

Criminology at Cardiff

Mike Levi, Professor of Criminology at Cardiff University, has been awarded a three-year ESRC Professorial Fellowship commencing autumn 2007 to further two core research objectives: to generate a better conceptualisation of and evidence base for research on the nature and extent of economic crime and its significance within 'organised crime', from local to global; and to review and to try to account for dynamics (and stasis) in the control of economic crime, including the array of public-private partnerships that have become an increasingly important feature of 'policing beyond the police' and 'governance beyond the State'.

The research will combine the conceptualisation of socio-economic harm, qualitative interviewing and more quantitative fraud network analysis, and will be accompanied by a PhD studentship, for which applications are invited. Interested persons should contact Professor Levi at [e levi@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:levi@cardiff.ac.uk) [† +44\(0\)29 20874376](tel:+4402920874376).

A three-year criminology and criminal justice lectureship (with prospects of extension) will be advertised by Cardiff University, commencing in the Autumn (or January 2008 at the latest). Interested persons should contact Gordon Hughes, Professor of Criminology, at [e hughesgh@cardiff.ac.uk](mailto:hughesgh@cardiff.ac.uk) [† +44\(0\)29 20879055](tel:+4402920879055).

International Research Doctorate

The Renato Treves International Research Doctorate in Law and Society, based in Milan and offered by a consortium of European Universities and Research Centres (University of Milano, University of Como-Insubria, University of Bologna, University of Urbino, Centro nazionale di prevenzione e difesa sociale, University of Lund, Carlos III University of Madrid, University of Antwerp), will shortly issue a call for a new intake of PhD candidates. The deadline for applications is likely to be 15 September 2007. If you are interested in receiving the call, please write to [e phd@fildir.unimi.it](mailto:phd@fildir.unimi.it).

Nuffield Foundation Small Grants Scheme

The Nuffield Foundation Small Grants Scheme funds self-contained social science research projects and pilot studies. The normal limit for awards is £7500; in exceptional circumstances awards may be up to £12,000. Grants may be used for research assistance, data collection, travel and subsistence, and other research expenses. Teaching replacement costs are met only exceptionally, and salaries of permanent university teaching staff are not covered.

There are three priority areas for funding:

- projects that develop social science research capacity and/or 'new' research careers;
- self-contained or pilot projects on issues of social importance;
- outstanding small projects in the social sciences.

Research that has implications for policy and practice is welcomed as are outstanding, but not routine, basic research projects. Applicants must have a permanent post in a university or independent research institute in the UK. Research students or others working for a higher degree are not eligible.

Application materials and information about the scheme can be downloaded from www.nuffieldfoundation.org. Alternatively, you may request copies from The Nuffield Foundation 28 Bedford Square, London WC1B 3JS [† 020 7580 7434](tel:+4402075807434) (24 hour answerphone). Please ask for the Small Grants Scheme application materials.

The Social Science Small Grants Scheme is a rolling programme and there is no closing date for applications. Decisions are usually made fwithin 12 weeks.

Foundation for Law, Justice and Society

The Labour Peer Lord Raymond Plant, Professor of Jurisprudence and Political Philosophy at King's College London, has recently joined the board of the Foundation for Law, Justice and Society (FLJS). Lord Plant sits in the House of Lords as a member of the Joint Committee on Human Rights. He has written on political, social and legal philosophy, and his work on conceptual issues relating to welfare will significantly enhance the Foundation's programme investigating the social contract. The Foundation's other research involves programmes investigating the rule of law in China and the role of the courts in shaping public policy.

It is envisaged that Lord Plant will help to extend the reach of the Foundation's work to the London Bar, thereby furthering the Foundation's mission to bridge the gap between academia and policymakers through study of socio-legal issues of contemporary significance. FLJS has already formed strong partnerships with Oxford University's Centre for Socio-Legal Studies and the Law Department, and more recently, the Aspen Institute's Justice and Society Program. This latest collaboration will be formalised with a workshop in Aspen, Colorado on 18-19 July, as part of the Foundation's 'Courts and the Making of Public Policy' programme. The workshop will examine the contentious issue of abortion and reproductive rights.

Future events by FLJS include a conference entitled 'The Role of Law and Dispute Resolution in Achieving Economic Growth and Social Justice in China' in September, and 'Concepts and Habits of the Modern Welfare State' in October.

Further details of these events and the Foundation's work can be found at www.fljs.org. **Phil Dines**

International graduate conference

The first International Graduate Legal Research Conference took place in London at King's Strand Campus from 12-13 April 2007. The conference, supported by the School of Law and Graduate School, was organised by PhD candidates in law. Its aims were to exchange ideas between legal researchers from around the world, and to facilitate the presentation of work in progress. King's presenters were joined by nearby colleagues from Queen Mary's University, the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, and Oxford University. In addition, students travelled from EU countries, the US, Canada, Australia and Israel. Sponsors were Herbert Smith, Simmons & Simmons and Hart Publishing.

Ten subject sessions in two streams took place over the two days. The sessions were chaired by King's academics, in addition to guests such as Professor Gillian Triggs (BIICL), Dr Eric Metcalfe (JUSTICE), and Kyriakos Fountoukakos (Herbert Smith). In the plenary session, Dr Jonathan Garton spoke on developing a career as a young academic. Lunch on Friday was accompanied by a poster session which proved a highlight of the conference. www.iglrc.com. **Cian Murphy**

Geographical Indications project

An ESRC-funded project on Geographical Indications (GI) led by Dwijen Rangnekar has recently commenced at the Centre for the Study of Globalisation and Regionalisation. This is an 18-month project with an extensive fieldwork component based in India. Using a case study of an alcoholic distillation from the cashew apple, Feni, brewed exclusively in Goa, the project seeks to explore the collective action dilemmas faced in the process of making a GI-club. This attention to club formation relates to the primary motivation of querying contemporary policy attention on GIs in many countries in the global South - their potential at localising economic control. Those interested can contact the [e d.rangnekar@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:d.rangnekar@warwick.ac.uk). Details about the project are available at www2.warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/csgr/research/projects/2007/protecting_feni.