

**MODERN STUDIES IN PROPERTY LAW 2026**

**FINAL PROGRAMME**

**MONDAY 30TH MARCH**

<b>REGISTRATION &amp; LUNCH</b> (12noon onwards) <i>Building 100, outside room 4013</i>	
<b>WELCOME &amp; OPENING REMARKS</b> (12.30) <i>Room 4013</i>	
12.45-13.45  <b>Room 4013</b> <b>OPENING KEYNOTE</b> <b>Proprietary Estoppel and Reasonable Reliance</b> <b>Prof John Mee</b>	
13.45-15.45  <b>Room 4013</b> <u>Property Through a Comparative Lens</u>  Norman Ho (online) A Conservative Theory of Property  Flora Vern The Normative Nature of 'Things' in Property Law  Amy Held Lost and found in translation: choses, propriété, patrimoine, and English property law  Dimitri Zdobnoh Equal Relativity and Equal Determinant of Title	  <b>Room 4011</b> <u>Property &amp; Environment (1)</u>  David Sawtell KC "The Sea is a Common Enemy to All": climate change, flooding and coastal erosion in English land law.  Michael Poulson Assessing the Progress of Green Leases  Bonnie Holligan Carbon farming and property law: how property rights shape multispecies conflict and collaboration in peatland carbon markets
<b>TEA AND COFFEE</b> (15.45-16.00)	
16.00-18.00 <i>Plenary 1</i>  <b>Room 4013</b> <u>Making Home? Property Law and the 'Housing Question':</u>  Caroline Hunter Who the bloody hell is your landlord? Understanding the complexity of property ownership in the English private rented sector  Emma Laurie and Nick Hopkins Owners or occupiers? Exploring autonomy and tenure in multi-owned housing  Tola Amodu Housing as Property (Law): In praise of the Progressives?  Mark Jordan & Helen Carr	

Empty Homes in England: A problem of unsustainable property practices in contemporary capitalism?

## TUESDAY 31ST MARCH

### TEA AND COFFEE (9-9.30)

9.30-10.30 *Plenary 2*

#### Room 4013

#### Resolving, Reimagining and Reforming Leasehold

Emily Carroll

Raising the Rent Acts: Market Power and Strategic Use of the Landlord and Tenant Act 1954

Srijan Ram Bhattacharyya

Beyond Forfeiture: Reimagining Remedies for Breach of Commercial Lease Covenants

### TEA AND COFFEE (10.30-11.00)

11.00-13.00

#### Room 4013

#### Reforming Property Law

Lucas Clover-Alcolea (online – Melbourne)

A proprietary approach to charitable trusts?

John Picton & Brett Crumley

The Statutory Reinvention of Charity Law

Juliet Brook

Bringing Intention to the Fore

Merit Flugler

Personhood Theories and the Home: Hegel Reconsidered

#### Room 4011

#### Theoretical Perspectives in Equity and the Law of Trusts

Duncan Sheehan

Conscience, The Nature of Legal Reasoning and the Fusion Debate

Adam Hofri-Winogradow

Should Trusts be Legal Persons?

Peter Jaffey

Hohfeld and property and trusts

Diego Montecino Diaz

'Interpreting the 'Double Ownership' concept at face value: Two consequences for *Fideicomisos* in Latin America'

### LUNCH (13.00-14.00)

14.00-15.30

**Room 4013**

Property & Environment (2)

Antoinette Nestor (online)  
Retrofitting Environmental Obligations into  
Property Law – The Case for England and  
Wales

Bjorn Hoops and Jessie Owley  
Conservation Easements for Energy  
Commons: Bridging Environmental  
Protection and Democratic Energy  
Transition

Melanie McGlone  
Stewardship: A New Taxonomy

**Room 4011**

Doctrinal Fault Lines in the Law of Trusts

Lorren Eldridge  
Section 53(1)(b) and the rest is history

David Sheldon  
Express declarations of trusts of land and the  
common intention constructive trust

Joshua Teng  
Remedies for Breach of Trust in East Asia:  
Proprietary and Third-Party Effects

**TEA AND COFFEE (15.30-15.45)**

15.45-17.15

**Room 4013**

Financial Aspects in the Law of Trusts

Anwayee Chakraborty (online)  
From Exclusion to Equity: Bridging Tradition  
and Modern Property Law for Hindu Women  
in Bangladesh

Fleur Stolker  
The Internationalisation of Property

Johanna Jacques  
The Contingent Trust: The *Quistclose* Trust  
and Statutory Trusts of Backing Assets

**Room 4011**

Land Use (1): Registration, Use & Planning

Alvin See Wei Liang  
Recovering mistakenly transferred land in the  
face of Torrens indefeasibility

Rachel Williams  
Compensation Disparities in Private-to-Private  
Land Takings

Susan Pascoe  
Recreation: the trumping of public rights over  
private land rights?

17.15-18.15 **Plenary 3**

**Room 4013**

Property in the Digital Age

Arianna Abitante  
A contextual perspective of the evolution of proprietary interests in crypto assets

Josip Desic  
ZK Chain: From the Conclusion of the Contract on the Transfer of Property Rights to  
Registration in the Land Registry Using Blockchain and Artificial Intelligence

**CONFERENCE RECEPTION & DINNER**

(from ~18.30 at Hartley Suite)

**WEDNESDAY 1ST APRIL**

9.30-11.00 *Plenary 4*

**Room 4013**

Land Use (2): Hybrid Property & Injunctions

Thomas Gibbons

Hybrid Property Forms and Private Communities – Theory, Method, and Practice

Lindani Mhlanga

Newcomer Injunctions and the Normative Challenge of Unlawful Occupation in South Africa and the United Kingdom.

Justin Lim

Public Interest Possession?

**TEA AND COFFEE** (11-11.30)

11.30-12.30 *Plenary 5*

**Room 4013**

**CLOSING PANEL DISCUSSION**

**THE FUTURE OF LEASEHOLD**

Nick Hopkins, Philip Rainey KC, Siobhan McGrath

*Chaired by Prof Helen Carr*

**CLOSE & LUNCH** (12.30 onwards)