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UPCOMING MEETINGS

ASIL Annual Meeting, "The Reach and Limits of International Law to Solve Today's Challenges," March 29-31, 2023 in Washington, DC.

CALL/ACBD Conference, "Innovation, Research and Leadership," May 28-May 31, 2023 in Hamilton, Ontario.

AALL Annual Meeting, "Map Our Future," July 15-18, 2023 in Boston, MA.

IALL Annual Course, October 8-11, 2023 in Geneva, Switzerland

Resource Reviews: Legislation.gov.uk

Part of series of reviews prepared by the Electronic Research Interest Group

Erin Gow

HOW WELL-KNOWN IS THE SOURCE?

[Legislation.gov.uk](https://legislation.gov.uk) is widely known as a free resource for legislation in the United Kingdom.

HOW ACCESSIBLE IS IT?

As a free collection, this database of legislation is easily accessible to anyone with an internet connection.

HOW AUTHORITATIVE IS IT?

The website is published by the National Archives as part of that organization's official work for the UK government. This means that the original legislation published as enacted is very reliable, and a PDF of the authoritative print version is usually provided.

There can be a significant delay in updates to revised legislation, however, which makes the revised version of recently amended legislation less reliable. The website warns that it takes an average of 3 months for amendments to be incorporated into the revised legislation.

HOW COMPREHENSIVE IS IT, IN TERMS OF ITS CONTENTS?

A great deal of legislation from across the UK is available, including legislation from the United Kingdom, Scotland, Wales, and Northern Ireland. There is also a collection of EU legislation as it stood when the UK withdrew from the EU at the end of 2020. In addition to comprehensive collections of primary and secondary legislation from the late 1980s to the present, the website provides selected older legislation and many additional documents ranging from local acts to impact assessments and explanatory notes.

HOW EASY-TO-USE (USER-FRIENDLY) IS IT?

The website is easy to navigate, with options to search or browse for content. It is easy to navigate to collections based on the type of legislation or the jurisdiction.

It is easy to toggle between the original and revised version of the legislation, although the delay in updating revisions makes it especially helpful that a list of affected legislation is also provided. Most primary legislation is also accompanied by associated documents such as explanatory notes, impact assessments, correction slips, etc., which can assist in understanding the impact of the law.

HOW USEFUL IS IT IN TERMS OF ITS ABILITY TO ANSWER BOTH COMMON AND RARE (DIFFICULT-TO-FIND) QUESTIONS?

Legislation.gov.uk is extremely useful in answering common questions about UK legislation, and for quickly finding reliable copies of enacted legislation. The collection does have limitations, however, and is not the best resource for answering most specialist questions involving historic laws that are no longer in force or very recent changes to legislation.

HOW CURRENT (UP-TO-DATE) IS IT?

The website is regularly updated, but is less up-to-date than paid subscription services. It parallels the officially printed legislation, with laws available online within 24 hours of print publication. Incorporations of changes to revised legislation take longer to complete, and can be expected to be about 3 months behind.

From the Chair

Marcelo Rodríguez

February 2023 means that we are five months away from the AALL Annual Meeting taking place this year in Boston. Your FCIL-SIS Executive Committee is busy at work making sure that our FCIL-SIS members are well represented in panels and events, and that you all have a meaningful and productive Annual Meeting. There are still a few important events and steps we all need to partake in before taking off for Boston.



BEFORE BOSTON: WEBINARS AND VIRTUAL EVENTS

As you all know, the Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee is hosting a webinar, “[What in the world...is happening in Haiti?](#),” on Wednesday, Feb. 22nd, 2023 at 1 pm EST. Please attend and share with everyone interested. I want to encourage all FCIL-SIS members to come up with ideas of other webinars we could host before meeting in person in Boston. You can work through the several Committees and Interest Groups or just reach out to the EC directly.

BEFORE BOSTON: FCIL-SIS ELECTIONS

I'm thrilled to inform that Caitlin Hunter has accepted the nomination for the position of FCIL-SIS Vice-Chair/Chair Elect and that Meredith Capps has accepted the nomination for the position of FCIL-SIS Secretary/Treasurer. Current EC Members, Loren Turner and Michael McCarthy will be running the elections. Please expect an email from them in the coming weeks with further information. Thanks to both Caitlin and Meredith for being willing to serve and volunteer to run. Stay tuned everyone and vote!

BEFORE BOSTON: 2022 FCIL-SIS AWARDS

Have you, or an FCIL-SIS member you know, made a significant contribution to our profession this year? If so, please let us know! The Executive Committee needs your help identifying the folks who deserve these prestigious FCIL-SIS Awards:

The Daniel L. Wade FCIL-SIS Outstanding Service Award: honors a FCIL-SIS member who has made an outstanding contribution to our SIS in the areas of section activity and professional service.

The Thomas H. Reynolds & Arturo A. Flores FCIL-SIS Publications Award: honors a FCIL-SIS member who has greatly contributed to the professional development of their AALL colleagues during any given year. The winning “publications” may be print, digital, or electronic initiatives.

The Spirit of the FCIL-SIS Award: honors a FCIL-SIS member

whose work furthers our mission, serves the entire FCIL-SIS, and inspires others to act.

The Blog Post of the Year Award: honors an AALL member who contributes an outstanding blog post for the FCIL-SIS blog, DipLawMatic Dialogues, during the previous year.

The Newsletter Article of the Year Award: honors an FCIL-SIS member who contributes an outstanding article for the FCIL-SIS Newsletter during the previous year.

The Interest Group/Committee Project of the Year Award: honors the FCIL-SIS Interest Group and/or Committee that produces an outstanding project for the benefit of FCIL-SIS and/or AALL members during the previous year.

Nominations for all awards are due by March 15, 2023, to any member of the Executive Committee: Marcelo Rodríguez (marcelorod@arizona.edu), Michael McCarthy (michael.mcarthur@law.duke.edu), Caitlin Hunter (hunter@law.ucla.edu), or Loren Turner (lturner@umn.edu). We look forward to hearing from you!

IN BOSTON: FCIL-SIS SPONSORED PANELS

The AALL AMPC has approved our two FCIL-SIS sponsored panels. They are the following:

- Researching the Implementation of Foreign and International Law on Indigenous Peoples, Sunday, July 16, 11:30am - 12:30pm
- Researching South African Government and Legal Information, Monday, July 17, 1:15pm - 2:15pm

As we approach the Annual Meeting, we will coordinate other FCIL member events such as the Schaffer Grant presentation, and the Business Meeting and social event. More information in the coming months!

Member Publications

Have you recently published an article or blog post? We would love to highlight it in our Recent Member Publications.

Send your information to [Jingwei Zhang](#) for the next issue.

Webinar: What in the World...is Happening in Haiti?

Errol Adams

On **February 22, 2023 (1 pm-2 pm EST)**, the Black Law Librarians Special Interest Section (BLL-SIS) and the Foreign, Comparative and International Law Special Interest Section (FCIL-SIS) are hosting the first webinar in a series of FCIL-SIS Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion webinars on international events that may impact FCIL-SIS and the wider AALL membership: *What in the World...is Happening in Haiti?*

This webinar, moderated by Lyonette Louis-Jacques, Foreign and International Law Librarian at the D'Angelo Law Library, University of Chicago Law School, will feature a panel of experts who will focus on the history of Haiti, the current situation, what the future may be, and a view of this issue from a librarian's perspective (i.e. finding resources relative to Haiti). [Register Now](#)

Panelists:

Irwin P. Stotzky, Professor of Law at the University of Miami School of Law. Professor Stotzky has served as an attorney and adviser to the first democratically elected president in the history of Haiti, Haitian President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, and as an adviser to President René Preval's administration. ([full bio here](#))

Stephanie D. Delia, Esq. Stephanie D. Delia has been an immigration attorney for nearly 10 years. She started her immigration law career at CUNY Citizenship Now!, one of the largest University-based nonprofit immigration organizations in the nation. ([full bio here](#))

Magalie Desince. Magalie Desince is an experienced Law Librarian who has worked at the most prestigious law firms in Boston, New York and New Jersey. ([full bio here](#))

Moderated by:

Lyonette Louis-Jacques, Foreign and International Law Librarian at the D'Angelo Law Library, University of Chicago Law School. Lyonette is past chair of the AALL Foreign, Comparative, and International Law Special Interest Section (FCIL-SIS), was on the AALL Executive Board from 2005-2008, and currently serves on the boards of LLMC and the International Association of Law Libraries (IALL). She has written on [Haiti's legal responses to COVID-19](#) and [what being Latinx meant to her as a Haitian-American](#).

[Register Now](#)

FCIL Newsletter

FCIL Newsletter is a publication of the Foreign, Comparative, and International Law Special Interest Section of the American Association of Law Libraries. It is published in February, May, and October of each year. Current and past issues of *FCIL Newsletter* are [available on our website](#). We welcome submissions. Contact us for more information.

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FCIL-SIS Member Recent Publications Roundup

Our SIS is fortunate to include in its ranks exceptionally talented and enthusiastic writers. With this feature, we are happy to spread the word of their recent publications.

SPECTRUM

- Rebecca Fordon, Heidi Frostestad Kuehl, Tom Gaylord & Adam R. Pah, [*Designing Data Projects Using Court Records*](#), 27 AALL: Spectrum, Nov. / Dec. 2022, at 12.
- Ryan Metheny, Michelle Trovillo & Scott Vanderlin, [*Breaking Down Data to Get Helpful Insights*](#), 27 AALL: Spectrum, Nov. / Dec. 2022, at 44.
- Ryan Metheny, Michelle Trovillo & Scott Vanderlin, [*Gaining Valuable Leadership Experience through Volunteering*](#), 27 AALL: Spectrum, Jan. / Feb. 2023, at 44.

JOURNAL ARTICLES

Law Library Journal

- Heidi Frostestad Kuehl, [*The Right to Access Legal Information: Progress and Evolving Norms in a Digital Age*](#), 114 Law Libr. J. 261 (2022).
- Mari Cheney, Mandy Lee, and Anna Lawless-Collins, [*Bolstering the Asian American Law Library Collection: A Collection Development Guide*](#), 114 Law Libr. J. 285 (2022).

Submissions For Next Issue

FCIL Newsletter is looking for submissions for our next issue.

ARTICLES

Conference reports, library visits, exhibit descriptions, resource reviews, member news, etc. Open call for authors.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

May 1, 2023

QUESTIONS?

Contact [Melissa Abernathy](#).

International Journal of Legal Information

- Duncan Alford, In Memoriam: Christian Wiktor (June 23, 1933–April 3, 2022), 50 Int'l J. Legal Info. 133 (2022).

Globalex

- Alex Zhang and Andrea Levan, [*Contact Tracing and Right to Privacy: A Comparative Law Research in China and Singapore*](#).
- Charles Bjork, [*UPDATE: International Commercial Arbitration*](#).
- Francisco A. Avalos, [*UPDATE: Researching the Inter-American System of Human Rights*](#).
- Linda Tashbook, [*UPDATE: Researching the United Nations: Finding the Organization's Internal Resource Trails*](#).
- Julienne E. Grant, [*UPDATE: Researching the Law of Latin America*](#).

BOOKS

- Robert H. Hu, *Research Guide to Chinese Patent Law* (2d ed. 2022)

BOOK REVIEWS

Law Library Journal

- Sabrina Sondhi, [*Book Review*](#), 114 Law Libr. J. 327 (2022).
- Colleen Williams, [*Book Review*](#), 114 Law Libr. J. 330 (2022).
- Deborah L. Heller, [*Book Review*](#), 114 Law Libr. J. 333 (2022).

International Journal of Legal Information

- Evelyn Ma, *Book Review*, 50 Int'l J. Legal Info. 135 (2022).
- Jennifer E. Sekula, *Book Review*, 50 Int'l J. Legal Info. 139 (2022).

BLOG POSTS

International Association of Law Libraries Blog

- Marcelo Rodríguez, [*My first annual course – Stanford Law 2022*](#)
- Julienne E. Grant, [*¿Qué Bola?: What's New \(and What's Not\) in Cuba \(Take 2\)*](#)
- Mark Engsborg, [*Thank you, Stanford!*](#)

DipLawMatic Dialogues

- Aamir Abdullah, [*Webinar Recap: Regulating Remote Work During the Pandemic and After: Global Perspective*](#)

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Member Publications *continued from page 4*

- Meredith Capps, [IALL 2022 Recap: International Copyright and the Problem of Orphan Works](#)
- David Isom, [IALL 2022 Recap: Copy-Paste: Comparative Constitutionalism as Intellectual History](#)
- Michael McArthur, [IALL 2022 Recap: National Security and Accountability in the Courts](#)
- Michael McArthur, [IALL 2022 Recap: Immigration Litigation and Advocacy in the Post-Trump Years](#)
- Paul J. Moorman, [IALL 2022 Recap: Business & Human Rights, Jamie O'Connell, Stanford University](#)
- Lucie Olejnikova, [GlobaLex November/December 2022 Issue is Live](#)
- Lucie Olejnikova, [GlobaLex September/October 2022 Issue is Live](#)
- Jonathan Pratter, [From the Reference Desk: Using the Year Books](#)
- Jonathan Pratter, [From the Reference Desk: Researching Ancient Greek Law](#)
- Joan Policastri, [IALL 2022 Recap: The Challenge of Building a Sustainable Tribal Law Infrastructure That Respects Tribal Sovereignty](#)
- Marcelo Rodríguez, [Through the FCIL Lens: Peru, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Iran and Fiji](#)
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NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

Academic Law Libraries SIS Newsletter

- Edward T. Hart, [Opening a New Academic Law Library: ABA Site Visits](#)