

**MODERN STUDIES IN PROPERTY LAW 2026**

**16TH EDITION**

**PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME**

*(subject to change)*

**MONDAY 30TH MARCH**

<b>REGISTRATION &amp; LUNCH</b> (12noon onwards)	
<b>WELCOME &amp; OPENING REMARKS</b> (12.45)	
13.00-14.00	
<p align="center"><b>OPENING KEYNOTE</b></p> <p align="center"><b>TBC</b></p>	
14.00-15.30	
<p><u>Property Through a Comparative Lens</u> Amy Held Lost and found in translation: choses, propriété, patrimoine, and English property law</p> <p>Flora Vern The Normative Nature of 'Things' in Property Law</p> <p>Norman Ho A Conservative Theory of Property</p> <p>Dimitri Zdobnoh Equal Relativity and Equal Determinant of Title</p>	<p><u>Property &amp; Environment (1)</u> David Sawtell The Sea is a Common Enemy to All": climate change, flooding and coastal erosion in English land law.</p> <p>Michael Poulson Assessing the Progress of Green Leases</p> <p>Bonnie Holligan Carbon farming and property law: how property rights shape multispecies conflict and collaboration in peatland carbon markets</p>
<b>TEA AND COFFEE</b> (15.30-16.00)	
16.00-17.45 <b>Plenary 1</b>	
<p><u>Making Home? Property Law and the 'Housing Question':</u> Emma Laurie and Nick Hopkins 'Owners or occupiers? Exploring autonomy and tenure in multi-owned housing'</p> <p>Caroline Hunter Who the bloody hell is your landlord? Understanding the complexity of property ownership in the English private rented sector</p> <p>Mark Jordan &amp; Helen Carr Empty Homes in England: A problem of unsustainable property practices in contemporary capitalism?</p>	

<p>Merit Flugler <i>title tbc</i></p> <p>Tola Amodu Housing as Property (Law): In praise of the Progressives?</p>
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## **TUESDAY 31ST MARCH**

<b>TEA AND COFFEE (9-9.30)</b>	
<p>9.30-11.00 <b>Plenary 2</b></p> <p><u>Property in the Digital Age</u> Ariana Abitante A contextual perspective of the evolution of proprietary interests in crypto assets</p> <p>Ifigenia Papadatou Who Owns the Algorithmic Self? Data Ownership and Intellectual Property Challenges in the Age of AI</p> <p>Diego Assumpcao Beyond Privacy: Personal Data 'Propertization' as a Response to the Sovereignty Crisis in the Digital Age</p> <p>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</p>	
<b>TEA AND COFFEE (11-11.30)</b>	
<p>11.30-13.00</p> <p><u>Regulating and Reforming Property Law</u> Thomas Gibbons Hybrid Property Forms and Private Communities – Theory, Method, and Practice</p> <p>Juliet Brook Bringing Intention to the Fore</p> <p>John Picton &amp; Brett Crumley The Statutory Reinvention of Charity Law</p> <p>Lucas Cloveralcolea A proprietary approach to charitable trusts?</p>	<p><u>Theoretical Perspectives in Equity and the Law of Trusts</u> Duncan Sheehan Conscience, The Nature of Legal Reasoning and the Fusion Debate</p> <p>Adam Hofri-Winogradow Should Trusts be Legal Persons?</p> <p>Peter Jaffey Hohfeld and property and trusts</p> <p>Diego Montecino Diaz 'Interpreting the 'Double Ownership' concept at face value: Two consequences for <i>Fideicomisos</i> in Latin America'</p>
<b>LUNCH (13.00-14.00)</b>	
14.00-15.30	

<p><u>Property &amp; Environment (2)</u></p> <p>Bjorn Hoops and Jessie Owley Conservation Easements for Energy Commons: Bridging Environmental Protection and Democratic Energy Transition</p> <p>Antoinette Nestor Retrofitting Environmental Obligations into Property Law – The Case for England and Wales</p> <p>Melanie McGlone Stewardship: A New Taxonomy</p>	<p><u>Doctrinal Fault Lines in the Law of Trusts</u></p> <p>John Mee Oral Trusts of Land: Unprovable, Unenforceable or Invalid?</p> <p>David Sheldon Express declarations of trusts of land and the common intention constructive trust</p> <p>Joshua Teng Remedies for Breach of Trust in East Asia: Proprietary and Third-Party Effects</p>
<p><b>TEA AND COFFEE (15.30-16.00)</b></p>	
<p>16.00-17.15</p> <p><u>Financial Aspects of the Law of Trusts</u></p> <p>Richard Hedlund Joint bank accounts, presumed resulting trusts, and consigning <i>Whitlock v Moree</i> to history</p> <p>Johanna Jacques The Conditional Trust</p> <p>Fleur Stolker The Internationalisation of Property</p>	<p><u>Land Use &amp; Planning Law</u></p> <p>Susan Pascoe Recreation: the trumping of public rights over private land rights?</p> <p>Rachel Williams Compensation Disparities in Private-to-Private Land Takings</p>
<p>17.15-18.00 <b>Plenary 3</b></p> <p><u>Interrogating Injunctions &amp; their Limits</u></p> <p>Justin Lim Public Interest Possession?</p> <p>Lindani Mhlanga Newcomer Injunctions and the Normative Challenge of Unlawful Occupation in South Africa and the United Kingdom.</p>	
<p><b>CONFERENCE RECEPTION &amp; DINNER (from 18.30-late)</b></p>	

## WEDNESDAY 1ST APRIL

<p>9.30-11.00 <b>Plenary 4</b></p> <p><u>Resolving, Reimagining and Reforming Leases</u></p>
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Lorren Eldridge  
The Rhetoric of 'Feudalism' in Land Law

Srijan Ram Bhattacharyya  
Beyond Forfeiture: Reimagining Remedies for Breach of Commercial Lease Covenants

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

Helen Carr, Dave Cowan, Caroline Hunter  
Can property lawyers solve a problem like leasehold?

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

11.30-13.00 **Plenary 5**

**CLOSING PANEL DISCUSSION**

**THE FUTURE OF LEASEHOLD**

Nick Hopkins, Philip Rainey KC, Siobhan McGrath  
*Chair: Dr Fabiana Bettini*

**CLOSE & LUNCH** (13.00 onwards)