English and Norwegian Criminal Procedure

A Norwegian Law Commission is revising the Criminal Procedure Act. Distinguished English practitioners and academics have been invited with a view to getting comparative input to the work of the Law Commission.

The seminar will take place on Wednesday 16 March, at the Old Library, All Souls College; after the seminar there will be a drinks reception in the Harold Wilson Room, Jesus College, Oxford.

Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

Programme (Old Library, All Souls College):

14.00–15.00: Fundamental principles of criminal procedural law

14.00–14.20: English criminal procedure, by Mr. Karl Laird, Criminal Law Team, Law Commission of England & Wales; Lecturer in Law, St Edmund Hall, Oxford

14.20–14.30: Comment, Chair of the Commission, Dr. Runar Torgersen, Senior Public Prosecutor, Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions

14.30–15.00: Discussion and questions

15.00–16.00: The impact of the ECHR on criminal procedure

15.00–15.15: English law generally, Lord Phillips of Worth Matravers, former President of the Supreme Court

15.15–15.30: Sentencing implications of procedural decisions, Mrs Nicola Padfield, Reader in Criminal and Penal Justice, University of Cambridge & Master, Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge

15.30–15.40: Comment with a Norwegian perspective, by Dr. Jon Petter Rui, Professor of criminal law and criminal procedure law, University of Bergen

15.40–16.00: Discussion and questions

16.10–17.00: Handling of vulnerable witnesses

16.10–16.30: English law, Laura Hoyano, Senior Research Fellow in Law, Wadham College, Barrister, and Riel Karmy-Jones QC, Red Lion Chambers.

16.30–16.40: Comment with a Norwegian perspective, by Dr. Torunn Kvisberg, Judge, District Court

16.40–17.00: Discussion and questions

17.10–18.00: Recent reforms in criminal procedure law—how to improve?

17.10–17.30: English law, Professor David Ormerod QC

17.30–17.40: Comment with a Norwegian perspective, by Hans-Petter Jahre, Presiding Judge, Court of Appeal

17.40 –18.00: Discussion and questions

18.10–18.30: Complex case management

18.10–18.25 English law, Riel Karmy-Jones QC, Red Lion Chambers.

18.25–18.30: Comment with a Norwegian perspective, by Hans-Petter Jahre, Presiding Judge, Court of Appeal

18.45: Discussion and questions as delegates walk over to the Harold Wilson Room, Jesus College, for a glass of cold champagne