



Chris Ashford

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## Prestigious appointment for law professor

[Professor Chris Ashford](#) from Northumbria University, Newcastle, has received a prestigious appointment to the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies (IALS) Advisory Council.

Members of the Advisory Council are drawn from academia, the judiciary, academic libraries, the postgraduate student community and from the academic staff of IALS itself.

Chaired by Lord Lloyd Jones, a justice of the UK Supreme Court, the Council advises the Director of IALS on its aims and objectives, strategic and operational plans, and opportunities for collaboration, research promotion and facilitation.

Commenting on his appointment, Professor Ashford said: “I’m absolutely delighted to be part of the new IALS Advisory Board led by Lord Lloyd-Jones. At a time of immense challenge for Law Schools and a deep need for rigorous research on law to address the challenges our society faces, the importance of this national resource has never been greater. It is vital that all parts of the UK are represented and so I’m particularly pleased that I’ll be providing a voice for academics in the North East of England in this forum.”

The IALS supports and promotes legal research in its broadest sense, both nationally and internationally, provides services to the law schools of the University of London, and brings together the academic and the practising legal professions for the benefit of the legal system as a whole.

Professor John Wilson, Pro Vice-Chancellor for the Faculty of Business and Law at Northumbria, said: “The IALS Advisory Council is a highly influential voice for legal education and for law research and I congratulate Chris on his appointment. It is a prestigious role that reflects the quality and strength of research at the University, and the excellent reputation of Northumbria Law School within the UK and internationally.”

For more information on Northumbria Law School please visit [www.northumbria.ac.uk/law](http://www.northumbria.ac.uk/law)

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- Northumbria University, Newcastle is a research-rich, business-focused, professional university with a global reputation for academic excellence. Northumbria is one of the largest universities in the UK with almost 34,000 students from 132 countries
  - Northumbria is ranked top 50 in the UK for research power and had the 4th largest increase in quality research funding (REF 2014). According to Times Higher Education, Northumbria had the biggest rise in research power of any university in the UK
  - Northumbria Law School is one of the largest in the UK with a national and international reputation for excellence in legal

education.

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