

**LLM/Diploma/Certificate Programme in Public Procurement
Law and Policy (Executive Programme)**

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1. Introduction and basic information

The Executive LLM/Diploma/Certificate programme in Public Procurement Law and Policy is an innovative part-time programme provided by the School of Law, University of Nottingham, under the auspices of the School's world-renowned Public Procurement Research Group (in PPRG). Recognising the growing importance of legal regulation in controlling public procurement, the programme offers a comprehensive grounding in the legal aspects of the subject, commencing in September 2009.

Reflecting the global reputation of the Law School and the PPRG the programme is intended to provide a "gold standard" in legal training in public procurement. It will be taught by the leading international scholars and practitioners in the field, including Professor Sue Arrowsmith, Director of the PPRG, and Professor Peter Trepte, a barrister and Special Professor with the PPRG, who has many years experience of developing and advising on procurement laws in both the EU and developing countries.

Those taking the programme will obtain a thorough understanding of:

- i) The nature of law and the legal process;
- ii) The principles and rules of public procurement law;
- iii) The application of these rules in key national and international systems/models (including those of UNCITRAL, the WTO, the EU and the UK); and
- iv) How to implement best practice in the context of a legal framework.

The programme is aimed both at those with a legal background *and* those without and *does not* require a law degree. It is designed, in particular, for:

- policy makers responsible for designing and implementing legal rules on public procurement;
- procurement officers whose role demands an understanding of the legal rules;
- lawyers advising on public procurement; and
- those seeking to undertake research or teaching in public procurement.

The programme offers three different qualifications:

The LLM in Public Procurement Law and Policy

- involves part time study over 24 months;
- requires completion of 8 modules plus a dissertation

The Postgraduate Diploma in Public Procurement Law and Policy

- involves part time study over 21 months;
- requires completion of 8 modules

The Diploma differs from the LLM in that i) no dissertation is required and ii) the pass mark for the modules is lower.

The Diploma may be awarded to candidates who register for the Diploma qualification, and also to candidates who register for the LLM but fail to reach the pass mark for the LLM but reach the Diploma pass mark, or who fail to complete or pass the LLM dissertation.

The Postgraduate Certificate in Public Procurement Law and Policy

- involves part time study over 12-24 months (according to modules chosen);
- requires completion of 4 modules

Note that it is not possible simply to take individual modules on the programme: participants must study for one of the three programmes above.

The first intake for all three programmes will be in September 2009. Applications will be accepted from January 2009. Thereafter there will be a further intake for each programme in September of each year.

Course participants will be provided with extensive course materials both on-line and in hard copy, and with on-line support and advice. In addition, each module will be supported by about 14 hours of intensive teaching. This will take place at weekends. Further details of the teaching and provisional timetable are given in section 4 below.

The Law School is currently applying for accreditation for the programme for continuing professional development purposes with various bodies.

2. Fees and scholarships

The predicted fees for the programme are as follows. (Note that these are fees for the whole programme, *not* per annum):

Level	Programme	HEU	OS
LLM	Public Procurement Law and Policy	£7,000	£7,000
PGDip	Public Procurement Law and Policy	£4,680	£4,680
PGCert	Public Procurement Law and Policy	£2,344	£2,344

The School has available several fee-discount scholarships which are available for those employed by public sector organisations. These scholarships give a reduction of 20-50% on the above fees and are available for any of the three programmes. They are awarded on the basis of academic merit and potential. Those who consider that they are eligible for the scholarships and wish to be considered should indicate this on the personal statement on the application form. (However, we reserve the right in our discretion also to consider candidates identified by us as eligible who have omitted this from the form).

School of Law scholarships are not transferable.

3. Available modules and programme structure

Available modules

The modules available for the first cycle and the core coverage of the modules will be as listed on the next page. More detailed information on the content of all these modules will be provided in early 2009. Further information on the focus of the modules and the approach to the subjects covered is provided in section 5 below.

We are also currently exploring the possibility of making available further optional modules that focus on additional national procurement systems, subject to sufficient demand from participants; further information on this will also be provided in due course.

Introduction to Public Procurement Regulation: Basic Principles and Concepts

- Basic objectives and principles of procurement systems;
- Legal rules on procurement award procedures and supplier challenge, examined through a study of the UNCITRAL Model Law on Procurement and UNCITRAL'S provisions on privately financed infrastructure procurement

Organisation and Management of Public Procurement Systems

- Institutional frameworks
- Procurement system development
- System implementation
- Capacity development

Government Procurement in the WTO

- Procurement under the multilateral agreements (GATT, GATS etc)
- The Government Procurement Agreement
- Work on a Transparency Agreement

EU Procurement Law

- Principles, award procedures and remedies of EU procurement law (Treaty and EU procurement directives)
- Includes implementation of EU rules in UK legislation and case law (optional study)

Advanced EU Procurement Law

- Further topics in EU procurement law including utilities procurement, defence procurement and the impact of competition law

Corruption in Public Procurement

- Role of national legal rules
- International Treaties and other rules addressing corruption
- Practical strategies and mechanisms for corruption control

UK Public Procurement Law

- UK procurement law not covered in the EU procurement modules, including: Freedom of Information law, the "Blackpool" implied contract, application of the ultra vires rule, local government powers relating to shared service and joint procurement, and common law judicial review

Development and Procurement

- The procurement systems of donor agencies, in particular the World Bank
- Other topics specific to development, including development and trade agreements in procurement, and rules relating to tied aid

Legal Research Methods in Public Procurement

- Law-making, legal reasoning and legal development
- Methods and theories for legal and socio-legal research, based on public procurement case studies
- Planning and developing a dissertation (for those on the LLM programme)

Note that we reserve the right to withdraw, substitute or amend modules.

General outline of the programme structure

Candidates for the **LLM** or the **Diploma** will generally take *all* of the above modules, except that candidates may choose *either* UK Procurement Law *or* Development and Procurement (which we will be taught at the same time).

Candidates for the **Certificate** will take the module Introduction to Public Procurement Regulation: Basic Principles and Concepts PLUS three other modules from the above list (with the exception that it is not generally possible to take both UK Procurement Law *and* Development and Procurement, since these are taught at the same time).

Candidates for the **LLM** or the **Diploma** – who must take 8 modules - will generally study two for 2 modules at any one time, over a period of about 5 months for each set of two modules. The intensive teaching weekend for each module takes place in the middle of the module cycle, after the first assignment for each module (allowing for face-to-face feedback on the assignment). There are two assignments for each module, which are completed and assessed during the module cycle. (See further section 6 below on assessment). Once the two-module cycle is complete, successful candidates will move on to the next two modules.

As noted above, candidates taking the **LLM** will be required to complete a dissertation in addition to the 8 modules. One of these modules, Legal Research Methods in Public Procurement, provides preparation for the dissertation. This module is taught towards the middle of the programme, and is later followed by a session with a course teacher for discussion of the dissertation topic; candidates may then commence work on the dissertation during the last 6 months of the LLM programme. The final 2 - 3 months of the programme are devoted solely to the dissertation. Students are not required to defend their dissertation.

The timetable for modules for the first two intakes is explained in section 4 below.

4. Teaching and the provisional timetable

Our approach to teaching

For each module course participants will be provided with extensive documentary course materials, setting out the material to be studied, and including case studies, examples, further reading, and self-test questions. This material will be provided in both on-line and hard copy form. Participants will also be provided with a reading pack of core academic articles, legislation etc for each module. There will also be on-line support and advice, including e-mail support, discussion boards and podcasts.

Other than Legal Research Methods (as to which see further below) each module will also be supported by an intensive teaching session (around 14 hours for each module), held during a weekend in the middle of each period of module study. The sessions for the two modules of each cycle will be held on consecutive weekends to facilitate participation of those travelling from overseas. (These participants may want to remain in Nottingham during the days between to use the library, take part in study sessions with other participants etc).

The sessions will give teaching input equivalent to that provided on our full time programmes. They will consist of a mix of:

- lectures by the programme's core teaching staff;
- presentations from invited practitioners/policy makers (e.g. from international institutions);
- discussion sessions;
- case studies;
- group work; and
- presentations from course participants.

The sessions will enable participants to develop their understanding of the more complex aspects of the course, hear about new developments and initiatives, and exchange experiences. The intensive teaching sessions constitute an important element of the programme and help to ensure that it is of the same very high quality as the Law School's full time programmes. All participants are expected to attend where this is reasonably possible, although this is not a formal condition for obtaining a qualification.

For Legal Research Methods the approach will be slightly different: there will be an introductory session (held alongside the intensive teaching in other modules), followed by completion of the module assignment. For those taking the LLM this will be followed by a one-to-one session with a course teacher to discuss development of the dissertation.

There will also be a one-day induction at the very start of the programme, to provide an introduction to the programme, an opportunity to ask questions, and an opportunity to meet with staff and to network with other participants.

Organisation and timetable

For the September 2009 intake the provisional timetable for modules and teaching is as follows:

INTRODUCTION SESSION: Late Sept 2009

CYCLE 1: Oct 2009-Feb 2010 (intensive teaching sessions: Jan 2010)

- Introduction to Public Procurement Regulation: Basic Principles and Concepts
- EU Procurement Law

CYCLE 2: March - July 2010 (intensive teaching sessions: June 2010)

- Advanced EU Procurement Law
- Development and Procurement *or* UK Public Procurement Law (options)

CYCLE 3: August 2010 – Feb 2011 (intensive teaching sessions: Jan 2011)

- Legal Research Methods in Public Procurement (plus, for LLM candidates) discussion session on the dissertation)
- Organisation and Management of Public Procurement Systems

CYCLE 4: March - July 2011 (intensive teaching sessions: June 2011)

- Government Procurement in the WTO
- Corruption in Public Procurement

DISSERTATION: earliest submission date **Sept 2011**

This is set out in diagrammatic form in the Appendix, along also with the provisional timetable for the September 2010 intake (for which some of the modules are taught in a different order).

The above timetable is indicative only.

5. The focus and approach of the programme – and what does it *not* cover

Our focus

The focus of this programme is on the *legal* aspects of public procurement and, more specifically, the legal regime that applies specifically to public (as opposed to private – procurement). It is designed, in particular, for:

- Policy-makers in national governments and international organisations. This includes those with responsibility for developing and implementing legal rules, those involved in monitoring compliance, and those involved in negotiating trade agreements on procurement.
- Procurement officers in public authorities conducting procurement procedures in compliance with legal rules – especially those responsible for leading legal compliance policies and/or developing procedures for the organisation.
- Lawyers and consultants advising on public procurement procedures.
- Anyone interested in pursuing research or teaching in the area of public procurement regulation

The programme covers the organisation of public procurement, objectives and principles of different regulatory systems, legal procedures that apply for awarding public procurement contracts, and enforcement through supplier remedy systems and other mechanisms. In this area it aims to provide an understanding of:

- Principles and policies behind legal rules on procurement, and their sources (in national rules, international agreements, procedures of donor agencies)
- The content of typical legal rules on:
 - entities and contracts covered
 - procedures for awarding contracts, both simple and complex (including public-private partnerships), and covering goods, construction and services
 - enforcement and remedies for non-compliance
- How to implement best practice in procurement within legal constraints
- Legal process and interpretation - including to provide the skills for monitoring and taking account of future legal change
- The nature of legal risks and how to manage them
- System and capacity issues relating to the development and implementation of legal rules

Of course, the legal rules governing public procurement vary from country to country and even between different regions and organisations. However, there is a significant – and increasing – commonality in the rules of different systems. This programme will study the legal rules through both general modules focusing on principles and systems, and modules that are based around a study of particular legal systems, chosen for their widespread application and/or influence – notably those of UNCITRAL, the WTO, the EU and the World Bank. Within the specific modules we will examine – from different perspectives – the impact and potential of legal rules in relation a wide range of cross-cutting topics, including:

- strategies for securing value for money;
- use of procurement to social and environmental goals;
- implementing efficient procurement procedures;
- use of electronic procurement in the public sector;
- public-private partnerships; and
- the balance between transparency and other procurement goals.

Analysis of the rules of the systems covered will provide the tools to understand and analyse the rules of almost any legal system. The programme will also provide insights and skills that will enable participants to develop new rules and processes for their own countries or organisations.

The course will not, on the other hand, cover in any detail the *content* of contracts (model terms and conditions etc) or contract administration/execution (such as resolution of contractual disputes). These subjects are considered only to the extent that they are governed by regulatory provisions that are specific to the public sector. Of course, we recognise that the extent to which this is so differs between systems and in some cases is treated from a theoretical perspective as part of the law on public contracts. However, on the whole this subject is addressed only to a limit extent by the international models and systems that we look at, and is considered only to that extent.

How far does the programme cover economics, finance, logistics etc?

We have been asked by a number of people how far our course covers aspects of procurement other than legal aspects.

The starting point in answering this question is to emphasise that the programme is not limited merely to the *content* of legal rules, and the process and reasoning of the law. It also examines the *reasons* behind that content; encourages a *critique* of current rules and approaches to legal regulation; and addresses *strategies* for operating effectively within the applicable of legal rules. All of this demands an understanding not merely of law and legal processes but also of procurement strategy and of the economics and politics of procurement regulation. These perspectives will thus be covered within the modules to the extent that they are relevant.

To take one example:

- when addressing the subject of regulation of electronic auctions we will not look merely at the rules/proposed rules of systems such as UNCITRAL, EU etc on when and how auctions can be operated but will also consider issues such as:
 - when it is appropriate from an economic perspective for the public sector to hold auctions and how the legal rules fit with this economic theory;
 - whether the legal rules reflect sound policy in the way they require auctions to be conducted; and
 - how procuring entities should choose whether or not to hold auctions in specific cases where this is permitted under the legal framework – that is, how to exercise any discretion given.

On the other hand, the programme does not address various other aspects of procurement and supply-chain management in the public sector – for example, finance and logistics. There are already many MSc/MBA programmes that provide a broad coverage of all aspects of procurement and supply chain management – financial, strategic, economic etc (and usually including also a small legal element), as well as professional qualifications (such as those of CIPS) that provide a broad coverage of all these topics. These include one or two programmes that focus on the public sector. If you are seeking broad coverage of this kind then our programme is not the right one for you, and we advise you to look to other programmes – ours is a more specialist programme aimed at those who seek an in-depth knowledge of legal aspects. Our programme is suitable for those who already have a general procurement qualification and/or those whose current needs or interests are focused towards the legal side of the subject.

We hope that the explanation and example above will suffice to explain the scope of our programme and how it differs from others – but welcome any further enquiries if this is not clear, including on whether or not our programme is suitable for your own requirements.

6. Assessment

With the exception of the Legal Research Methods module (which involves only one assignment), each module will be assessed through two assignments – one to be submitted during the module cycle and the second to be completed towards the end. They will take various forms including essays, problem questions, and options for work-related projects. Some of these assignments will be required to be completed within 48 hours (set for the weekend to minimise interference with work commitments). The dates for receipt and completion will be submitted well in advance of the start of the course to allow participants to arrange time for completion. There will be no requirement to attend Nottingham to complete assignments.

7. Admission requirements and how to apply

Academic criteria

As a guide, applicants will generally possess a good second class honours degree or the overseas equivalent. Allowance may, however, be made for special qualifications, experience and background. In particular, we welcome applications from those who possess the CIPS Graduate Diploma in Purchasing and Supply (Level 6 of the CIPS qualification framework) and others with relevant qualifications or experience from the purchasing and supply field.

Note that a qualification or background in law is *not* required; one of the key aims of this programme is to provide relevant legal training for those without a legal background.

It should be noted that all applications will be considered on their individual merits: possession of the qualifications mentioned above does not guarantee admission.

English language requirements

If your first language is not English and you do not have a degree from a UK institution, you will have to show evidence of competence in English. We will normally require one of the following (although other evidence may also be considered in appropriate cases):

Either an IELTS score of at least 7.0 with no less than 7.0 in writing, 6.5 in reading, 6.0 in speaking, 6.0 in listening

Or any one of the following TOEFL scores:

- **Paper** 600 with 5.0 in the Test of Written English
- **Computer** 250 with 5.0 in the Test of Written English
- **IBT** 100 with no less than 21 in any element

Note that the Centre for English Language Education (CELE) has been providing English language support to international students at the University of Nottingham since 1987. CELE runs the [English Course for Postgraduate Law Students](#), an eight-week pre-sessional course, designed in collaboration with the School of Law, exclusively for international postgraduate students going on to study Masters degrees in the field of Law.

How to apply

Our aim is to make it as simple and efficient as possible to apply for our programmes, and with this in mind we have an online application procedure. This is the quickest and easiest way of applying to the University of Nottingham and gives you ongoing information about the progress of your application. It enables you to fill out a standard application form online and submit this to the University immediately. A major benefit of course, is that your application is not delayed in the post, and you can be assured that it has arrived safely, as we send you an automatic acknowledgement of receipt of your application. Once

you have submitted your application, you can view its progress by using the tracking system online. The Postgraduate Applications portal also gives you extra information about Nottingham and the University.

You can also apply on a hard copy application form which we will send you if you prefer, or you can download your own form and send it to the University by post. You will find the form at:

<https://pgapps.nottingham.ac.uk>

For enquiries regarding the progress of your application please contact:

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To request hard copy application form: please email postgraduate-enquiries@nottingham.ac.uk

Timing of applications

We are accepting applications for this programme from 5th January 2009.

- You are strongly encouraged to submit your application as early as possible during the year. This will ensure that you have time to chase up any missing or insufficient information where the School considers that your application is incomplete. An application is not considered complete unless accompanied by all the requested information (academic references, transcripts etc).
- The deadline for completed applications is May 31 in the year prior to the academic year for which admission is sought. However, applications received after this date will be considered if there are still places available.
- No applications for scholarships will be considered after the May 31 deadline, even where we are able to offer a place.
- Where forms are submitted which are considered by the School to be incomplete or contain insufficient information, you will be contacted and advised what information we need before we are able to make a decision.

Decisions

- Admission decisions will only be made where the Admissions Tutor is satisfied that adequate information exists to make a positive decision that the admissions standards are met, and should always be based on the fullest information which it is feasible to obtain
- Formal notification on admission is made by the Registry, which sends the applicant a letter outlining their offer and any conditions they must meet. The Admissions Team are not able to give students informal indications as to the success or otherwise of their application.
- Due to the large number of applications received each year for our Law School programmes, the School is unable to enter into correspondence with the candidate regarding their application during the period other than in respect of the provision of missing or incomplete information.

8. Teaching staff and the Public Procurement Research Group

The Public Procurement Research Group is part of the School of Law at the University of Nottingham, which is consistently ranked amongst the leading law schools in the United Kingdom. The School was rated as the 4th best for research out of 67 Law Schools in the most recent Research Assessment Exercise (2008) and has a grade of 'Excellent' for teaching.

The PPRG is a global leader in research and teaching on public procurement regulation, with academic staff hailing from China, Nigeria, Italy and Greece, as well as the UK. As well as conducting research, the Group already teaches modules on public procurement law to both undergraduates and postgraduates, and has an extensive PhD programme. The Group has also worked closely over many years with national governments and international organisations to provide training and advice on policy-making. The new Executive LLM/Diploma/Certificate programme is a natural extension of this activity and builds on our many years of academic and practical experience.

The new programme is also a natural extension of the Group's current work to promote public procurement education in higher education around the world. The Group (Project leader: Professor Sue Arrowsmith) is currently leading a five member consortium in a project to develop a global academic research and teaching network in procurement, funded with 450000 Euros from the European Union's Asia Link programme and focused on Europe and Asia. (The other consortium members are Copenhagen Business School, the Central University of Finance and Economics (Beijing), Xinjiang University, and the University of Malaya). The Group has also received a further award from the British Academy for a project on African public procurement in partnership with the Stellenbosch University in South Africa, one of the objectives of which is to engage the African continent in developing research and teaching programmes in this field. As part of this activity the Group has already led the development of a permanent infrastructure for the global network, known as PLAN (Procurement Law Academic Network) – available at www.planpublicprocurement.org), funded under the Asia Link programme.

The Group is divided into five Units covering:

- Government Procurement in the WTO
- Humanitarian and Development Procurement
- Corruption and Public Procurement
- EU Public Procurement
- Defence and Strategic Procurement

Further information on the PPRG's activities, as well as information on publications, events etc, can be found at www.nottingham.ac.uk/law/pprg

The work of the Group and of its members is sponsored by Achilles Information and Achilles Group, by Bevan Brittan LLP, and by the Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply.

The Executive LLM/Diploma/Certificate programme will be taught primarily by the Group's academic staff. This will be supplemented by input from senior practitioners who have experience of both procurement policy/practice and academic research and writing.

Key staff responsible for writing the module materials and delivering the intensive teaching sessions will include the following. In addition, some presentations at the intensive teaching sessions will be delivered by guest lecturers from practice, international institutions etc.

Professor Sue Arrowsmith

Introduction to Public Procurement Regulation: Basic Principles and Concepts; EU Procurement Law; Advanced EU Procurement Law; UK Procurement Law

Professor Sue Arrowsmith (B.A (Oxon), D.Jur, MCIPS) has a first class honours degree in Jurisprudence from Oxford University and a Doctorate in Jurisprudence from Osgoode Hall Law School, Canada. She is currently Professor of Public Procurement Law and Director of the Public Procurement Research Group in the School of Law, University of Nottingham, and is also an Adjunct Professor at Copenhagen Business School and a Foundation Professor of the Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply (CIPS).

Her numerous publications on procurement have been cited by courts and in legislative texts in North America, Asia and Africa as well as throughout Europe. Her recent authored books include *The Law of Public and Utilities Procurement* (Sweet & Maxwell, 2nd ed 2005); (with Linarelli and Wallace) *Regulating Public Procurement; National and International perspectives* (Kluwer, 2000); and *Government Procurement in the WTO* (Kluwer, 2003). She is co-editor and co-author of *Social and Environmental Policies in EC Procurement: New Directives and New Directions* (forthcoming, CUP) and editor and co-author *Procurement Regulation for the 21st Century: Reform of the UNCITRAL Model Law on Procurement* (forthcoming; West). She has presented conference papers in more than 30 countries.

She has taught university modules on international procurement since 1995. She has been involved in procurement law reform for many years as a member (since 1997) of the European Commission's, Advisory Committee for the Opening Up of Public Procurement; as a member of the UNCITRAL Experts Group on Procurement; and as a consultant and trainer for many national and international bodies, including the UK Office of Government Commerce, WTO, European Commission, OECD, EU, European Central Bank, ILO and the Law Commission of England and Wales. In 1992 she launched the first international academic journal on public procurement, *Public Procurement Law Review*, which she still edits, and also launched the international and inter-disciplinary series of academic/practitioner conferences "Public Procurement: Global Revolution" back in 1996.

In 2007 she was awarded the CIPS Swinbank Medal for her contribution to thought innovation in purchasing and supply, the first woman and the first lawyer to receive this medal in its 56-year history.

Professor Peter Trepte

Introduction to Public Procurement Regulation: Basic Principles and Concepts; Organisation and Management of Public Procurement Systems; Corruption and Public Procurement)

Peter Trepte has law degrees from the UK and France and a doctorate from the Netherlands. He is currently a practicing barrister with Littleton Chambers in London and of Counsel to Grayston & Company in Brussels. He is a Special Professor with the Public Procurement Research Group, University of Nottingham.

In private practice, he concentrates on public procurement and competition law and has a wide background in EC law. In the case of regulated procurement, he advises and represents public and private sector clients on issues of EC procurement rules as well as on the application of the WTO Agreement on Government Procurement and the effect on the procurement rules of the EC's preferential trade arrangements. At the international level, he has extensive and wide geographical experience in Central and Eastern Europe, Asia, Africa and Latin America of drafting national laws and implementing rules and regulations in the field of public procurement; assessing and benchmarking national procurement systems; drafting standard bidding and contract documents and guidance; developing appropriate procurement regulatory and institutional frameworks and dispute resolution mechanisms; and the design and implementation of public and private sector procurement capacity development programmes. He was one of three dispute panellists in the procurement dispute between the U.S. and South Korea under the WTO's Government Procurement Agreement.

Peter is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and a Member of the Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply. He has lectured and published widely on EC matters with particular reference to public procurement and the utilities and is the author of *Public Procurement in the EU*, 2nd edition (OUP, 2007), *The Government Procurement Agreement*, in Macrory, Appleton & Plummer [The World Trade Organization: Legal, Economic and Political Analysis](#) (Springer, 2005) and [Regulating Procurement](#) (OUP, 2004).

Dr Annamaria La Chimia

Development and Procurement

Annamaria La Chimia read law at the University of Rome "La Sapienza", in Italy and then obtained an LL.M. (in International Commercial law) and a Ph.D at the University of Nottingham, School of Law before becoming a lecturer at the School in 2006. She is a qualified advocate and member of the Italian Bar Association and prior to joining the School of Law worked as a lawyer in Italy. She has done extensive research on tied aid policies in procurement in the context of EU law and international trade law and is co-author of the book on African procurement being produced under the PPRG's Africa partnership project. She has acted as expert advisor to the European Commission and has collaborated as consultant with the NGO Actionaid, and has also worked for SIGMA on procurement law reform.

Dr Ping Wang

Government Procurement in the WTO

Dr. Ping Wang, PhD (Nottingham, 2007), LL.M (Nottingham, 2001), LLB (Beijing, 1995) works in the field of Public Procurement Law, International Trade Law, European Law and Chinese Law. His publications cover the procurement of state enterprises under WTO law, Chinese public procurement law, and the WTO Government Procurement Agreement (GPA), EC Law, and various other aspects of Chinese law, and he is currently completing a book on Chinese public procurement law. He is currently advising the Chinese Ministry of Finance on China's negotiations for accession to the Government Procurement Agreement. Prior to coming to Nottingham he worked for the Hong Kong and Macao Affairs Office of the State Council (Chinese Central Government) as a legal officer.

Sope Williams

Corruption and Public Procurement

Sope Williams read law at the University of Lagos in Nigeria before qualifying as a Barrister and Solicitor. After a short period in practice, she undertook an LL.M. at the London School of Economics where she graduated with a distinction. Prior to joining the University of Nottingham, she taught at the University of Stirling in Scotland. Her main teaching and research interests are in the fields of Public Procurement, International Commercial Law and International Economic Law. She has published widely on aspects of corruption in public procurement, and has been involved in advising international financial institutions and government bodies on public procurement and corruption issues. She is a reviews editor for the Public Procurement Law Review and an editor of the Journal of African Law.

Dr Aris Georgopoulos

Advanced EU Procurement Law

Aris Georgopoulos is a lecturer in the School of Law, with a special interest in defence procurement law. He has published and lectured widely on this subject, most recently on various issues relating to the European Defence Agency, and is currently completing a book on European Defence Law.