

LLB NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the eleventh edition of the Melbourne LLB Newsletter for 2008. The purpose of this publication is to inform you of key issues and events related to your studies. If you need any further clarification on anything, please contact the Melbourne Law School Student Centre on 8344 4475, or the contact listed.

re-enrolment and optional subjects

The re-enrolment period began on 20 October 2008.

You will find a list of **2009 subjects** available on the LLB website.

As in previous years, there is a wide range of subjects across many areas of the law.

New Subjects

There are also some new subjects or revised subjects in 2009:

CTLS Program:

This subject is an exciting initiative that allows students to enrol in this 50 point subject which is taught in London by a range of leading scholars from participating Universities. The subject is available in Semester 2 and is likely to be available in 2010.

Australian Bills of Rights:

This subject will be taught for the first time. It is available over Summer.

Rethinking Democracy and the Law:

This is a new subject that is offered for the first time.

Feminist Legal Theory and Research:

This subject is based on the previous subject Feminist Legal Theory. It has a strong research focus.

Changes and Further Information

Private International Law:

This subject will be offered in **Semester 2** and not Semester 1 as first advertised. This change has been necessary because of the availability of Dr Albert Dinelli who will teach the subject.

Globalisation and the Law:

This subject has limitations on its enrolment because of the way in which it is taught and the involvement of students from other institutions. Please see the **subject website** for more information.

Advanced Legal Research:

As is the case with this subject in other Semesters, you can only enrol in this subject with the approval of the coordinator.

This is the first time Advanced Legal Research has been made available to students in Summer. It is anticipated that only students who will be completing their degrees in summer will enrol in this subject. While it is useful to be able to offer the subject it is likely that only a small number of students will be able to enrol in it as there are some limitations in offering a research subject such as this over summer.

First, your enrolment will not be approved unless you have a suitable supervisor. It may be more difficult to find a suitable supervisor for the Summer Semester than in other Semesters and as a result, you may not be able to enrol in the subject because a suitable supervisor is not available.

Second, you will have less time to complete the task than in other Semesters as the due date for the paper will be Monday 9 March 2009.

Low Enrolments

As in previous years, subjects that attract low enrolments are liable to cancellation. We will send an email to all students before the close of enrolments to advise any subjects at risk of cancellation. It is imperative that you enrol in the subjects that you wish to undertake in order to maximize enrolments.

Information on Optional Subjects

Information sessions on the optional program were held last week. Some of these were iLectured and the **Wednesday** and **Friday** recordings are now available. A schedule of the sessions is available [here](#).

guest lecture series

From Tax to Human Rights: The Role of Law at World Vision

Speaker: **Ms Fiona McLeay, General Counsel and Company Secretary, World Vision Australia**

When: **Tuesday 28 October 2008 at 12:45 to 1:45pm**

Where: **G08, Melbourne Law School**

The Guest Lecture Series is a series of weekly lectures in law and legal practice for Melbourne Law School students. All LLB students are invited and strongly encouraged to attend all lectures in the Melbourne Guest Lecture Series.

london calling...the ctls program (centre for transnational legal studies): information session

The **Centre for Transnational Legal Studies (CTLS)** is a joint venture of leading global law schools, coordinated by Georgetown University's Law Centre. From September 2008 it will teach semester length programs in transnational legal studies in the heart of London's legal quarter. The program will bring together faculty and students from several of the world's top law schools to study transnational legal issues in a multicultural and transnational setting. LLB students in the fourth or fifth year of their degrees and Melbourne JD students in the third semester of their degrees, may attend the Centre for an intensive semester focused on transnational, international, and comparative law.

Each year, the program will be taught by faculty from each of the law schools involved in the CTLS, including Free University of Berlin, the University of Fribourg, the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, King's College London, the University of Melbourne, the National University of Singapore, the University of Sao Paulo, the University of Torino, and the University of Toronto. Students will be drawn from these universities and others, providing a richly diverse student body.

Melbourne Law School students will undertake a core course focused on transnational legal theory and three optional subjects from the suite of subjects on offer. Several classes will be co-taught by professors from different countries, to facilitate comparative analysis and discussion. The program will also include a weekly workshop featuring some of the world's leading scholars and practitioners of international, transnational, and comparative law, and a participatory exercise to introduce students to each other and to the different perspectives that they bring to the Centre. Subjects that are expected to be taught include The Law of Work in the Global Economy, Transnational Issues in Art, Culture & Law, The Theory and Practice of Copyright Law: Comparative and Transnational Aspects, International Investment Law, Globalization, Governance & Justice and Contract Theory in Comparative Perspective.

Information Session:

When: **Thursday 30 October 2008 at 1:00pm**

Where: **GM16, Melbourne Law School**

Introduced by Associate Professor Simon Evans, Deputy Dean, Melbourne Law School. Presentation by Dr Michelle Foster, CTLS Program Coordinator for Melbourne Law School.

david finch lecture 2008: public lecture

The Credit Crisis: Causes and Consequences

Speaker: **Professor Raghuram Rajan**

Professor Raghuram Rajan is the Eric J Gleacher Distinguished Service Professor of Finance at the University of Chicago's Graduate School of Business.

Prior to resuming teaching, Professor Rajan was the Economic Counselor and Director of Research at the International Monetary Fund between 2003 and 2006. He currently chairs a high level committee set up by the Indian Planning Commission to propose financial sector reforms in India.

In January 2003, the American Finance Association awarded Professor Rajan the inaugural Fischer Black Prize, given every two years to the financial economist under age 40 who has made the most significant contribution to the theory and practice of finance.

When: **Wednesday 5 November 2008 at 6:00 to 7:00pm**

Where: **Copland Theatre, Economics and Commerce Building, University of Melbourne**

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the tokyo war crimes trial: humanity's justice or victors' justice?

Speaker: **Professor Hisakazu Fujita, Kansai Law School, Osaka**

Professor Fujita will provide an overview of the international legal significance of the Tokyo War Crimes Trial from a Japanese perspective. The trial has consistently been criticized as a leading example of Victors' Justice and Professor Fujita will discuss the extent to which that criticism is valid.

His public lecture will open the proceedings in a major international conference to mark the 60th anniversary of the delivery of judgment in the Tokyo War Crimes Trial and will help begin to redress the relative lack of attention in Australia to the significance of the trial.

Professor Hisakazu Fujita is one of Japan's leading international lawyers having specialized throughout his long and distinguished career in International Humanitarian Law, International Criminal Law, Human Rights Law and in the History and Theory of International Law. Professor Fujita studied at Kyoto Law School and completed his doctorate in Paris. He has held chairs in Law at Tokyo and Kobe Universities and continues to teach in an adjunct capacity at Kansai Law School in Osaka. Professor Fujita holds executive positions with the Japanese Society of International Law, the Institute of International Humanitarian Law in San Remo and the Hiroshima Peace Institute. He has published extensively on the legality of nuclear weapons, war crimes and the Tokyo War Crimes Tribunal.

Registrations for this free public lecture are essential. [Click here](#) to register for the lecture. Further details are available in the [flyer](#).

When: **Monday 10 November 2008 at 6:00 to 7:00pm**

Where: **GM15, Melbourne Law School**

Enquiries: Dianne Costello, tel 03 8344 1153.

the victorian bar - justice kenneth hayne scholarship

For all Melbourne Law School students.

The **Victorian Bar - Justice Kenneth Hayne Scholarship** was established by members of the Victorian Bar to celebrate the career of Justice Kenneth Hayne AC, BA, LLB (Melb), BCL (Oxon). Justice Hayne was elected a Rhodes Scholar for Victoria in 1969, joined the Victorian Bar in 1971 and was appointed Queen's Counsel for Victoria in 1984. He was appointed a judge of the Supreme Court of Victoria in 1992, and appointed to the High Court in 1997.

The Victorian Bar - Justice Kenneth Hayne Scholarship will be awarded to a law student based on academic ability and demonstrated financial need. A scholarship valued at \$850 will be awarded.

To be eligible for the nomination you must:

- be enrolled in any of the Melbourne Law School degree program
- have achieved creditable academic results
- demonstrate financial need (i.e. being in receipt of Centrelink benefits or other demonstrable need)

Written nominations outlining details of your academic performance and financial need should be lodged with:

Elena Goodey
Results and Assessments Coordinator
Student Centre
Melbourne Law School
Tel 03 8344 6169
Email e.goodey@unimelb.edu.au

The **closing date for applications is 21 November 2008**.

the francis forbes society 2008 australian legal history essay competition

The **Francis Forbes Society** is pleased to announce that the 2008 essay competition is now open. The aim of the competition is to promote interest in and an awareness of Australian legal history. The question for this year's competition is:

How can a lawyer defend somebody he or she "knows" is "guilty"?... What is it to "know" that somebody is "guilty"?... Okay, to be more precise: What are, or should be, the ethical obligations of a lawyer acting for a client who, after being charged with a crime, makes a confidential confession of guilt?

Discuss this question from the perspective of a member of the community (who is not a lawyer) using examples drawn from the Dean Controversy (1895-1896) and/or Tuckiar's Case (1932-1934).

The competition is open to all students enrolled, at any time during 2008, in an Australian secondary school, any undergraduate degree course at an Australian university, and any tertiary course leading to admission as an Australian legal practitioner. It is not confined to students enrolled in formal courses of study in history or law.

Read the Description, Conditions of Entry & Guidelines [online](#).

melbourne journal of international law: recruitment 2009

The **Melbourne Journal of International Law** (MJIL) is currently recruiting for the following non-editorial positions for our 2009 Editorial Board:

- Business Manager
- Design Manager
- IT Manager
- Marketing Manager
- Secretaries (1 position available)
- Submissions Coordinator
- Trainee Citations Coordinator

Applications are open to all law students. Applications should consist of a cover letter addressing the position description, and CV. The position descriptions for each position are available for collection from the MJIL office on Level 2 (Room 210) or can be requested via [email](mailto:law-mjil@unimelb.edu.au). If you have any questions in relation to the positions or the recruitment process, please contact the Editors at law-mjil@unimelb.edu.au.

Applications are **due on Monday 27 October 2008 by 5pm**. Please send all applications via email to law-mjil@unimelb.edu.au.

english language growth research project

Researchers undertaking the English Language Growth research project are looking for international students willing to participate in the project by completing an online survey at www.elg.edu.au. Please check the website for further information.

be australia's next youth representative to the UN!

Young people are the agents, beneficiaries and victims of social, economic, environmental, legal and technological change. Whether young people seek to be integrated into the existing society, or serve to transform that society, they deserve to have their views represented and acted upon. In addition to their intellectual contribution and their ability to mobilize support, young people bring unique perspectives that can help find solutions to the many problems they face now and in the future.

In particular, as justice between present and future generations is recognized as the fundamental base of sustainable development, young people should participate in the decisions taken today about the world they will inherit and pass on to the next generation. Of course, the inclusion of Youth Representatives also gives a far greater legitimacy to the Australian Government and the United Nations in general, when claiming to represent "We the peoples..."

The broad goal of a Youth Representative should be to ensure that the voice of youth is heard and to draw the attention of Member States to young people and their concerns. Young people must be recognized not only as future leaders, but as leaders and active members of their communities today.

Applications close 31 October 2008. More information is available [online](#).

sife recruitment

Students In Free Enterprise (SIFE):

SIFE is an international network through which university students, with the assistance of academic and business leaders, use classroom knowledge to address areas of need in the community. SIFE students are committed to making a difference in their community by creating sustainable economic opportunities for disadvantaged groups.

SIFE teams manage a portfolio of projects which operate on the principles of market economics, education and skills training, entrepreneurialism, financial management, environmental sustainability, business ethics and team sustainability.

In July of each year, all the participating universities in Australia (24) convene for the National Conference, in which teams present and are judged by a panel of industry leaders, according to the SIFE criteria. The team deemed to have been most successful then represents Australia amidst 39 other countries at the SIFE World Cup.

University of Melbourne SIFE:

The University of Melbourne SIFE manages a diverse portfolio of six projects which operate on the principles of community engagement, knowledge transfer, and sustainability. The team aims to leverage the skill-set of its members to enable a two-way learning process with the people they work with. They pass on skills and knowledge to ensure the sustainability of the projects beyond the time of SIFE's immediate involvement. The University of Melbourne SIFE team is thus able to deliver long-term, positive outcomes to disadvantaged community groups, whilst developing their own skills as socially responsible business leaders.

The University of Melbourne SIFE were named National Runners Up in 2008, National Champions in 2007 and World Cup Semi-Finalists in 2007.

Positions available:

- **IT Support**
Primary responsibilities include web design and maintenance of the University of Melbourne SIFE website. The applicant will need to have experience with CSS, HTML, Javascript and PHP. Photo and video editing skills are an advantage.
- **Business Analyst for Switched-On Enterprises**
As a Business Analyst, you will be assisting small social enterprises with business and financial solutions. This role entails a firm understanding of business operation and an ability to quickly understand new information. An accounting, management or marketing degree would be ideal for this position.

Application details:

To apply, please complete the form [online](#). An application pack will be sent to you within 24 hours.

Applications **close at 11:00pm Sunday 26 October 2008**. For further information, please contact HR at hr@unimelbsife.org.au

connecting with law short films

The winning entries of the Connecting with Law short film competition can be viewed **online**.

The competition is over for 2008, but the good news is that as this year has been such a success, the competition will run again in 2009. Visit the **OUP** website for more details in February.

feedback/comments

Please send any feedback/comments or suggestions you have about this newsletter to **Tom Hewitt-McManus**.

previous editions of LLB newsletter

Previous editions of the newsletter are available on the **Melbourne LLB website**.