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The LLM in Human Rights at Swansea University

A message from Professor Simon Hoffman,
Programme Director of the LLM in Human Rights at Swansea University



"I would like to introduce you to our team of experts in human rights who teach compulsory or optional modules* on our Human Rights LLM. Below you will find some information on each member of the team and a link to their online staff profile if you'd like to read more.

If you would like more information about the LLM please feel free to email me at: s.hoffman@swansea.ac.uk

If you would like to talk to one of the team about their specialist area, please feel free to email them too. Their emails can be found on their staff profiles.

I have also included some links at the end of the document where you can access recent publications by some of our team. I have included links to academic papers, but also research reports which are aimed at practitioners. This will give you a flavour of the breadth of research amongst our Team, and its impact."

**Optional modules vary year-on-year. Some optional modules are delivered by colleagues from other departments who are not included in this Meet the Team information.*

Meet the Team



Dr Emma Borland

Emma teaches 'Human Rights Asylum and Migration' as an optional module on the LL.M. She is an academic expert on asylum and migration, but also has more than six years' experience as an accredited immigration adviser specialising in asylum cases. Emma is a Trustee of Asylum Justice, which works to enhance access to justice for asylum seekers and refugees in Wales. [Visit Emma's staff profile](#)



Dr Sara Correia-Hopkins

Sara's research interests are crime and victimisation in the digital world, policing, tech law and legal tech, as well as data ethics. She has experience using qualitative and quantitative methods and is passionate about the benefits of working in partnership with colleagues and stakeholders, to harness the benefits of mixed methods and interdisciplinary research. In her spare time, Sara volunteers with the Welsh charity Asylum Justice. Sara teaches the compulsory module, Research Methods and Ethics which includes the [Methods Café podcast](#), check it out! [Visit Sara's staff profile](#)



Professor Simon Hoffman

Simon's research focuses on international human rights, in particular on social rights, and the rights of minorities, especially children. Simon is an experienced Principal Investigator and Co-Investigator and has led on numerous research projects on human rights. He has been invited to present his research in the UK and internationally and has given expert evidence on human rights to the Senedd/Welsh Parliament, and the Northern Ireland Assembly. Simon works closely with NGO networks to bring about change, and is member of governmental advisory bodies. Simon teaches the compulsory module, Human Rights Implementation. [Visit Simon's staff profile](#)



Professor Karen Morrow

Karen research interests focus on theoretical and practical aspects of public participation in environmental law and policy and on gender and the environment. She has published extensively on a range of environmental issues in both legal and interdisciplinary contexts. She was founding co-editor of the Journal of Human Rights and the Environment, and the IUCN e-journal. She is a founder member and part of the core team of the related Global Network for the Study of Human Rights and the Environment (GNHRE). Karen serves on the editorial boards of the Environmental Law Review and the University of Western Australia Law Review. Karen teaches the optional module, Human Rights and the Environment. [Visit Karen's staff profile](#)

Meet the Team



Professor Helen Quane

Helen's principal research interests relate to issues of a normative and structural nature in international human rights law, notably, issues of minority protection, self-determination and the interplay between global, regional and national human rights regimes in the formation and implementation of human rights norms. Currently, she is working on a number of research projects including one on immunity in civil proceedings for extraterritorial torture, a second on State Recognition of Religious Law: Considerations of Principle and Consequence, as well as ongoing research on the interplay between religious law and international human rights norms in ASEAN States. Helen's research has been published in leading journals such as the Oxford Journal of Legal Studies, Harvard Human Rights Journal, the International and Comparative Law Quarterly, Virginia Journal of International Law and the British Yearbook of International Law. Helen teaches the compulsory module, International Human Rights Law. [Visit Helen's staff profile](#)



Dr Katy Vaughan

Katy's research focuses on counterterrorism law and policy and the impact of this on the protection and promotion of human rights, emphasising the importance to an effective counterterrorism strategy of respect for human rights. Her approach to research is rooted in the belief that these global challenges are best addressed by multi-stakeholder collaborations and engages regularly with Governments, the tech industry and civil society. Katy is currently one of the Co-Chairs of the [Christchurch Call Advisory Network](#) whose membership includes civil society, academia, and the technical community, which exists to provide advice to Governments and the tech industry within the Christchurch Call Community on addressing terrorist and violent extremist content online whilst protecting human rights and a free, open and secure internet. Katy teaches the optional module, Human Rights and Terrorism Online [Visit Katy's staff profile](#)



Professor Jane Williams

Jane's career spans private practice at the Bar of England and Wales, UK and Welsh Government legal work and professional training. Her academic work features extensive public and policy engagement, and she was pivotally involved in civil society efforts to secure legislation on the rights of the child in Wales and the establishment of the Welsh Youth Parliament. She co-founded the Observatory on Human Rights of Children in 2012 and has led grant-funded projects developing human rights approaches to empowering children as researchers and agents of change. Her innovations in teaching include the introduction of modules on Street Law and Human Rights Approaches to Research with Children. Jane teaches the optional module Human Rights of Children. [Visit Jane's staff profile](#)

Recent Publications

You can follow the links below to access some recent publications from the Team. These may be accessed and downloaded free of charge.

Professor Simon Hoffman carried out research for the European Network of Ombudsperson for Children on the impact of the COVID 19 pandemic on children's human rights across Europe. This resulted in an 'ENOC Synthesis Report' and recommendations to protect children's rights in any future pandemic. You can access the report here: ["COVID-19: Learning for the Future" - ENOC](#)

Professor Karen Morrow has considered gender equality in the context of the most recent United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) Conference of Parties (CoP), CoP26. Gender equality issues are now widely recognised within global climate change governance, playing an ongoing role within it. While gender equality is a live issue in global climate governance, leveraging substantial, substantive, action by states to address it remains problematic. Read Karen's article here: [Cop26 and Beyond: Participation and Gender](#)

Professor Helen Quane has a strong interest in the rights of indigenous peoples. If you share this interest you may wish to download and read her article, 'A Further Dimension to the Interdependence and Indivisibility of Human Rights? Recent Developments Concerning the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (2012)' 25 Harvard Human Rights Journal 49-83, this is available here: [A Further Dimension to the Interdependence and Indivisibility of Human Rights?: Recent Developments Concerning the Rights of Indigenous Peoples](#)

Dr Katy Vaughan led a research output for the Global Internet Forum of Counter Terrorism's Legal Frameworks Working Group on the implications of the lack of a coherent approach to defining terrorist content across commercial, national, and international definitions of terrorism. The report sets out minimum standards and recommendations for the tech industry when developing policies related to terrorist content. The report can be read here: [GIFCT Report](#)

Professor Jane Williams is a member of a team funded by the ESRC Education Research Programme 2021 - 26, investigating the enactment of children's participative rights in lower primary school classes. You can find out about this project here: [Children's Participation Project](#). Jane has also recently co-authored a study on the impact of Covid 19 on pupil voice activities in schools. The report can be read here: [Pupil Voice Report](#). You may also be interested in an article which Jane co-authored which deals with the very challenge of integrating human rights (in this case children's rights) alongside sustainable development. The article can be downloaded here: [Integrating Sustainable Development and Children's Rights: A Case Study on Wales](#)