faculty Research Centres

The Faculty of Law, Governance and International Relations (LGIR) is one of the largest of its kind in the UK, with around 30 academic staff engaged in research, including lawyers, political scientists, political philosophers, international relations and theorists and contemporary historians (see Research News for recent notices and the web pages of individual staff members for further details). LGIR has won international repute for its research on:

- globalisation
- Aristotelian political and moral philosophy
- family law and practice
- religion and politics

The faculty hosts five Research Centres:

[The Centre for Comparative European Survey Data](#)

The Centre for Comparative European Survey Data (CCESD) was created in 1995 by Professor Richard Topf. CCESD specialises in cutting-edge developments at the interface of social science and informatics. Its real-time, interactive web-facilities for the simultaneous handling and integration of multiple, data sets, based on .Net programming, remain unique within the professional community.

[The Centre for Contemporary Aristotelian Studies in Ethics & Politics](#)

The Centre for Contemporary Aristotelian Studies in Ethics & Politics (CASEP) was formed in 2009, and joined by Professor Alasdair MacIntyre as Senior Research Fellow in 2010. Check out its forthcoming events, members and advisors, links to videos, audio recordings and other websites, and lists of scholarly work in contemporary Aristotelianism.

[The Centre for Family Law and Practice](#)

The Centre for Family Law and Practice was set up in January 2009 to facilitate the interface between academe and practice in the broad area of Family Law and associated topic areas. The Centre's existence and purpose has been developed in various ways, including: a series of specialist conferences in 2009 and 2010; an office for the Centre in the Faculty of Law, Governance and International Relations; increased invitations to Professor Marilyn Freeman to speak at various national and international conferences; for Professor Freeman to participate in relevant research opportunities in New Zealand; for the Centre to make a pro bono funded appearance in two leading cases in international child abduction in both the USA Supreme Court (Abbott v Abbott to be heard in January 2010) and the new Supreme Court in London (Re I heard when the Court opened in October 2009); and in interest from the publisher, Routledge Cavendish, in publishing the Centre's journal.

[The Centre for the Study of Religion, Conflict and Cooperation](#)

The Centre for the Study of Religion, Conflict and Cooperation (CSRCC) was established in February 2008. The Centre is located within the Faculty of Law, Governance and International Relations. The Centre is concerned with perhaps the most important topic in contemporary politics and society: Resurgent religion and ethnic conflict and poverty and exclusion. These are major challenges driving politics at both civil society and state levels in many parts of the world. Religious identity is also an important concern in political and scholarly debates about immigration, security, and integration across the Western world. The consequence is growing demand for research, consultancy, education, and training in the related fields of religion, conflict and cooperation. CSRCC aims to offer a variety of initiatives related to these broad concerns. In June 2011, CSRCC will be hosting a major international conference on the topic of religion, violence and extremism.

[The Global Policy Institute](#)

The Global Policy Institute (GPI) was created in August 2006. GPI brings together academics from the social sciences and business disciplines to analyse the dynamics of globalisation and formulate policy solutions. GPI's research and consultancy seeks to be of direct practical use to decision-makers, policy formation, business users and civil society groups, and offers partnerships within and beyond the academic community.

The Faculty also hosts the websites of the [London Universities' Consortium on Religion, Politics and Society](#) and the [International Network for Tax Research](#). Members of the Faculty participate in the [Human Rights and Social Justice Institute](#) (HRSJ).

❖ Research profile: Dr Matthew Stone, Senior Lecturer in Law

My primary research interest is in the field of critical legal theory. This is an interdisciplinary branch of jurisprudence that uses existing theoretical frameworks to question the assumptions of legal formalism and to understand the underlying politics and power dynamics of modern legality. In particular, there is an established turn towards continental philosophy in this field, and my own area of especial expertise is in using Emmanuel Levinas' philosophy of ethics and subjectivity to deepen our knowledge of how law understands socially marginalised groups. This was the topic of my PhD, which was awarded last year by Birkbeck College. The concluding argument of my thesis (part of which was published earlier this year in *Law, Culture and the*



Humanities, and which was originally presented at the Centennial Conference on Levinas and Law, McGill University) involves taking a sceptical view of modern law's ethical propensity, especially in the light of work on law and biopolitics drawn from Michel Foucault and Giorgio Agamben.

A further research interest, related to the above but of a more empirical nature, is in the legal status of Roma and other travellers. Recently I have been looking at the impact of planning law and policy upon travellers in the UK, examining the way in which local economies of knowledge can be prejudicial to travellers' planning claims. This was a subject on which I spoke at the Critical Legal Conference in Utrecht last month (September 2010), and on which I currently (October 2010) have an article in peer-review. This interest also overlaps with aspects of my theoretical research, and an examination of its interplay with an ethics of hospitality, co-authored with Gilbert Leung, was published in *Law and Critique* last year.

Owing to my interest in ethics, I am a member of the Centre for Contemporary Aristotelian Studies in Ethics and Politics at London Met, as well as being an associate of the Human Rights and Social Justice Research Institute. I have presented my work at a variety of conferences in the UK and abroad, and I am a regular participant in the annual Critical Legal Conference.

In terms of my imminent research plans, I am editing, along with Illan Wall and Costas Douzinas, a collection entitled *New Critical Legal Thinking: Law and the Political*, to be published by Birkbeck Law Press (Routledge-Cavendish) in 2011. In it we present a snapshot of a number of debates within the critical legal community, and seek to explore the relation between critical legal theory and particular areas of contemporary political philosophy. I am also writing a monograph that elaborates upon the argument made in my doctoral research,

provisionally titled *Emmanuel Levinas: Law, Ethics and Subjectivity*, and I have a proposal in review with Routledge at present.

❖ LGIR research outputs update (June-October 2010)

➤ Stephen Curtis, GIR

Conference papers and presentations

S. Curtis, 'Web 2.0, Dialogue and Learning in "the Edgeless University"', 3rd Annual Political Studies Association Teaching and Learning Conference, De Montfort University, Leicester, 14th-15th September, 2010.

S. Curtis, 'Writing in Public: Using Web 2.0 to Enable and Support Student Transitions' at the London Met Annual Learning and Teaching Conference 'Supporting Student Transitions', 6th July 2010.

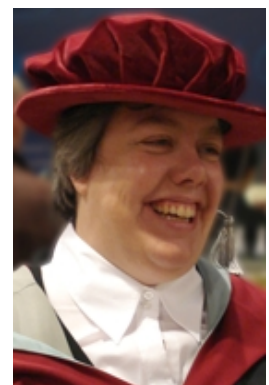
S. Curtis and A. Walker, 'Research-Based Politics Placements and Employability' at the CETH conference Employability in the Curriculum: Beyond the Bolt-On?, University of Central Lancashire, Preston, 22nd-23rd June 2010.

S. Curtis, 'Differentiated Learning and Teaching in the Social Sciences', Annual Learning and Teaching Conference, Birkbeck, University of London, 25th May 2010.



➤ Caroline Derry, Law

Caroline presented a paper entitled 'The English criminal courts courts, sexual activity between women and the protection of female "innocence"' at the Guarding Innocence conference, University of Cambridge at the beginning of September



➤ Marilyn Freeman, Law

At the end of June, 2010, the Centre for Family Law and Practice held an extremely successful inaugural conference on International Child Abduction, Relocation and Forced Marriage. It has been called the most important Family Law conference ever to be held in this country. Marilyn presented two papers at



the conference, and both papers have been uploaded into the Centre's paper bank (http://www.londonmet.ac.uk/depts/lgir/research-centres/centre-for-family-law-and-practice/centre-for-family-law-and-practice_home.cfm).

The conference led to the drafting and publication of The London Conclusions and Resolutions which have been published on the Centre's website, and received much attention elsewhere. The international drafting committee included a combination of renowned representatives of the judiciary, the legal profession, academics and researchers in keeping with the ethos of the Centre for Family Law and Practice.

The first issue of the Centre's peer reviewed journal was published, in which Marilyn's article on *re I* appeared, the case in which the Centre intervened and which was the first Family Law case to reach the UK's new Supreme Court - *Family Law and Practice* [2010] 1, 7 (This was mentioned as "forthcoming" in the June newsletter)

The article on Relocation referred to in the June newsletter as "forthcoming" has now been published: Relocation - The **reunite** Research Project *International Family Law* [2010] 161

Marilyn also has another article accepted for publication by a US journal following presentation with Dr. Nicola Taylor from Otago, New Zealand, at the Washington conference detailed in the June newsletter. It is entitled: 'International Research Evidence on Relocation: Past, Present and Future, *Family Law Quarterly*.

Marilyn was invited by the Danish Ministry of Justice to deliver a workshop on international child abduction in Copenhagen at their conference on 30th September - 1st October 2010 on "The Child's perspective in family matters in a globalised world". She has also been commissioned to write an article on that presentation for a peer reviewed journal.

➤ **Jeffrey Haynes**

Invited Research Lectures/Keynote Addresses

'Religious soft power and international relations', 26th June 2010. Delivered at conference on 'Hard vs. Soft Power', The Cambridge Union, Cambridge University, UK, 23rd-26th June 2010.

'Religion and Culture in a Globalized World', Universitair Centrum Sint-Ignatius Antwerpen, Antwerp, Belgium, 26 –28 August 2010.

Publications

Peer-reviewed journal articles

'Politics, identity and religious nationalism in Turkey: From Atatürk to the AKP', *Australian Journal of International Affairs*, Vol. 64, No. 3 (June 2010), pp. 313-328.

'Introduction: Globalization, Religion and Secularization: Different States, Same Trajectories?' (with Guy Ben Porat), Special Issue of *Totalitarian Movements and Political Religions*, 11, 2 (June), pp. 125–132.



‘Democratisation in the Middle East and North Africa: What is the effect of globalisation?’, Special Issue of *Totalitarian Movements and Political Religions* (Globalization, Religion and Secularization: Different States, Same Trajectories?), 11, 2 (June), pp. 133-149.

Edited book/special issue of journal

Religion and Democratisations, London, Routledge, June 2010

Special Issue of *Totalitarian Movements and Political Religions* (‘Globalization, Religion and Secularization: Different States, Same Trajectories?’, co-edited with Guy ben Porat), June 2010

➤ **Kelvin Knight, GIR**

This summer Kelvin participated in conferences in Lithuania (organized by CASEP fellow Professor Andrius Bielskis, papers from which Kelvin will co-edit with Andrius as a book) and Greece (organised by CASEP member Dr Pavlos Kontos) and completed three papers:

‘Revisionary Aristotelianism”, for publication in Fran O’Rourke ed., *Moral Philosophy in the Twentieth Century*, University of Notre Dame Press, 2011;

‘Virtue and Meaningful Work’ (with Dr Ron Beadle), submitted to *Business Ethics Quarterly*;

‘What’s the Good of Post-Analytic Philosophy?’, for publication in a special issue (edited by Mark Bevir, on Traditions and Dilemmas in Analytic Philosophy) of *History of European Ideas*, either 36:4 2010 or 37:1 2011.



➤ **Douwe Korff, Law**

2 July: Guest lecture at American summer school at University College London

9 August: Panel speaker at major international conference on economic crime (panel topic was ‘ethical issues in fighting economic crime’) at Cambridge University (conference sponsored by SFO)

31 August-3 September: teaching at ECHR summer school in Croatia



➤ **Jacqueline Laing, Law**



Conferences Organised

Life and Death Matters: Disability Rights and Incapacity Juris Conference

Lord Carlile of Berriew, Professor Raymond Tallis, Professor the Baroness Finlay of Llandaff, Dr Peter Cave, James Bogle, Dr Philip Howard, Dr Jacqueline Laing and other academics and legal and medical professionals gathered together in March at London Metropolitan University's Goulston Street campus to discuss issues surrounding the care of the vulnerable in hospitals.

Around 130 delegates attended London Metropolitan University's successful Life and Death Matters: Disability Rights and Incapacity Conference at the end of March. The conference aimed to promote a critical evaluation of healthcare provision for the elderly and incapacitated. Those attending included lawyers, patient advocacy groups, policy makers, students, the disabled and health care professionals. Barrister attendees were eligible to receive six CPD credits from the Law Society and the General Council of the Bar of England and Wales for attendance at the conference.

Papers delivered

Oxford University Jurisprudence Colloquium Series, 16 June 2010, University College, Oxford
Title: 'Justice and the Bindingness of Law'

Mykolas Romeris University, Vilnius, Lithuania July 29 – Sunday August 1, 2010
'Technological Progress and Moral Development: Virtue, Vice and Ideological Evolution'

Southern Cross Club, Canberra, Australia, 22 July 2010, 'Human Rights and the New Eugenics'

Treacy Conference Centre, Melbourne, Australia, Annual Conference on the Right to Life, 10 Conference 9-11 July 2010, 'Institutionalising Homicide'

London Metropolitan University Life and Death Matters: Disability Rights and Incapacity Conference 'Disability Rights and Mental Incapacity: Financial, Medical and Political Interests in Controlling Death'

➤ **Peter Leyland, Law**

Book

Peter's co-authored book (with Prof. Andrew Harding), *Thailand's Constitutional System: A Contextual Analysis* is written and it is presently with readers. It should be in press by the end of next month at the latest. Due out in Spring 2011.



Journal article

P. Leyland and A. Harding, 'Constitutional Design in Thailand: the Management of Electoral Process in an Emergent Democracy', *The Journal of Parliamentary and Political Law*, Vol 4, No 2, 2010, pp. 299-321.

Accountability in the Contemporary Constitution

On the 24 September 2010 a workshop was held in the Faculty of LGIR organised by Peter

Leyland and Nicholas Bamforth, Fellow of Queens College Oxford, for the contributors to an edited book due to be published in 2012. The book will address the crucial issue of constitutional accountability from a number of quite different perspectives which were reflected in the papers delivered at the workshop from a distinguished international team (including the universities of Oxford, Cambridge, Harvard, London School of Economics). During the course of the day papers were delivered on: 'The Spirits of the Constitution', 'Adjudication as Accountability', 'Developing a Culture of Justification and Accountability in Human Rights Decisions', 'The Value of Legal Accountability', 'Accountability for Service Delivery in the Modern Administrative State', Public Law, National Security and Human Rights: A case study of Political and Legal Accountability', 'Accountability to Law', 'Beyond the courts: tribunals, inquiries and ombudsmen', 'Judicial Accountability in Comparative Perspective'. The papers which were presented formed were the basis for discussion around the wider objectives of the book.

The paper Peter Leyland presented at the workshop was entitled 'Legal or Political, Formal or Informal: How to account for Devolution'.

➤ **Janet Loveless, Law**

'Domestic Violence, Coercion & Duress' Crim LR [2010] 2, 93-108



➤ **Dermot McCann, LGIR**

Book published

The Political Economy of the European Union: An Institutional Perspective, Polity, July 2010



➤ **Bob McKeever**

Bob took part in an event held at the Frontline Club on September 21, entitled 'The US midterm elections: What's at stake?'. Bob was part of a panel for the discussion. For full details please see



<http://frontlineclub.com/events/2010/09/the-us-midterm-elections-whats-at-stake.html>

The theme was as follows: As the US midterm elections approach, the panel discussed their significance for Barack Obama's Presidency. What are the prospects of the Democrats losing their Senate majority altogether after the 2 November polls? What impact will it have on the remainder of President Obama's term in office if his party loses control of the legislative branch to the Republicans?

The Frontline Club was looking ahead to the midterm elections and the next two years for President Obama's in the White House with congressional scholar, **Professor Thomas Mann**, an expert on campaigns, elections and the effectiveness of Congress.

Chaired by **Michael Goldfarb**, London correspondent for globalpost.com, with: **Bill Barnard**, chair of Democrats Abroad UK; **Dr Thomas D. Grant**, chair of Republicans Abroad UK; **Professor Robert McKeever**, Dean of the Faculty of Law, Governance and International Relations, London Metropolitan University, and author of *Raw Judicial Power? The Supreme Court and American Society*, *The United States Supreme Court: A Political and Legal Analysis* and lead author of (with Professor Philip Davies) of the major textbook *Politics USA*: third edition due out in 2011.

Bruce Pilbeam, GIR

Conference paper

'Eurabian Nightmares: American Conservative Discourses and the Islamization of Europe', Transatlantic Studies Association 9th Annual Conference, Durham University, 13 July 2010.



➤ **Diana Stirbu, GIR**

Diana has been asked to submit evidence to the National Assembly for Wales Business Committee review of the Standing Orders. She did so, jointly with Prof. Laura McAllister from the University of Liverpool. Please see the committee's website with their evidence: http://www.assemblywales.org/bus-home/bus-committees/bus-committees-other-committees/bus-committees-third-bc-home/bc-review_of_standing_order_consultation_responses.htm

Since July, Prof. McAllister and Diana have been advising the External Communications division in the National Assembly with regards to the forthcoming Referendum on Pat IV of the Government of Wales Act 2006. They have put in proposals for the Referendum brochure and are closely liaising with Assembly staff on any matters regarding the Referendum

New research: Diana has been asked (by the Contemporary Wales journal) to write a piece on the work of the All Wales Convention. Through the summer she did a series of interviews with former members of the Convention (including Sir Emyr Jones Parry) and other prominent figures in Welsh politics (such as the former First Minister of Wales Rhodri

Morgan). Diana, the lead author, is writing the article jointly with Prof. McAllister and is currently in the writing/finishing up stage. The article will go to peer review in October 2010 and will hopefully be published in January 2011.

Finally, Diana has liaising with the Hansard Society and the Women's Library with the view to planning a series of joint seminars on issues around Representative Democracy - representation of women in various aspects of public life more precisely.

➤ **Wendy Stokes, GIR**

In July Wendy was invited to Bradford to give a paper and participate in a panel on 'Researching Women in Politics' with staff from Peace Studies and a group of visiting academics from Pakistan.

The Annual LGIR/GPI Research Student Conference was held in June at the Women's Library. Seven students presented their research, prompting lively debate. The one-day conference was well-attended by staff and students, who all expressed considerable satisfaction with the event. The next conference will be in June 2011.

A forthcoming series of research seminars in conjunction with FASS for the LGIR/GPI/FASS research students this semester, focusing on: 'methods and methodologies'.



➤ **Mark Wheeler, Law**



Book contract

Mark signed a book contract with Polity publishers for the forthcoming publication: *Celebrity Politics: Image and Identity in modern political communications*, (Cambridge: Polity 2013).

Conference paper

Mark presented a paper entitled 'The European Union's Competition Directorate's 2009 Communication on the application of state aid rules to Public Service Broadcasting: principles, consultation and recommendations for EU media policy in the new media environment' at the RIPE Conference, University of Westminster 8-11 September 2010.