

LLB NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the thirteenth 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.

global justice studio - *in conversation*

Melbourne Law School's Global Justice Studio is pleased to invite you to the first of two events in a series called *In Conversation*. This will feature Professor Gerry Simpson in conversation with Dr Gideon Boas, Monash University and former Legal Adviser on the Milosevic Trial at the ICTY.

When: **Thursday 17 September 2009 at 6:00pm**

Where: **Room 920, Level 9, Melbourne Law School**

To register your attendance, please reply as soon as possible to sullivan@unimelb.edu.au

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.

Is Justice Possible for First Nation's Peoples?

Speaker: **Ms Patricia Turner AM, Chief Executive Officer, National Indigenous Television**

When: **Tuesday 6 October 2009 at 12:45 to 1:45pm**

Where: **G08, Melbourne Law School**

Elimination of Family Violence - A Lawyers Role

Speaker: **Mr Murray V McInnis, Victorian Bar (Ambassador, White Ribbon Day)**

When: **Tuesday 13 October 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.

key thinkers seminars 2009

Key Thinkers is a series of public lectures held every Thursday evening during the teaching semester. Academics from the University of Melbourne, with occasional guests, will give an hour-long talk on internationally well-known thinkers whose works have inspired their own. This will be followed by thirty minutes of questions and discussion. This is a cross-faculty initiative and the thinkers are chosen from very diverse fields and disciplines. The lecturers are all highly experienced presenters and the content of the lectures will be aimed at a lay audience but with enough complexity to also appeal to more specialized listeners.

Further details and a schedule are available in the flyer.

law week oration 2009: the responsibility to protect - ending mass atrocity crimes once and for all

Speaker: **Gareth Evans, AO QC, President Emeritus, International Crisis Group**

'Never again!' the world has vowed time and again since the Holocaust. Yet genocide, ethnic cleansing, and other mass atrocity crimes continue to shock our consciences – from the killing fields of Cambodia to the machetes of Rwanda to the agony of Darfur.

The Responsibility to Protect captures a simple and powerful idea. The primary responsibility for protecting its own people from mass atrocity crimes lies within the state itself. State sovereignty implies responsibility, not a licence to kill. But when the state is unwilling or unable to halt or avert such crimes, the wider international community then has a collective responsibility to take whatever action is necessary.

Gareth Evans is President Emeritus of the Brussels-based International Crisis Group. He spent eight years of his 21-year Australian political career as Foreign Minister and currently is co-chair of the International Commission on Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament, now working from Australia as an Honorary Professorial Fellow at the University of Melbourne.

His book, *The Responsibility to Protect*, was honoured by the Council of Foreign Relations in New York as one

of the best three books on international affairs published in the last year, and he recently debated the subject with Noam Chomsky before the UN General Assembly.

This lecture is a joint initiative of Melbourne Law School and the Victorian Law Foundation.

Further details are available in the flyer.

Please register by Friday 18 September 2009 to attend this free public lecture.

When: **Tuesday 22 September 2009 at 6:30 to 7:45pm**

Where: **GM15, Melbourne Law School**

the high court versus military justice: where to next?

In August 2009 the High Court held that the Australian Military Court (AMC) was unconstitutional. The AMC, established in October 2007, was a key aspect of the reforms to the military justice system implemented following a 2005 report by the Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence, and Trade.

This seminar, presented by the **Asia Pacific Centre for Military Law** and the **Centre for Comparative Constitutional Studies**, will discuss:

- The High Court's ruling in *Lane v Morrison*
- The consequences of the ruling for both the past decisions of the AMC and the future military justice system, and
- The potential implications of a federal Charter of Rights for military discipline.

Speakers:

- **Alexander Street SC** has appeared before federal and state courts as well as the Defence Force Discipline Tribunal and military Boards of Inquiry. He is the Deputy Head of the Sydney Naval Legal Panel and was counsel for the plaintiff in *Lane v Morrison*
- **Dr Matthew Groves** is a Senior Lecturer in the Faculty of Law at Monash University who specializes in public law and has written on the civilianization of military justice
- **Associate Professor Alison Duxbury** is the Associate Director of the APCML.

When: **Tuesday 6 October 2009 at 5:30pm (refreshments), 6:00 to 7:15pm (seminar)**

Where: **Refreshments in Staff Common Room and Lecture in Room 920, both on Level 9, Melbourne Law School**

RSVP: law-apcml@unimelb.edu.au by Friday 2 October 2009.

Enquiries on 03 8344 4775.

a failure in leadership? the reluctance to enforce human rights requirements in australia

Annual Daniel Mannix Memorial Lecture

Speaker: **The Honourable Alastair Nicholson, AO RFD QC**

A former Chief Justice of the Family Court of Australia, Mr Nicholson will be speaking on the topic 'A Failure in Leadership? The Reluctance to Enforce Human Rights Requirements in Australia'.

When: **Tuesday 6 October 2009 at 8:00pm**

Where: **Carrillo Gantner Theatre, Sidney Myer Asia Centre, University of Melbourne**

The lecture, presented by the Newman College Students Club, is a free event that is open to all. Enquiries can be made to Newman College on 03 9347 5577.

thinking about going on exchange?

Come along to the Law Information Session on:

Thursday 8 October 2009 at 1:00 to 2:00pm, Room 109, Melbourne Law School

A Melbourne Global Mobility representative and Law Exchange Contacts will be on hand to answer all of your questions about undertaking an exchange through the Law School. Come along to find out more!

To register, please visit the **Melbourne Global Mobility** website.

LLB student survey report

The **report** for the recent LLB student survey is now available on the Melbourne LLB website (please log in to the webpage using your University username and password).

summer semester 2010 subjects

Below is a list of subjects scheduled to be offered in the 2010 summer semester. The teaching dates are provisional and subject to change.

- Advanced Legal Research 730-108
- Advanced Legal Research Combined 730-119
- Australian Bills of Rights 730-389 (provisional teaching dates: 21, 22, 27, 28, 29 January 2010)
- Evidence and Proof 730-457 (provisional teaching dates: TBC)
- Issues in Japanese Law 730-327 (provisional teaching dates: 8 February to 18 February 2010 - excluding Friday 12 February)
- Jessup Moot 730-414
- Legal Ethics 730-454 (provisional teaching dates: TBC)
- Special Topics in Intellectual Property 730-435 (provisional teaching dates: 5, 8, 9, 10, 12 February 2010)
- Trauma Justice and Psychoanalysis 730-263 (provisional teaching dates: Wednesday 3 February to Tuesday 9 February 2010 - excluding weekend)
- WTO Moot 730-362

victorian bushfires royal commission - internship in research team

Victorian Bushfires Royal Commission and Melbourne Law School

The 2009 Victorian Bushfires Royal Commission was established on 16 February 2009 to investigate the causes and responses to the bushfires, which swept through parts of Victoria in late January and February 2009. The Commission has recently released its interim report. The Commission's final report will be released by 31 July 2010 or such later date as may be fixed.

The Position

An internship is currently available for a 4-6 week period with the Royal Commission to provide support to the Research team. The Research team is responsible for conducting research and analysis into matters of policy and law, relevant to the Terms of Reference for the Royal Commission. The position is open to penultimate and final year law students (LLB and JD). The position is available during December/January/February (exact dates will be negotiated with the successful applicant). The position is unpaid, however, the intern will be eligible to receive nominal financial assistance from the Commission to help cover their travel and associated expenses. The Intern will be responsible, under direction, for assisting in the research and analysis into matters identified by the Commission for examination and preparation of reports. Students may be able to obtain subject credit towards the JD or LLB internship subjects. Students wishing to obtain subject credit must consult Melbourne Law School's Legal Internship Subject Coordinator, **Mr Kevin Heller**.

Further information and application details are available in the flyer.

The **closing date for applications is 5:00pm on Friday 16 October 2009**.

student writing competition

Get published and win \$500 cash!

The EDO and Maddocks invite tertiary students to submit an article for publication in the EDO's national legal journal *IMPACT!*

The topic of the next edition of *IMPACT!* will be 'Native Vegetation Management'.

How it works:

- The competition runs once a year
- The winning entry will receive \$500 and be published in the upcoming edition of *IMPACT!*
- Entrants must have been enrolled at an Australian tertiary institution in the previous 12 months
- Entries must relate to the topic of the upcoming edition (Native Vegetation Management)
- Articles should focus on Australian law but use international examples where applicable
- Minimum word count is 2,500, maximum is 3,000
- The publisher reserves the right to edit entries

The deadline for all entries is **2 November 2009**. Please send your entries as attachments to education@edonsw.org.au

For more information and suggested essay topics, please visit the [EDO website](#).

feedback/comments

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

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