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Institute of Advanced Legal Studies

Flying FLAG and keeping FIT – developing national law resources with Inmagic's DB/Textworks and WebPublisher Pro at the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, University of London

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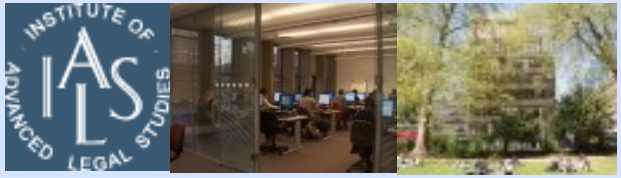
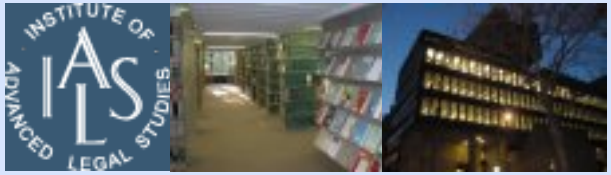


Summary

- Role of the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies
- Inmagic – brief history of our involvement with Textworks + Webpub
- IALS projects
- FLAG – Foreign Law Guide
- FIT – Flare Index to Treaties
- Other databases: CLRT Current Legal Research Topics
- Other databases: caLIM Current awareness
- Authentication: LLM examination papers db
- Authentication: IP Archive catalogue
- Smart linking: WebBridge + code
- Smart linking: Encore
- New developments: Foreign Official Government Gazettes
- New developments: Eagle-i Internet resource catalogue
- IALS website + contacts



Role of IALS

- UK's postgraduate legal research centre and national law library
  - Established in 1947 as part of University of London
  - But with a national role and clientele
  - Member-Institute of School of Advanced Study
  - Facilitates legal research for MPhil/PhD students + legal scholars (London, UK and internationally)
  - Additionally provides services to judiciary and legal profession
  - Collaboration (BL, Oxford, Cambridge and international partners)

- Resource development
  - Integrated Institute and library
  - Legal information discovery and delivery systems
  - Research facilitation tools
  - IALS role in support of legal research communities in the UK and internationally (increasingly via digital means)

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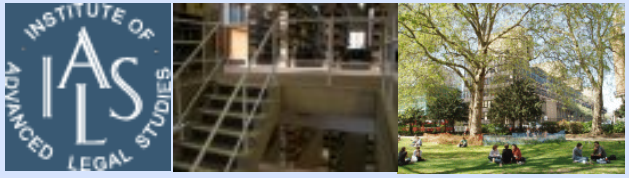

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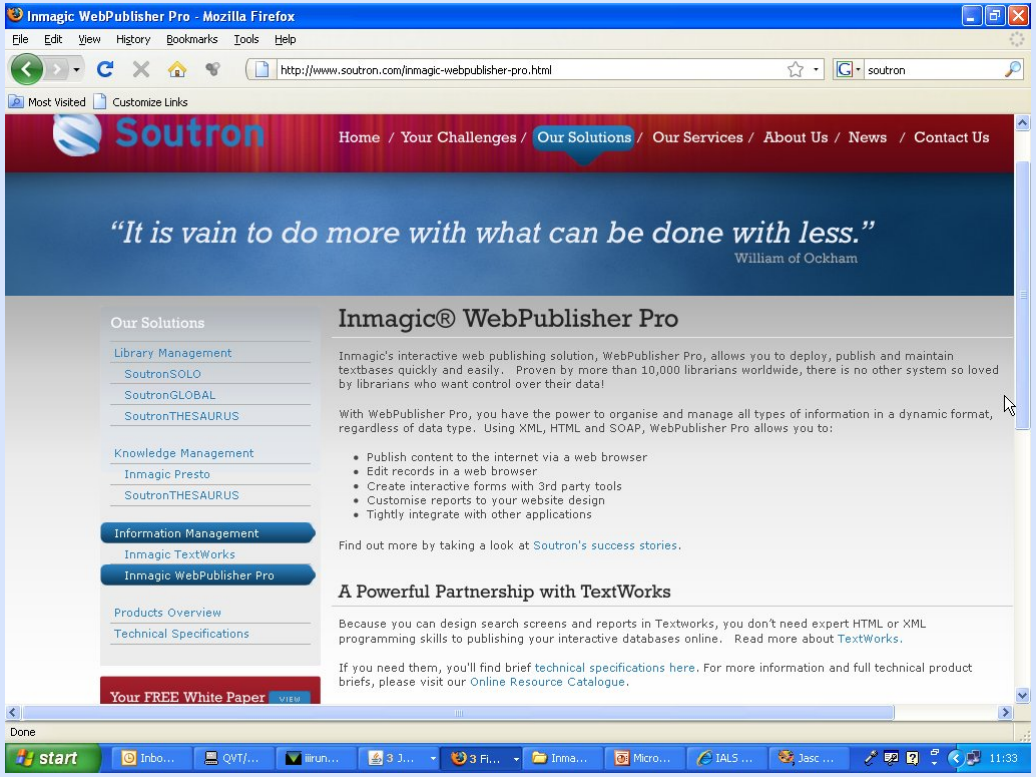

Infrastructure at IALS

5 user DB/Textworks licence

Single server install of WebPublisher Pro + virtual directory on IALS web server

Updating to version 12 shortly on new web server

Project funding, development model and sustainability

Investment in potential

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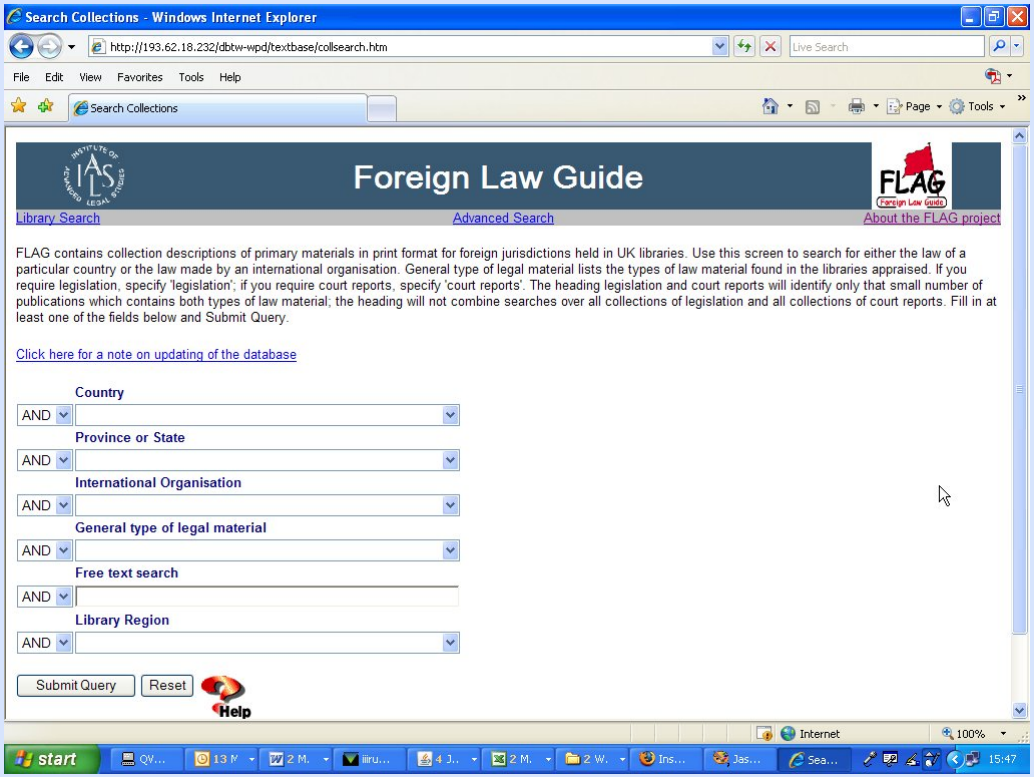
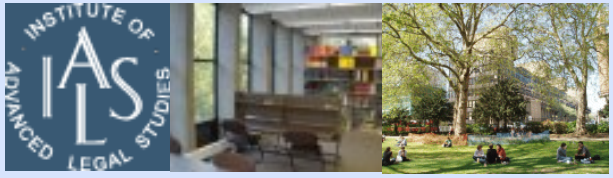
FLAG

Foreign Law Guide FLAG

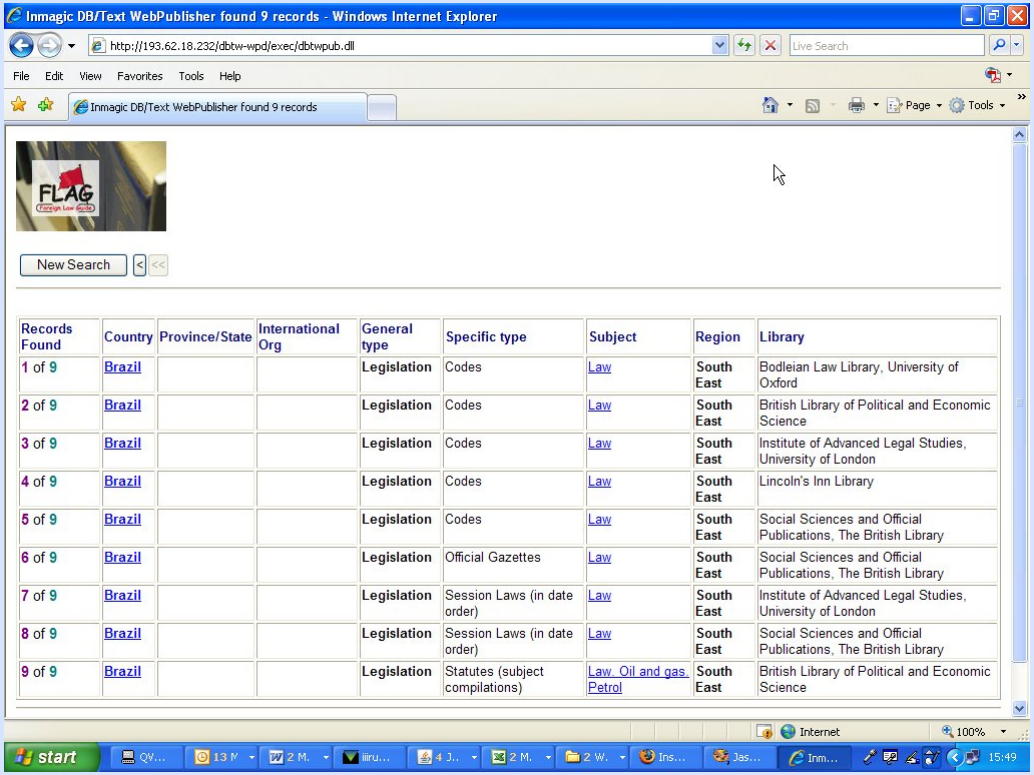


http://ials.sas.ac.uk/library/flag/flag.htm

- Where to find foreign law in UK libraries
- Print or microform collections of primary law in serial publication (legislation, law reports, digests etc)
- Collection descriptions and locations
- Library contact and access details (university + national libraries)
- Search screens (Collections, Libraries, Advanced) + Help



FLAG results



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2 of 9	Brazil			Legislation	Codes	Law	South East	British Library of Political and Economic Science
3 of 9	Brazil			Legislation	Codes	Law	South East	Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, University of London
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9 of 9	Brazil			Legislation	Statutes (subject compilations)	Law, Oil and gas, Petrol	South East	British Library of Political and Economic Science

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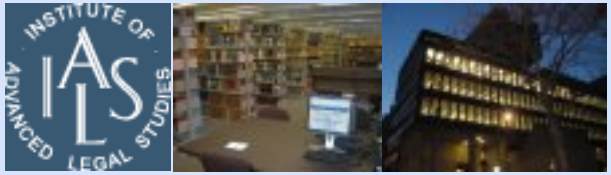
- Results table – hits, brief details, links to full record
- Sorted by type of material
- RSLP – Research Support Libraries Programme
- Project partners: IALS; British Library; Bodleian Law Library, Oxford; Squire Law Library, Cambridge; SOAS
- 62 Libraries represented in db including Inns of Court libraries
- Collection development + co-ordination tool



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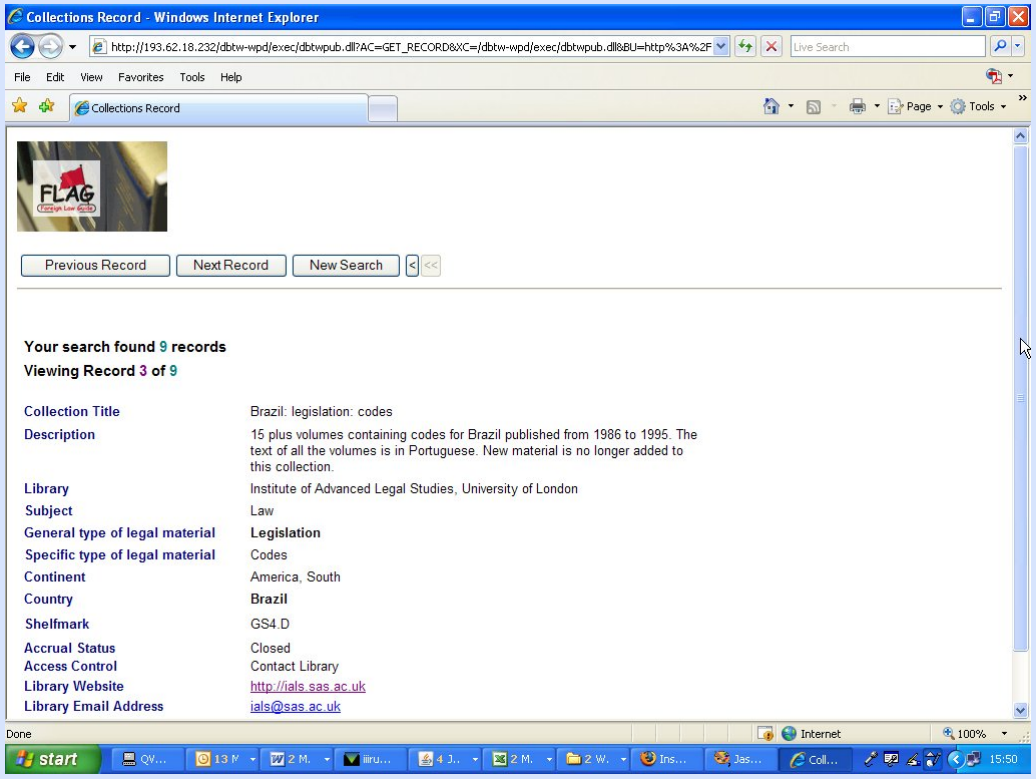

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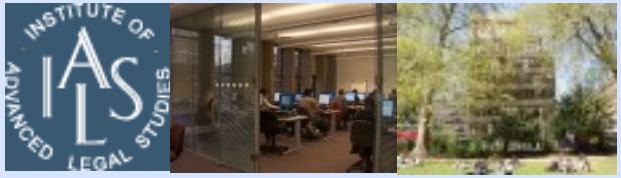
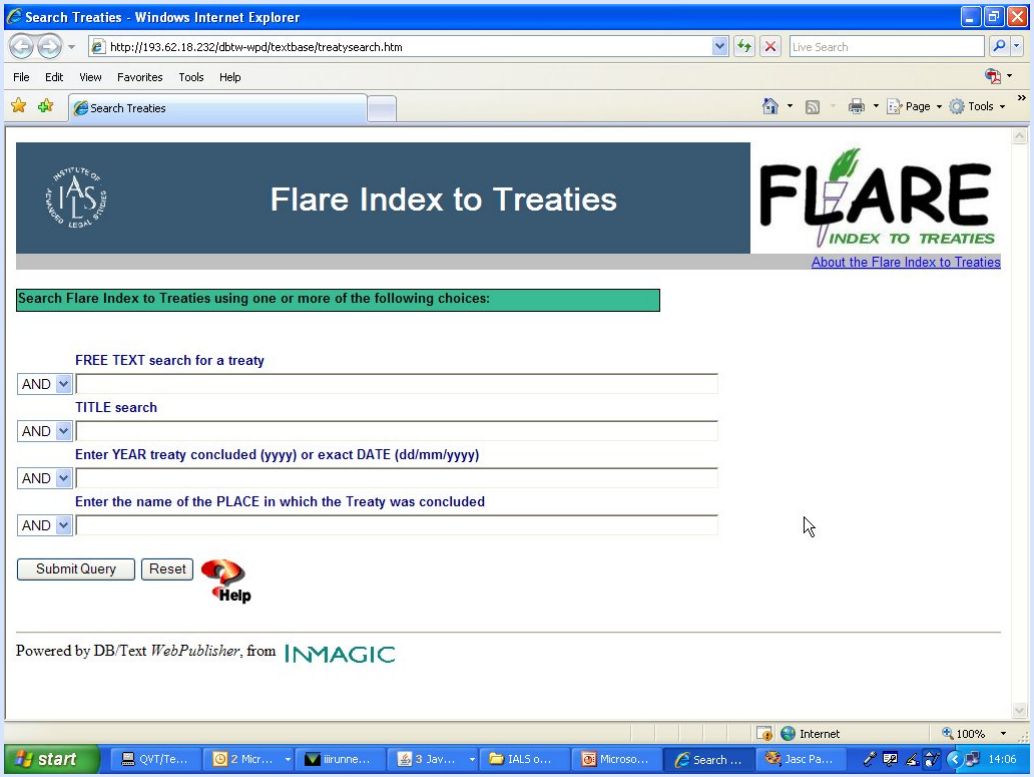
- Full public record (some hidden metadata)
- Title / shelfmark / library and contact information
- 2001 site visits + analysis
- 2002 launch
- Winner of Wallace Breem Memorial Award in 2002
- Updates 2005, 2007, 2010
- 50,946 views in 2008-2009



Index to Treaties



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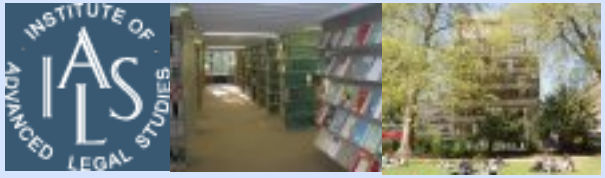
Flare Index to Treaties FIT

- Basic information on over 1,500 of the most significant multilateral treaties from 1856 to the present

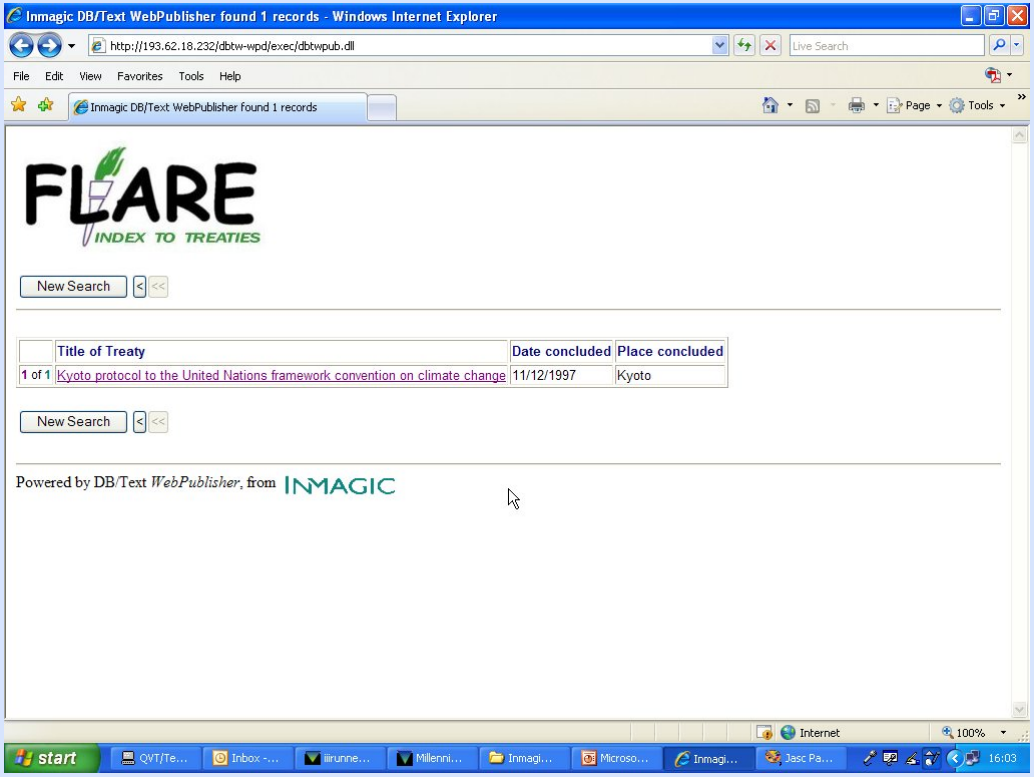
- Details of where the full text of each treaty is published in paper and, if available, electronic form on the Internet.

- Citation + abbreviations guidance (UKTS, UNTS etc)

- Links to free authoritative online texts



FIT results



- Simple results table displaying hits + linking to full record
- Sorted on date – most recent
- Treaty title, Date concluded, Place concluded

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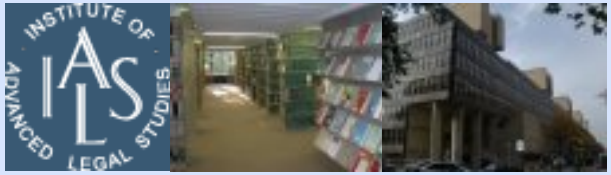

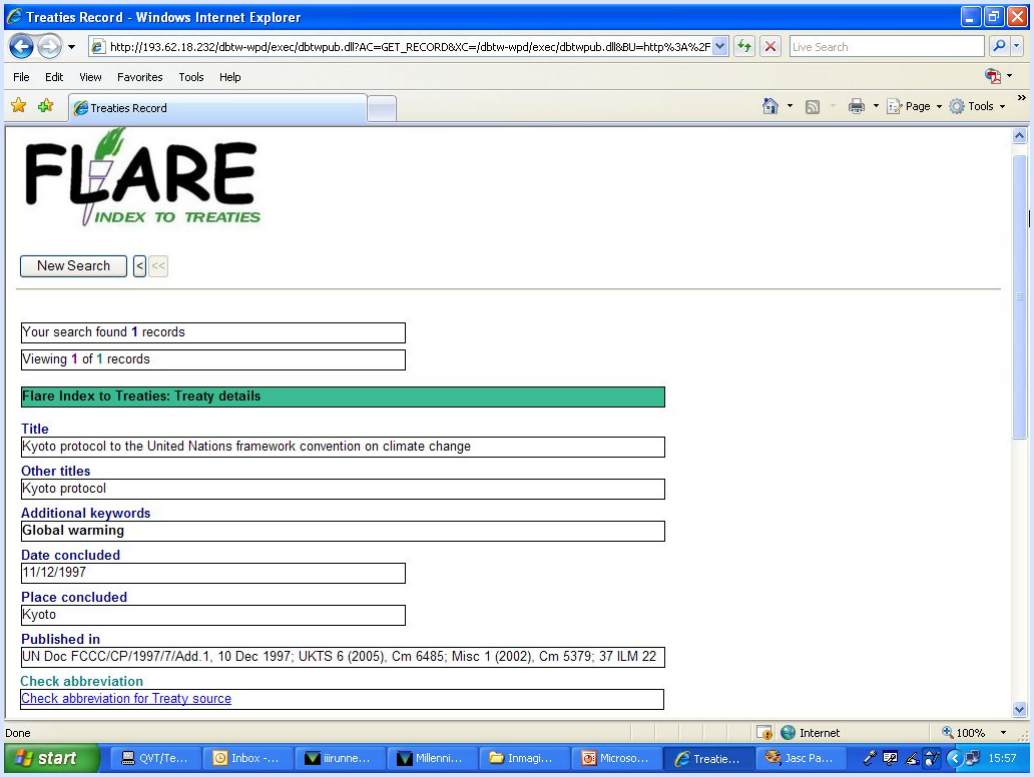

FIT record

- Full record detailing titles, alternatives, date + place concluded, sources of texts
- Secondary db to expand abbreviations
- Regular link checking + fixing
- FIT launched April 2009
- UK reaction
- International reaction (AALL, AustLII)

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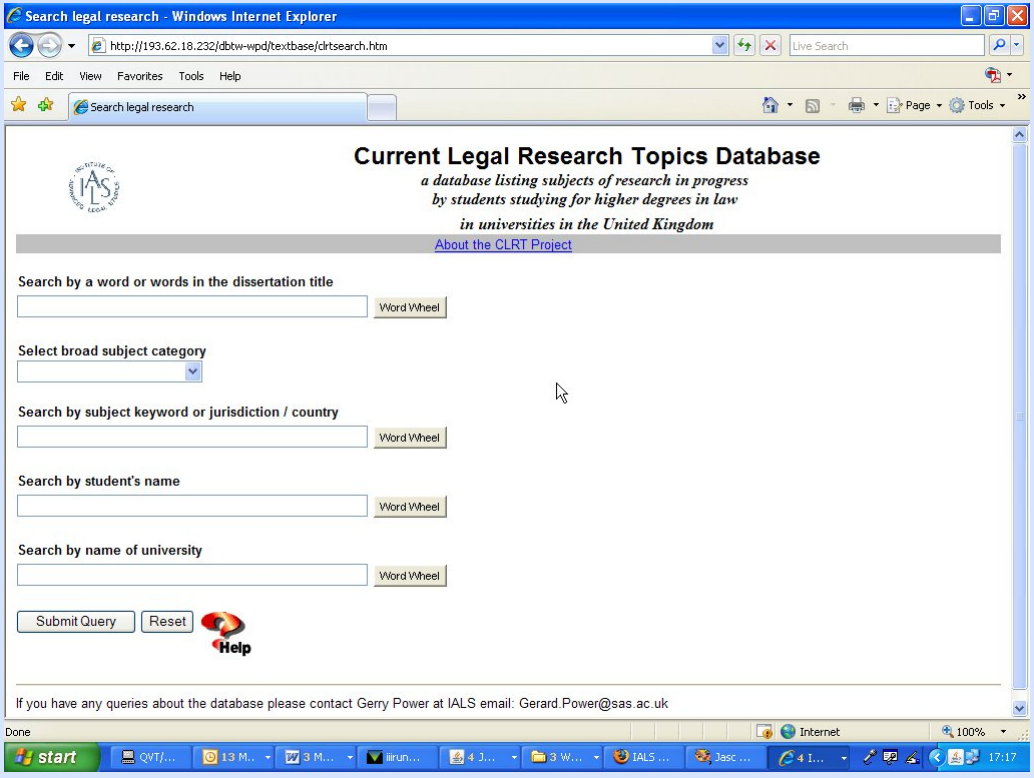
CLRT



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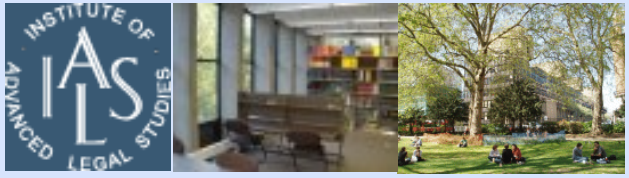
Current Legal Research Topics

- Database detailing theses in progress concerned with legal research topics
- UK Universities MPhil / PhD
- Data protection issues + potential for self-submission
- 11,739 views in 2008-2009
- IALS long-established work on paper version - Inmagic products enabling us to enhance + update that service



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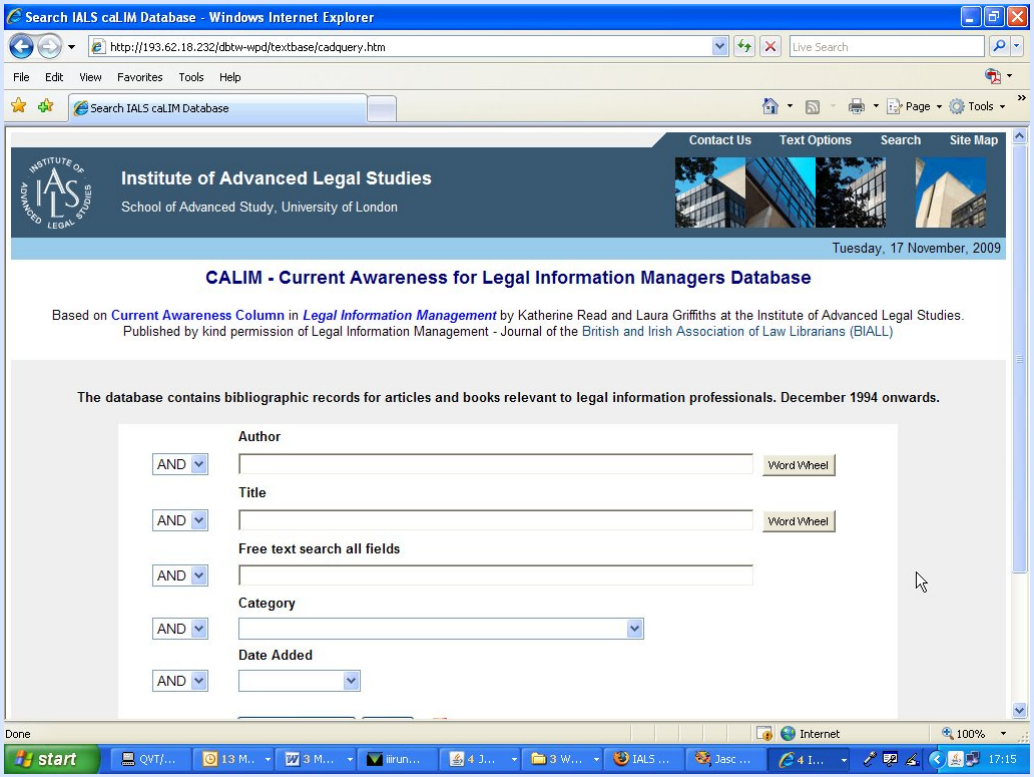
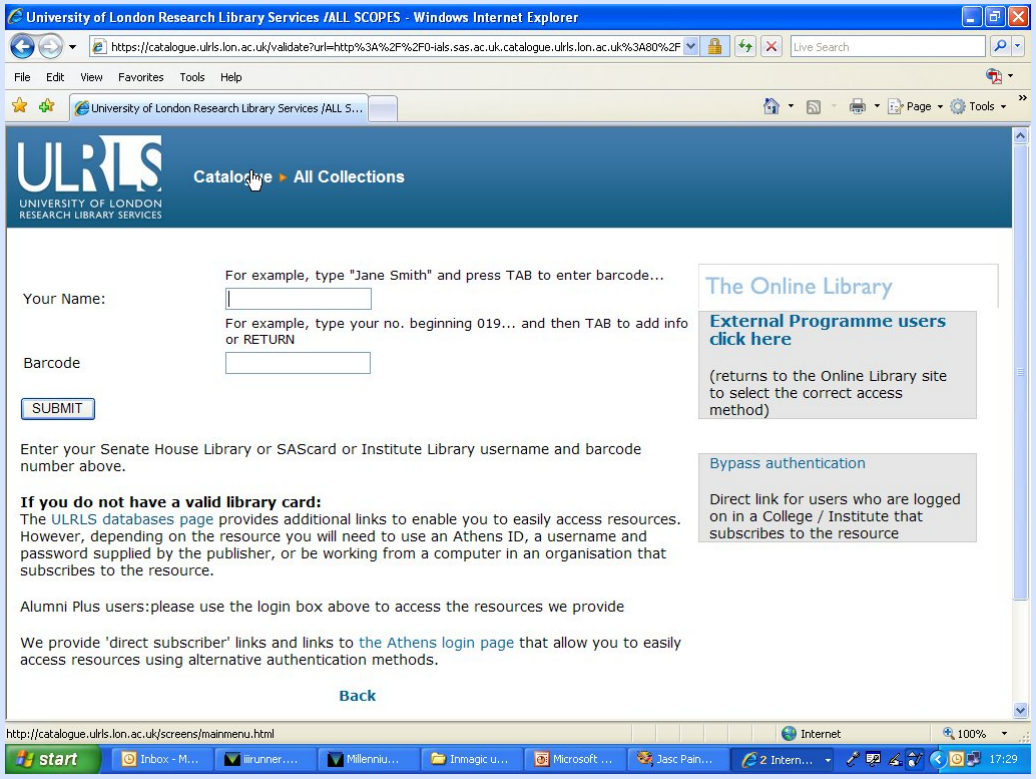


Current Awareness for Legal Information Managers

- Online classified index
- Database of bibliographic records + Internet links
- Books + articles selected + reviewed for the current awareness column of Legal Information Management
- IALS collaboration with BIALL – British and Irish Association of Law Librarians

http://ials.sas.ac.uk/library/caware/caware.htm

Authentication



- Controlling access to web databases
- WAM proxy server – eligible users assigned ptype codes in Millennium LMS patron record
- Login via library card

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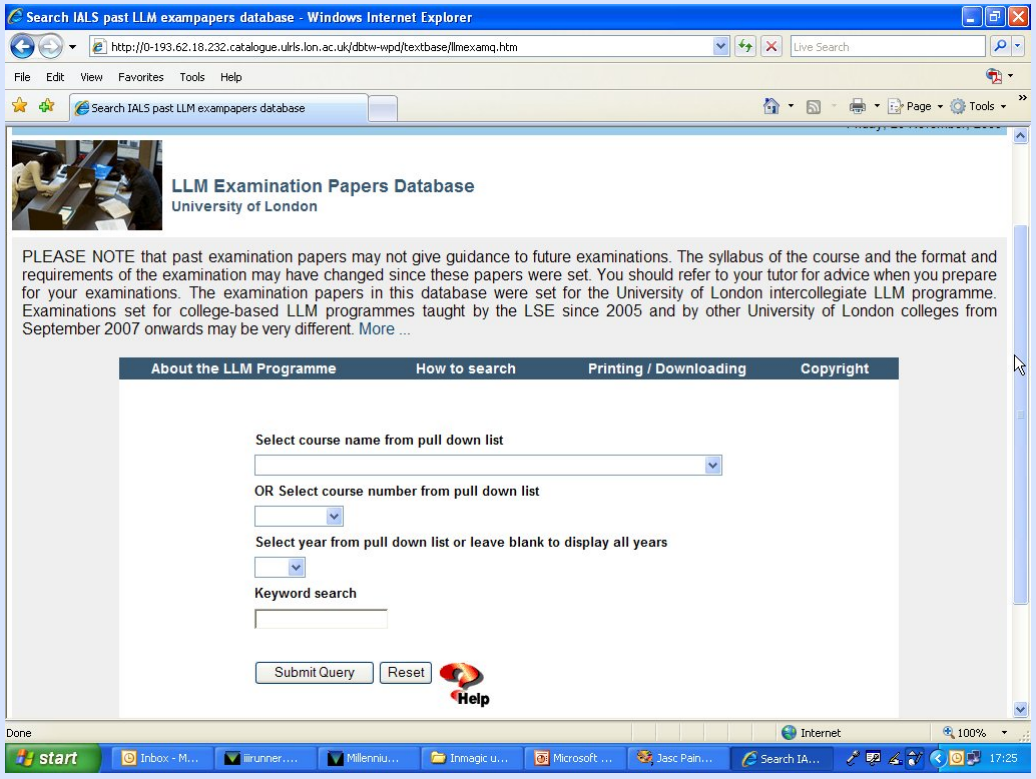
LLM exam papers



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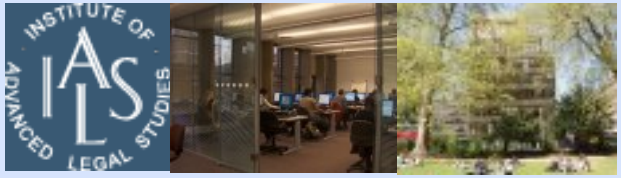
LLM Online Exam papers

- Web database of PDF files located in webpub image directory
- UoL inter-collegiate masters in law programme (now College-based LLMs have replaced)
- Benefits of DB solution – access points + free text search
- UL copyright on papers – so authenticated rather than public access



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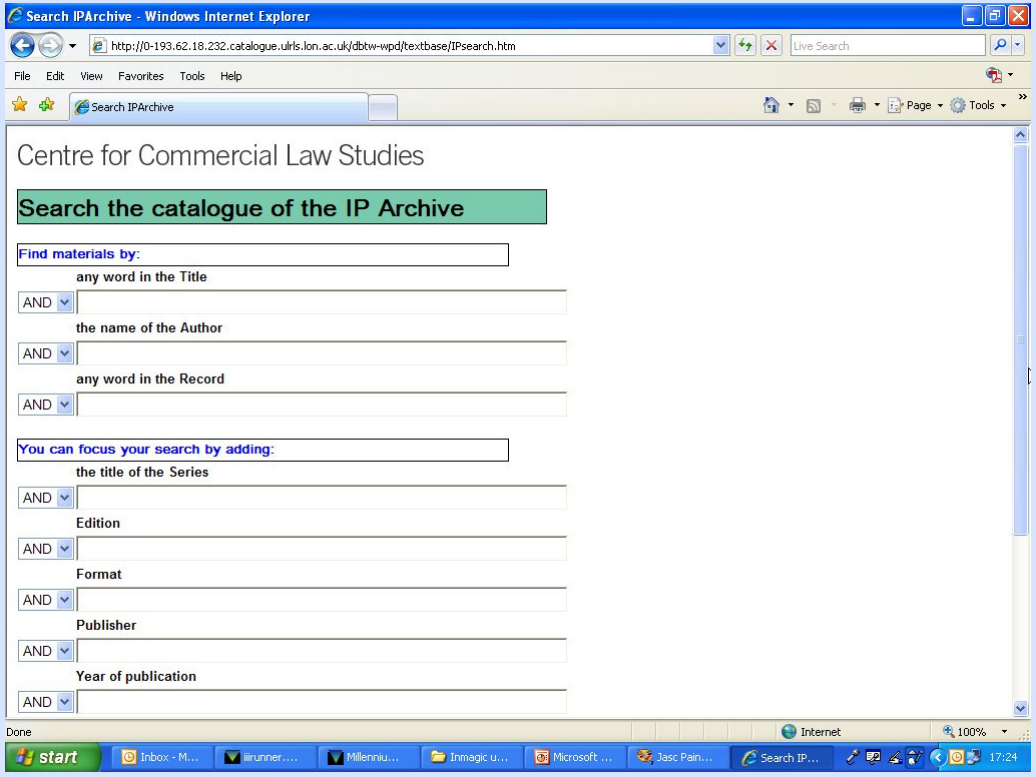

- Queen Mary Centre for Commercial Law Studies (CCLS)
- Intellectual Property Archive – books and serials
- Simple web catalogue created by IALS
- On Intranet and authenticated staff access only

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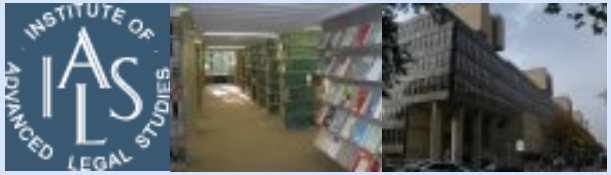

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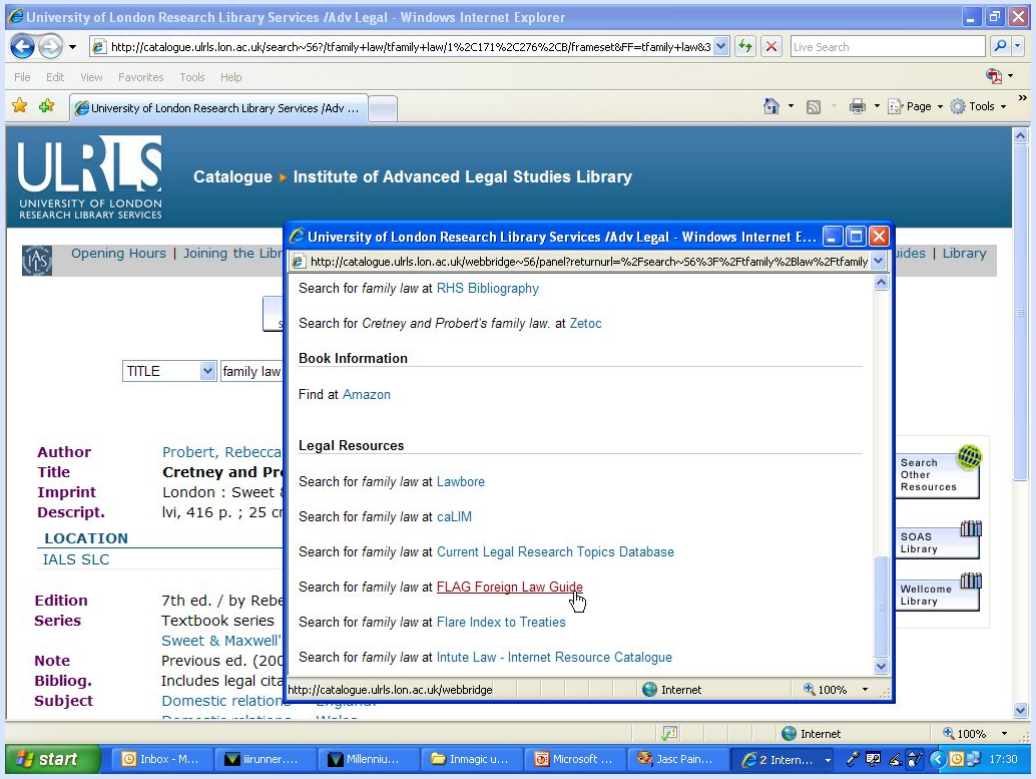

- Integration of webpub dbs with the IALS Library Catalogue
- Option for user search on the OPAC to be taken forward to FLAG or FIT etc.
- Innovative Millennium LMS with WebBridge (OpenURL resolver)

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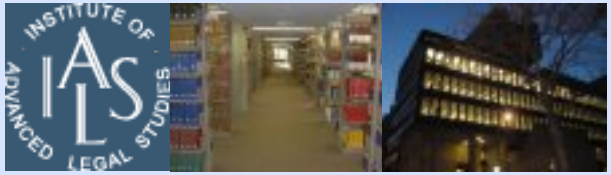

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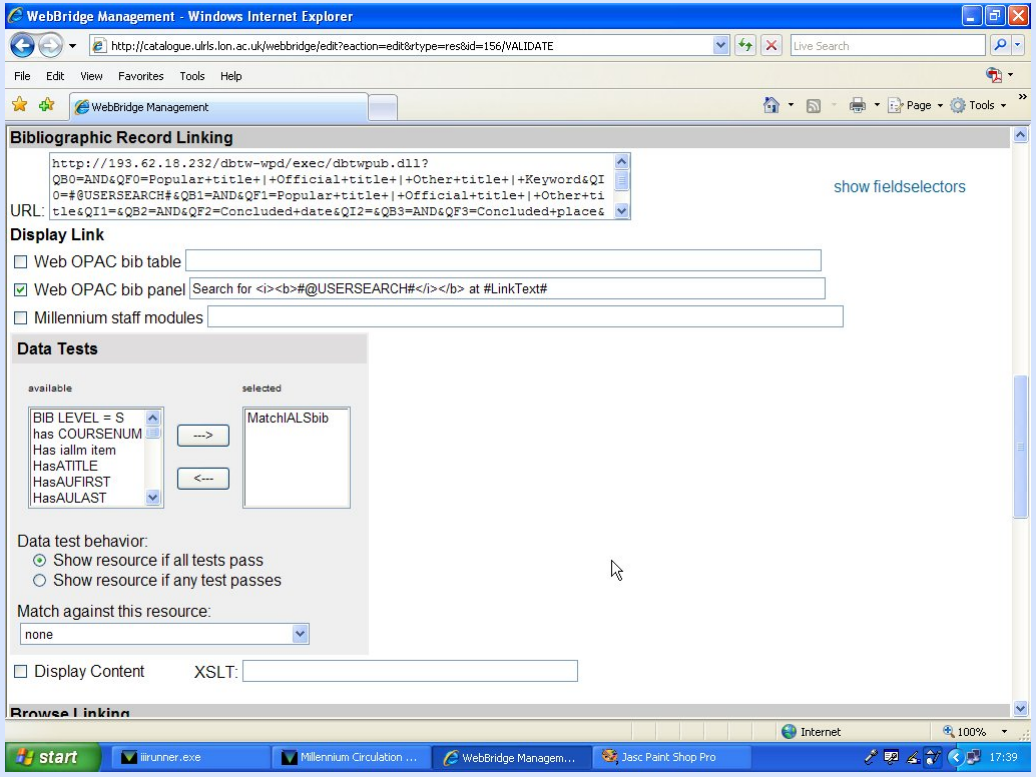

- Code for targets in WebBridge
- How + where to present link to db in library catalogue
- Browse level
- Bibliographic record level
- Pathfinder Pro / SFX

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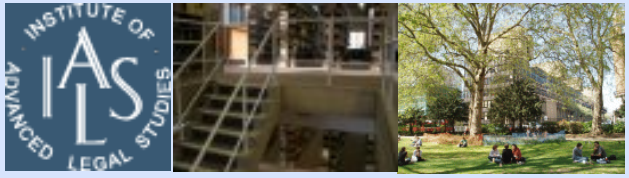
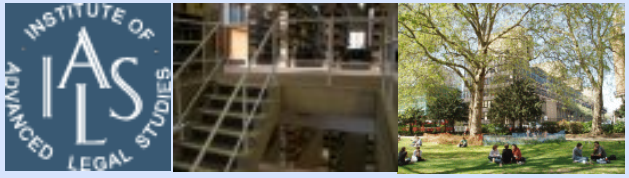


Encore Links

- Next step from our LMS suppliers Innovative Interfaces Inc
- Encore catalogue - single search for Google generation
- Vertical search with web 2.0 capability
- Resource discovery platform
- **Explore** option link to IALS web dbs via WebBridge

http://encore.ulrls.lon.ac.uk/



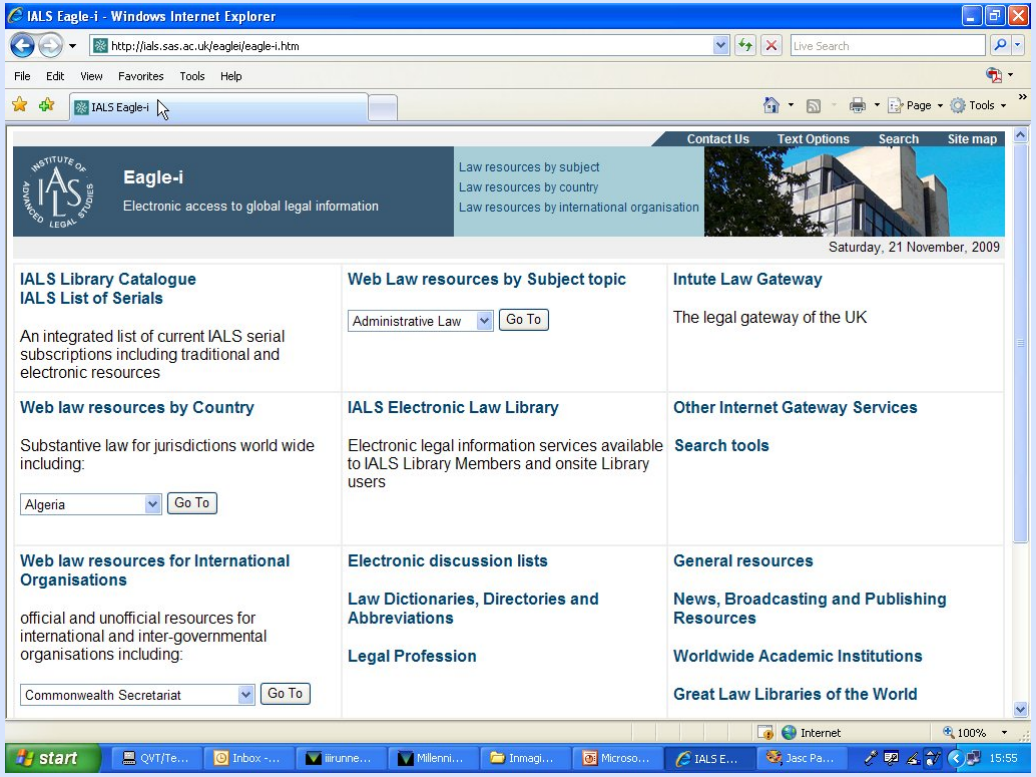
Developments: FOG

Union List of Foreign Official Gazettes:

- Bibliographic and source information for foreign official government gazettes publishing primary and secondary legislation.
- records in web db to identify titles and describe scope
- details of print versions held in UK libraries (BL + IALS collections) and links to web versions of FOGs
- 42,345 views of html version

http://ials.sas.ac.uk/flare/flare_fog_unionlist_europe.htm

Developments: Eagle-i



Electronic Access to Global Legal Information:

- Organised links to legal information websites
- Countries, Legal subject topics, International organisations
- Searchable web database with evaluative records of quality web resources
- 133,128 views of html version in 2008/2009

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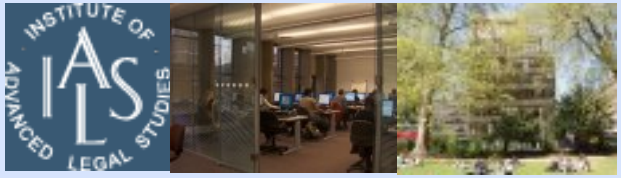

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