**Celebrating 100 Years of the 1925 Property Legislation**

**Conference Programme**

**Monday 8 September 2025**

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| 09.00 - 9.30 | **Registration** |  |
| 9.30 – 9.50 | **Opening Remarks: The 1925 Property Legislation**Lorren Eldridge | **Quarry Whitehouse Auditorium** |
| 9.50 – 11.00 | **Legal History and the 1925 Legislation** | **Quarry Whitehouse Auditorium** |
| Oliver Clement | The Land Charges Act 1925: Speaking in Different Registers |
| Gwilym Owen and Peter Foden | The Impact of the Law of Property Legislation 1922-1925 on Manors and Manorial Records in England and Wales |
| Chair: Lorren Eldridge |
| 11.00 - 11.30 | **Coffee** |  |
| 11.30 - 13.00 | **The 1925 Legislation: Views from the Bench** | **Quarry Whitehouse Auditorium** |
| Lady Mary Arden | *Title TBC* |
| Lord Justice Guy Newey | Boundary issues: plans, agreements and the property legislation |
| HHJ Paul Matthews | Negative entropy in property law |
| Chair: Graham Virgo |
| 13.00 -14.00 | **Lunch** |  |
| 14.00 -15.30 | **Property and the Public**  | **Quarry Whitehouse Auditorium** |
| Antoinette Nestor | Revisiting 1925: Tradition, Progress, and the Public Interest in Land Law |
| Rhiannon Ogden-Jones | Wombling Free: Public Rights and Metropolitan Commons |
| Joshu Majima | Ownership, Obligations and Social Democracy: Positive Covenants and the Legacy of the 1925 Legislation |
| Chair: Sue Bright |
| 15.30-16.00 | **Coffee**  |  |
| 16.00 – 17.30 | **Acquiring Property Rights** | **Quarry Whitehouse Auditorium** |
| Oliver Radley-Garner | What, if Anything, did the Framers of the 1925 Reforms Think about Adverse Possession? |
| Katherine Davies | Section 53(1)(b): Manifested and Proved into the 21st Century |
| John Mee | Section 53(1)(b) of the Law of Property Act 1925: Preventing Fraud or Unjust Enrichment? |
| David Sheldon | The LPA 1925, Formalities and the Modern World |
| Chair: Martin Dixon |
| 18.00 – 19.00 | **Drinks reception** | **Chadwick Room, Selwyn College** |
| 19.00 - late | **Conference Dinner** | **Harrison Room, Selwyn College** |

**Tuesday 9 September 2025**

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| 09.30 - 11.00 | **Trusts and Succession** | **Quarry Whitehouse Auditorium** |
| Juliet Brook | Use or Value? Lessons on Beneficiaries’ Rights from the Settled Land Act 1925 |
| Richard Hedlund | Section 46 of the Administration of Estates Act 1925: a Relic of its Time?  |
| Alec Morris | Trusts, Powers, and the 1925 Legislation |
| Graham Virgo | The Trustee Act 1925 and Trusts Law: Time for a new Trustee Act? |
| Chair: Bill Swadling |
| 11.00 - 11.30 | **Coffee** |  |
| 11.30 - 13.00 | **Defining Property Rights** | **Quarry Whitehouse Auditorium** |
| Ernesto Vargas Weil | The LPA 1925 and the Creation of a modern *numerus clausus* of Property Rights |
| Lorna Fox O’Mahony and Bram Akkermans\* | Standardisation and the English property constitution: A Resilient Property Analysis |
| Susan Bright | The Magic and Puzzle of the Rentcharge |
| Chair: Nick Hopkins\*This speaker is joining via zoom. |
| 13.00 - 14.00 | **Lunch** |  |
| 14.00 - 15.30 | **Property and Possession** | **Quarry Whitehouse Auditorium** |
| Martin George and Eliza Hakes | The Influence of Lord Wilberforce on the 1925 Legislation  |
| John Summers | The Law of Property Act 1925 and Possession as a Device for the Protection of Property Interests |
| Chris Bevan\* | The Legacy of the 1925 Legislation: The Decline of the Doctrine of Notice |
| Jonathan Kennedy | How section 136 of the *Law of Property Act 1925* Saved Contractual Obligations from the 21st Century |
| Chair: Oliver Radley-Gardner\* This speaker is joining via zoom.  |
| 15.30 – 16.00 | **Coffee** |  |
| 16.00 – 17.15 | **Land Registration and the Future of Property** | **Quarry Whitehouse Auditorium** |
| Simon Cooper | Land Registration Act: Policy Objectives of Statutory Vesting |
| Igor Szpotakowski | The Inevitable Decodification of the Law of Property Act 1925 and Its Future |
| Martin Dixon | Achievement and Disappointment: Where Next for Land Registration |
| Chair: Lorna Fox O’Mahony |
| 17.15 – 17.30 | **Concluding Remarks** Russell Hewitson | **Quarry Whitehouse Auditorium** |

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