

**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)	
<i>13.00-14.00</i>	
<b>OPENING KEYNOTE</b> <b>TBC</b>	
<i>14.00-15.30</i>	
<u>Property Through a Comparative Lens</u> Amy Held Lost and found in translation: choses, propriété, patrimoine, and English property law  Flora Vern The Normative Nature of 'Things' in Property Law  Norman Ho A Conservative Theory of Property  Dimitri Zdobnoh Equal Relativity and Equal Determinant of Title	<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.  Michael Poulsom 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> (15.30-16.00)	
<i>16.00-17.45 Plenary 1</i>	
<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'  Caroline Hunter Who the bloody hell is your landlord? Understanding the complexity of property ownership in the English private rented sector  Mark Jordan & Helen Carr Empty Homes in England: A problem of unsustainable property practices in contemporary capitalism?	

Merit Flugler  
*title tbc*

Tola Amodu  
Housing as Property (Law): In praise of the Progressives?

## **TUESDAY 31ST MARCH**

### **TEA AND COFFEE (9-9.30)**

**9.30-11.00 Plenary 2**

Property in the Digital Age

Ariana Abitante

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

Ifigenia Papadatou

Who Owns the Algorithmic Self? Data Ownership and Intellectual Property Challenges in the Age of AI

Diego Assumpcao

Beyond Privacy: Personal Data 'Propertization' as a Response to the Sovereignty Crisis in the Digital Age

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

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

**11.30-13.00**

Regulating and Reforming Property Law

Thomas Gibbons

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

Juliet Brook

Bringing Intention to the Fore

John Picton & Brett Crumley

The Statutory Reinvention of Charity Law

Lucas Cloveralcolea

A proprietary approach to charitable trusts?

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**

<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>
<b>TEA AND COFFEE (15.30-16.00)</b>	
<p>16.00-17.15</p> <p><u>Financial Aspects of the Law of Trusts</u> 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> 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> 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>	
<b>CONFERENCE RECEPTION &amp; DINNER (from 18.30-late)</b>	

## WEDNESDAY 1ST APRIL

9.30-11.00 **Plenary 4**

Resolving, Reimagining and Reforming Leases

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)**