

## THE SOCIETY OF LEGAL SCHOLARS

### IN THE UNITED KINGDOM AND IRELAND

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The Society of Legal Scholars has around 3,000 members, mostly working in law schools in the United Kingdom and Ireland, in addition to its Associate (overseas), Emeritus, and Honorary members.

The Society's Annual Conference is the largest gathering of academic lawyers in the UK and Ireland and is generally held at the institution of the President. Next year's Annual Conference will be held from 4-7 September 2018 at Queen Mary, University of London.

The Society is engaged in a variety of activities to support its members, and the interests of legal scholarship.

- 28 subject sections provide an unrivalled variety of networks for those with specialist interests, each with a stream at the Annual Conference;
- The Society's peer-reviewed publication, *Legal Studies*, is recognized as one of the leading UK and international academic law journals; while *The Reporter* offers regular news and opinions to members;
- The Society offers financial support for legal scholarship through an Annual Seminar Series; the award of Academic Research Grants to assist members to undertake research; and a newly established Small Events and Projects Fund;
- Following the Society's Centenary in 2009 a series of Centenary lectures has taken place around the UK and Ireland, most recently at Manchester University in 2017;
- Prizes offered by the Society include a prestigious annual Book Prize for Outstanding Legal Scholarship, named after Professor Peter Birks, former President of the Society;
- The Society's Best Paper prize and Poster Prize are awarded for work presented at the Annual Conference, with the winner of the Best Paper Prize being published in *Legal Studies*;
- The Society represents the interests of the academic legal profession in discussions and negotiations with Government and the professional legal bodies on matters as diverse as judicial appointments, legal education and training, law reform, and the Society's relationship with legal practitioners and training;
- The Society values its links to the legal profession at all levels. Legal practitioners who are involved in legal scholarship are welcome to join the Society as Ordinary members, or Associate members if overseas. In addition, chambers and firms, as well as other bodies, may join the Society as Patrons.

The Society's website, which is at [www.legalscholars.ac.uk](http://www.legalscholars.ac.uk), provides further information on all its activities and organisation, including the annual conference, together with contact and membership details, and an application form.

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