A selection of titles authored or edited by staff and students

**BIRKBECK BOOKS**

**2012–2013**

**Story of a Death Foretold: The Coup against Salvador Allende, 11 September 1973**
Oscar Guardiola-Rivera, Bloomsbury

**On 11 September 1973, President Salvador Allende of Chile, Latin America’s first democratically elected Marxist president, was deposed in a violent coup d’état. Why Allende seemed such a threat in the political and economic context of the time and how the coup was engineered is the story told by Dr Guardiola-Rivera, Senior Lecturer in Law, who draws on sources including phone transcripts and documents released as recently as 2008. It is a radical retelling of a moment in history that shocked the world and continues to resonate today.

**Hauntings: Psychoanalysis and Ghostly Transmissions**
Stephen Frosh, Palgrave Macmillan

**Stephen Frosh, Pro-Vice-Master for Research and Professor of Psychology, shows how the present is troubled by the past and by the future. He uses the idea of haunting to explore psychoanalytically how identities, beliefs, intimacies and hatreds are transmitted across generations and between people. He demonstrates how past oppressions return, demanding acknowledgement and repair, and explores how recognition and forgiveness can arise from this.

**Student Financing of Higher Education: A Comparative Perspective**
Donald Heller and Claire Callender (eds), Routledge

**The financing of higher education is undergoing great change around the world. Many countries are moving away from a system where the costs of funding higher education are shouldered primarily by taxpayers, through government subsidies, to one where students pay a larger share of the costs. Political and macroeconomic factors are driving these trends, along with the push for massification of higher education. Co-edited by Claire Callender, Professor of Higher Education Policy, this volume provides a global picture of the rapidly changing situation, contributing to an understanding of how these trends occur and their impact on policy on higher education institutions, students and society.**

**Land Law Reform in Eastern Africa: Traditional or Transformative?**
Patrick McAslan, Routledge

**In a culmination of over 50 years of working in this area, Patrick McAslan, Professor of Law, reviews development and changes in the statutory laws of the countries in Eastern Africa from 1961 to 2011. He provides an in-depth and critical survey of the reforms introduced into each country from 1990 onwards, and argues that the overall effect of reforms has been to maintain colonial approaches to land laws and land administration. The colonial policy was to move towards land markets, individualisation of land tenure and the demise of customary tenure.**

**The Perils of Peace: The Public Health Crisis in Occupied Germany**
Jessica Reinisch, Oxford University Press

**In 1945, Germany was a country with no government, little functioning infrastructure, millions of refugees and homeless people, and huge foreign armies occupying it. The land was riven with violence, the hospitals overflowed with patients, but were short of beds, medicines and medical personnel. Public health was recognised as an indispensable component of creating order and facilitating the reconstruction of German society. Dr Jessica Reinisch, Senior Lecturer in European History, considers how the four occupants – Britain, France, the Soviet Union and the United States – attempted to keep their own troops and the ex-enemy population alive. She uses the public health problem as a powerful lens through which to reflect on the post-war period.**

**The Classic Horror Stories: HP Lovecraft**
Roger Luckhurst (ed), Oxford University Press

**In this new selection of Lovecraft’s ‘core’ classic fiction, editor Roger Luckhurst, Professor of Modern Literature, brings together in one volume Lovecraft’s most representative and influential tales. This is the first collection to provide a full contextual introduction, which explores the meaning of ‘weird fiction’ and offers a balanced assessment of the author’s place in relation to the Gothic tradition and American fiction in the 1920s and 1930s. Lovecraft’s influence extends from Jorge Luis Borges to Stephen King, the films of the Alien series to the cinema of Guillermo del Toro.**

**Queer 1950s: Rethinking Sexuality in the Postwar Years**
Helge Bauer and Matt Cook (eds), Palgrave Macmillan

**This collection brings together scholars from across the humanities in a fresh examination of queer history and thought in the first post-war decade. Through explorations of sexuality, literature, film, the颚 testimony, newspapers and court records, Dr Bauer, Senior Lecturer in English Literature and Gender Studies, and Dr Cook, Senior Lecturer in History and Gender Studies, muse understandings of the period, and make a case for the particularity of queer lives in different national contexts, while also marking the transnational movement of people and ideas.**

**Philosophy and Resistance in the Crisis: Greece and the Future of Europe**
Costas Douzinas, Polity Press

**Costas Douzinas, writes about the global crisis and the right to protest, about neoliberal biopolitics and direct democracy, about the responsibility of intellectuals and the poetry of the multitude. Using Greece as an example, he argues that the persistent sequence of protests, uprisings and revolutions has radically changed the political landscape. This new politics is the latest example of the drive to resist – a persevering characteristic of the human spirit. The EU and the IMF used Greece as a guinea pig to test the conditions of social reconstruction in times of crisis. But the manifold resistances turned the object of experimentation into a political subject and overturned the plans of elites.**

**Documentary Culture and the Laity in the Early Middle Ages**
Matthew Innes, Warren Brown, Marios Costambeys and Adam Kosto (eds), Cambridge University Press

**The collection takes the reader around the globe: a quest across Cyprus, a mission to India, segregation in South Africa, adolescence in Australia. Each story offers a unique perspective on the world and our place in it.**

**Investigations into Living Systems, Artificial Life and Real-World Solutions**
George Magoulas, Information Science Reference

**Research on living systems, human-level artificial systems and machines that exhibit intelligent behavioural characteristics is fundamental to tackling complex and dynamic issues in nature and creating applicable solutions. George Magoulas, Professor of Computer Science, provides original research on the theoretical and applied aspects of artificial life, and addresses scientific, psychological and social issues.**