



European Criminal Law Association (UK)

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## **PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2019**

In accordance with the Associations' Guiding Principles, ECLA UK is pleased to present our 2019 annual report, with sincere apologies for its lateness this year which can only be ascribed to the deep gloom pervading the Committee at the final arrival of Brexit. We will be placing this on our website and sending it to OLAF. We regret that this is our last as full members of the Associations. However, we have every confidence that the need to watch, analyse and - dare we say it - even follow and influence the principles and development of criminal law in Europe will continue for many years to come.

The 2019 programme was organised by our Committee and once again we must record our sincere thanks to the School of Advanced Study of the University of London (formerly the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies) for its support and shelter. Particular thanks go to the ever helpful reception staff; but above all to Belinda Crothers, who retired in the autumn and will be sadly missed. Thanks to the School's generosity, ECLA UK's lectures and seminars remain entirely free to attend; speakers' travel expenses and administrative costs are met by our membership fees.

Grateful thanks also go to the Cambridge Law Faculty and its efficient and helpful webmaster Daniel Bates, who hosts and maintains our website [www.eucrimallaw.com](http://www.eucrimallaw.com)

At the AGM on Dec 3rd Gemma Davies was elected to the Committee and Debbie Price and Niall Coghlan were co-opted for a further year, as was Lorna Harris who steps back into her own shoes as Scots rep. The rest of the Committee comprises the President John Spencer, Vice President Helen Malcolm QC, Secretary Tricia Howse and Communications Officer Simone White, Estella Baker, Tony Wilson, Andrea Ryan (Ireland) Mike Levi, Mike Kennedy and HH Judge Michael Hopmeier and Treasurer Richard Atkins. Dr Gemma Davies remains our marketing officer, ably if remotely assisted by Niall Coghlan, who is currently studying for an LLM in Florence.

During 2019 we again enjoyed well informed and entertaining speakers from a wide variety of legal and associated disciplines. ECLA seminars are conducted strictly according to Chatham House rules and following the seminars only material provided by our speakers is placed on our website. ECLA has been wholly apolitical since its inception and members join

in their personal capacities. We are immensely grateful to those Committee members who devised, organised and occasionally spoke at the 2019 seminars.

## **2019 Programme**

**12<sup>th</sup> March** Border controls & related criminal offences after Brexit – “Calais moves to 2019 Dover”

**14<sup>th</sup> May** Professor John Spencer’s annual round up of EU criminal law – “where we are now with EU criminal law measures in the UK”

**11<sup>th</sup> June** E-evidence & cybercrime developments in EU criminal law

**8<sup>th</sup> October** Protecting the Environment after Brexit

**5<sup>th</sup> November** EU criminal law measures after Brexit Part 1: Mutual Legal assistance, Extradition & Investigation

**3<sup>rd</sup> December** Criminal law measures Part 2: Confiscation, Money Laundering, records & intelligence.

Details of speakers and papers are available, with the kind permission of speakers, on the website [www.eucriminallaw.com](http://www.eucriminallaw.com) (Usual copyright terms apply).

**The 2020 programme** promises to be equally informative, see: [www.eucriminallaw.com](http://www.eucriminallaw.com)

March 10th - Criminal law Measures to counter Human Trafficking (RA)

April 21st - What’s new in EU criminal law ? (JRS)

May 12th - Automated decision making in Criminal law (TW)

Oct 6th - ECJ decisions on Defence rights under there Procedural Rights Directive (EB)

Nov 3rd EU Criminal law update Part 1 Mutual Legal Assistance, Extradition and Investigation (MK)

Dec 1st EU Criminal law update Part II Confiscation, Supervision, Records and Intelligence (MH) Plus AGM

We wish all our sister Associations, and OLAF, a successful and productive 2020. We cordially invite any member from another Association, or OLAF, to drop in on any of our events if they are in London.

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