DURHAM LAW AND UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES

AWARDED BRITISH ACADEMY/LEVERHULME WORKSHOP GRANT

Professor Fiona de Londras (of Durham Law School) and Dr Fergal Davis (UNSW) have been awarded a British Academy/Leverhulme Research Grant to host a Workshop at Durham, the UK, in June. The amount of the award is GBP 9,998.

The title of the Workshop is:

**Critical Debates on Counter-Terrorist Judicial Review**

Subjecting counter-terrorist measures to judicial review is controversial in both law and politics. For some, allowing governments to act effectively unchecked by courts and subjected only to political review reflects their expertise in national security, their democratic legitimacy, and their capacity to act swiftly and decisively. For others, it allows repressive action beyond what is objectively justifiable or considered acceptable in a democratic society. In its most recent manifestations, the debate about counter-terrorist judicial review raises additional questions that have not yet been systematically addressed in the literature: To what extent might international courts suffer the same challenges as national courts? What role might alternative review mechanisms—inqueries and independent reviewers—play in giving further texture to the debate? What insights about the actual working of counter-terrorist judicial review might be gleaned from practice in both domestic and international courts? This project brings together a range of perspectives to address these questions.

The Workshop will lead to an edited collection which is due to be published by Cambridge University Press in 2014.

This Workshop continues the close association between the Gilbert + Tobin Centre of Public Law and Durham Law School. Prof de Londras, for example, holds a Visiting Professorship here at UNSW. She attended the IACL Workshop on Surveillance hosted by the G+T Centre last December and she hopes to visit UNSW again next December.

The Workshop is also being generously supported by Prof Williams’ ARC Laureate Fellowship: Anti-Terror Laws and the Democratic Challenge Project.