

LLB NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the eleventh edition of the Melbourne LLB Newsletter for 2009. 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.

guest lecture series

The Guest Lecture Series is a series of weekly lectures in law and legal practice for Melbourne Law School students. Details of forthcoming sessions in the Guest Lecture Series are available below. LLB students are warmly invited to attend.

How does BHP Billiton Approach Executive Remuneration - Is There a Need for Legislative Intervention?

Speaker: **Ms Karen Wood, Group Executive and Chief People Officer, BHP Billiton**

When: **Tuesday 25 August 2009 at 12:45 to 1:45pm**
Where: **G08, Melbourne Law School**

Your Legal Career Now and into the Future

Speaker: **Ms Katherine Sampson, Managing Director, Mahlab Recruitment (Vic)**

When: **Tuesday 1 September 2009 at 12:45 to 1:45pm**
Where: **G08, Melbourne Law School**

The Coroner: An Ancient Role in a Modern World

Speaker: **Judge Jennifer Coate, Victorian State Coroner**

When: **Tuesday 8 September 2009 at 12:45 to 1:45pm**
Where: **G08, Melbourne Law School**

Details of all forthcoming [Guest Lectures for Semester 2, 2009](#), are available online.

shakespeare, law, and authorship

Speaker: **His Honour Justice Cummins of the Supreme Court of Victoria**

Justice Cummins has presided over many prominent cases during his twenty-one years as a judge of the Supreme Court of Victoria, including many criminal law cases. He has also had a longstanding interest in Shakespeare, which is arguably evident in some of his judgments. He has received the Exhibition in English Literature and the Shakespeare Prize. In October, His Honour will be presenting at the Judicial Conference of Australia's annual colloquium, on the topic of *Shakespeare and Psychiatry*.

The Law Students Society is pleased to be able to have Justice Cummins speak at Melbourne Law School on the topic of Shakespeare, Law, and Authorship. This event is being organized in conjunction with the *Shakespeare and the Law* exhibition currently in the Law Library, Level 3. The exhibition is on loan courtesy of the Supreme Court Library in Queensland. The exhibition can be viewed at any time during library opening hours.

When: **Monday 24 August 2009 at 6:30 to 7:30pm**

Where: **Room 109, Melbourne Law School**

Contact person: Romy Faulkner at lss-secretary@unimelb.edu.au

the human rights forum activate series

How can you get involved?

Human rights beyond university in 2009!

The activate series is designed to provide students with an opportunity to engage with practitioners and advocates in human rights and related fields.

Tuesday 1 September 2009 at 5:30pm, Room G08, Melbourne Law School

Australia and Refugees: Are Rights Still at Risk?

Wednesday 9 September 2009 at 5:30pm, Room G08, Melbourne Law School

Getting Development Right: Current Campaigns for a Just World

Monday 12 October 2009 at 5:30pm, Room G08, Melbourne Law School

Making it Real: Experiences of Enforcement in International Criminal Law

Further details are available in the flyer.

2009 nathan and pamela jacobson lecture: why does carl schmitt matter?

Speaker: Professor Claude Klein

This lecture is possible through the generous support of Mr Nathan Jacobson OBE and Mrs Pamela Jacobson.

Professor Claude Klein is a French-born Israeli whose particular expertise is constitutional theory and comparative law. Professor of Law at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Professor Klein will visit Melbourne to present the 2009 Nathan and Pamela Jacobson lecture.

Professor Klein will discuss how the German law professor, Carl Schmitt (1888-1985), matters because of his remarkable contribution to the science of law and because of his responsibility for the decline of the Weimar Republic. Schmitt's analysis of the dictatorship, of the distinction between legality and legitimacy in politics (which he identified as the opposition between friend and foe), and of basic values as limits on the power to amend the constitution, were real breakthroughs in twentieth-century legal science. However, although he was certainly one of the greatest constitutional theorists of that century, his affiliation with the Nazis is not forgotten and cannot be forgiven. He seems above all to have been an opportunist in the lowest sense of that word.

When: **Wednesday 2 September 2009 at 6:15 to 7:15pm**

Where: **GM15, Melbourne Law School**

[Please register](#) to attend the lecture.

[Further details](#) are available online.

backlash against judicial activism: the case of israel (public seminar)

Speaker: Professor Claude Klein, Professor of Law, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Beginning in the mid-1980s, the Supreme Court of Israel, under the leadership of Chief Justice Aharon Barak, adopted a very activist policy. This culminated in 1995 in a 'coup' according to which the Basic Laws (the status of which had previously been controversial) were to be considered as 'higher law' and the Courts could exercise judicial review. At the same time, the Court has continued its policy, according to which 'everything is justiciable'. It is no wonder that the backlash was equally as strong as this 'judicial activism'. This seminar will review this debate and its consequences.

When: **Friday 4 September 2009 at 1:00 to 2:00pm**

Where: **Room 831, Level 8, Melbourne Law School**

RSVP: Dr Madeline Grey by Wednesday 2 September 2009, tel (03) 8344 1011 or email law-cccs@unimelb.edu.au

melbourne graduate expo

The Melbourne Graduate Expo is the University's premiere event for potential graduate students to gather all the information required prior to applying for graduate study. The Expo provides a great opportunity to:

- Speak with academic and professional staff from all of the University's graduate schools
- Get the answers you need to make your graduate study decision
- Discuss potential career opportunities expected upon completion of your graduate degree
- Find out about the availability of scholarships and financial assistance
- Gain assistance with submitting your application
- Attend detailed information sessions and presentations

Whether you are looking to change or accelerate your career, or are finishing your undergraduate degree and considering further study, the University's graduate schools provide a wide range of graduate programs in coursework and research and offer students a unique study experience.

Please [register](#) online.

When: **Wednesday 2 September 2009 at 3:00 to 7:00pm**

Where: **Level 1, Alan Gilbert Building, University of Melbourne, Cnr Grattan and Barry Streets, Carlton**

rhodes scholarship 2010

Do you aspire to postgraduate study at Oxford University? If you have achieved an outstanding honours degree, and enjoy success in sports, involvement in community activities, have a desire to lead and further develop your talents then you have the qualities of a Rhodes Scholar. Successful candidates receive assistance with their travelling expenses to the United Kingdom and a personal allowance, or stipend, fixed by the Rhodes Trust. The stipend for 2010 will be no less than £917 per month. In addition all fees are paid directly by the Trust.

For information on how to apply for a Rhodes Scholarship please email jyv@unimelb.edu.au or jamesaa@unimelb.edu.au or browse the [Rhodes Scholarship](#) website. The **closing date for applications is 5:00pm on Tuesday 1 September 2009.**

victoria law foundation general grants

The **Victoria Law Foundation** is accepting new grant proposals for the second round of its 2009-10 general grants program.

Twice a year the VLF offers a round of general grants between \$10,000 and \$90,000, for innovative legal projects that are likely to benefit the people of Victoria.

Grants are considered with reference to the VLF's statutory functions as contained in section 5 of the VLF's governing legislation, the *Victoria Law Foundation Act 2009*. Grant applications are also assessed against the VLF's guiding principles to determine their originality and ability to provide long-term benefit. Finally, the VLF considers the size of the overall project and how well the project satisfies their mandate to enhance access to justice and understanding of the law.

The VLF [guiding principles and statutory functions](#) are listed online.

All applicants are encouraged to contact the VLF's Grants and Awards Manager on 9604 8100 or via email at grants@victorialawfoundation.org.au and to review the grants criteria before submitting an application.

The closing date for proposals is **17 September 2009**.

[Further information](#) is available online.

become a student ambassador for the potter

The Ian Potter Museum of Art

Expression of interest are **due by 5:00pm on Thursday 3 September 2009**. Please submit a completed [application form](#) by email to mglover@unimelb.edu.au

Enquiries to Margee Glover on tel (03) 8344 6582.

Objectives:

- Serve as the student voice of, and for, the museum
- Act as a bridge between the Potter and the diverse student body
- Be proactive in promoting the museum to the University community and beyond
- Enable art loving students to find like-minded friends, fun, and meaningful activities that will enhance their campus experience
- Increase student visitation
- Increase the Potter's relevance to students and their participation in their public programs.

[Further details](#) are available in the application form.

melbourne graduate school of humanities and social sciences information session

Information Session for Final Year LLB Students

Combine your LLB with a masters program from the new Graduate School of Humanities and Social Sciences in the Faculty of Arts and maximize your career potential.

When: **Monday 7 September 2009 at 12:30 to 1:30pm**

Where: **GM16, Melbourne Law School**

To register, email ceblake@unimelb.edu.au

Programs include:

- Executive Master of Arts
- Master of International Relations
- Master of Public Policy and Management
- Master of Development Studies
- Master of Criminology
- Master of Social Policy

feedback/comments

Please send any feedback/comments or suggestions you have about this newsletter to [Tom Hewitt-McManus](#).

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