

AS Law Conference

December 14, 2009 in Central London (C400) Conference starts at 11.00am and ends no later than 4:30pm

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Programme *

Key topics for AS students

Sentencing - do judges really deliver?

Imran Khan, one of our well known human rights lawyers

Sentencing is often a most controversial topic with frequent claims that light sentences fail to meet the needs of the crime.

- What are the aims of sentencing?
- Types of youth sentence
- Types of adult sentence
- What are the other key factors which a judge must take into account?

Precedent - is it reliable and does it work?

Jacquie Martin, former Chief Examiner and author

- The main rules of precedent, and the exceptions, that you must know
- Situations where courts fail to follow precedent
- Does precedent 'work'?

Statutory Interpretation controversy: should judges make law?

Chris Turner, Chief Examiner and author

- Understanding the rules
- The extrinsic and intrinsic aids, Use of Hansard
- The language rules
- The controversial aspects of this key feature of our system
- Shouldn't parliament only make the law?

Legislation and delegated legislation: usurping Parliament?

Jennifer Currer, former Senior Examiner and author

- The steps for a bill becoming an Act
- The types of delegated legislation
- The controls on delegated legislation
- What are the problems with delegated legislation?

Alternative Dispute Resolution - is it really effective?

Baria Ahmed, Assistant Director CEDR (Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution)

- The different sorts of ADR
- Are some more effective than others?
- Should ADR try to replace the courts?

Tips for success from the Chief Examiner

Chris Turner, Chief Examiner and author

- How to prepare for the examinations – an ongoing process
- How to choose your questions
- How to focus on what the Chief Examiner wants
- Do's and don'ts
- How to use cases effectively

Magistrates or Juries?

John Thornhill, Chair, The Magistrates Association

- Appointment of Magistrates
- Role of magistrates and criticisms of using lay persons
- How effective are magistrates?
- How do judges and juries compare?

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November 16, 2009
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- **Is there really more crime today?** Professor Jock Young, University of Kent
- **The challenge of dealing with research,** Dr Steve Taylor, LSE
- **What's happening to families?** Professor Ros Edwards, London South Bank University
- **Important changes happening in education today?** Sophie Moullin
- **The state of religion 2009,** Dr Kristin Aune, University of Derby,
- **Gender/women,** Dr Alison Phipps, University of Sussex
- **Class and stratification – the record in the UK!** James Turner, The Sutton Trust
- **How to achieve your best in Sociology,** Jonathan Blundell, Senior Examiner

AS/A2 ECONOMICS (C405)

December 03, 2009
in Central London

- **What I would do if I were Chancellor,** Dr Vince Cable MP, Lib Dem Shadow Chancellor
- **The causes of the credit crunch and recession,** Stephanie Flanders, Economics Editor BBC
- **Consequences of and cures for recession,** Hugh Pym, Chief Economics Correspondent BBC
- **How to lie with economic statistics!** Tim Harford- 'the Undercover Economist', the FT
- **Is it now time for Britain to join the Euro?**
Professor John Sloman, the Economics Network
- **The Laffer Curve: a guide to policy or a laughing stock?**
Dr. Charles Smith, Senior Examiner
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