

LLB NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the fourteenth 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.

summer semester timetable

The LLB **summer semester timetable** is now available in the *Timetables* section of the Melbourne LLB website.

re-enrolment and subject selection information for 2010

Timely re-enrolment and subject selection for 2010 (including Summer Semester, and Semesters 1 and 2) will be through the **Student Portal** for the period **Monday 26 October to 5pm Friday 20 November 2009**.

Late Re-enrolment: Monday 23 November to 5pm Friday 4 December 2009

Students may still re-enrol for 2010 but **will incur a \$250 fine**.

Cancellation of enrolment: After Saturday 5 December 2009

Students who have not successfully re-enrolled will have their enrolment cancelled automatically. Students will need to apply to be re-admitted into their course. If successful, students will be bound by any new fee arrangements that have come into place.

Further details on choosing subjects for 2010 are available in the **Re-Enrolment for 2010** section of the LLB website.

Quota Subjects (to be confirmed)

Enrolment in quota subjects will be through the Student Portal until 20 November 2009. After this date and during the late re-enrolment period (23 November to 4 December 2009), students will need to manually apply for quota subjects at the Law Student Centre. Quota subjects are as follows:

Subject Code	Subject Name	Summer Semester	Semester 1	Winter	Semester 2
730420	Advocacy		X		X
730389	Australian Bills of Rights	X			
730324	Competition Law		X		X
730470	CTLS Program		X		X
730446	Globalisation and the Law				X
730468	Institutions in International Law		X		
730426	International Corporate Governance		X		
730414	Jessup Moot	X			
730348	Media Law				X
730476	Practising Law Workshop			X	
730475	Public Interest Lawyering		X		
730437	Refugee Law		X		
730362	WTO: Moot Court Competition	X			

important information from the careers office for students planning an exchange

Students intending to apply for a traineeship should consider the following information when planning an exchange:

Over the last few years, due to the priority offer system, it has become increasingly important for students to undertake seasonal clerkships, usually in their penultimate year. In order to maximize your chances, it is advisable to be in Melbourne during recruitment periods. Key dates are set out below.

Traineeships commencing in 2011

Priority offers will be made on 17 and 18 February 2010. Open market interviews commence 15 March 2010 and offers made 12 April 2010. See **2010 Traineeship LIV Guidelines**.

Seasonal clerkships during 2010/2011

2010 penultimate year students will apply for seasonal clerkships in mid June to mid July 2010 (check firms' websites for exact dates). Offers made on 13 September 2010 for clerkships to take place in December 2010, January 2011 and July 2011. See **2010 LIV Seasonal Clerkship Guidelines**.

Traineeships commencing in 2012

Applications made in August 2011. Students may receive a priority offer following a clerkship (exact dates yet to be set).

Seasonal clerkships during 2011/2012

2011 penultimate year students will apply for seasonal clerkships in mid June to mid July 2011. Offers will be made in September 2011 for clerkships to take place in December 2011, January 2012 and July 2012.

For further information please contact the **Law School Careers Office** or book a consultation with a careers consultant.

institutions in international law

Applications are now open to JD and LLB students to apply for the Melbourne Law School subject **Institutions in International Law**, which will be taught in Geneva, Switzerland, from 3 to 17 July 2010. Applications **close 11 January 2010**.

In this subject, the instructors draw on their experiences and contacts in Geneva to introduce you to a range of institutions in international law, together with a theoretical framework for understanding how the institutions work and interact. They hope that this subject will also provide you with a practical understanding of work in international institutions and assist you in finding internships or more permanent employment later on. In addition, they have no doubt you will meet some fascinating people in the formal and informal parts of the subject and will come away with some lifelong friendships.

Interested students are encouraged to review the *Initial Information Pack 2010* for more information about the subject and how to apply. The *Initial Information Pack 2010* and the *Application Form* can be found on the 2010 **subject page**.

london calling...the CTLS program

The Centre for Transnational Legal Studies (CTLS) Program - Information Session

Wednesday 28 October 2009 at 1:00pm in Room G08, Melbourne Law School

The **Centre for Transnational Legal Studies (CTLS)** is a joint venture of leading global law schools, coordinated by Georgetown University Law Centre. It teaches semester length programs in transnational legal studies in the heart of London's legal quarter.

The session will be introduced by Dr Jacqueline Horan and will include a presentation by Associate Professor Alison Duxbury.

special consideration applications

The Melbourne Law School Student Centre now requires students to complete and submit a Preferred Outcome Request form, along with the HCAP, when applying for Special Consideration. This form asks students to choose their preferred Special Consideration outcome, for instance, special assessment such as further coursework or an exam, an extension for an assignment, among others. However, please note that an adjustment of marks is no longer available. What students select as their preferred outcome will not necessarily be approved, as the final determination is dependent on all information provided, however, students will now have the opportunity to give input into possible Special Consideration outcomes.

The **Preferred Outcome Request** form is available on the *Forms* webpage in the *Current Students* section of the Melbourne LLB website or at the Law Student Centre.

legal research skills - workshop

Get Ready for Work

The Law School's Legal Research Skills Adviser, **Natalie Wieland**, is providing a four part series to help get you ready to work in a firm. This will provide you with the skills you need to be both effective and efficient when taking on research tasks. When completing a clerkship or traineeship, you will be required to complete numerous research tasks. By having the necessary skills you will become a highly valued employee and will be called on regularly to participate in client matters. Each session will consist of a one hour lecture and a research task to be completed in class working in groups. At the completion of the workshop you will receive certification that you have successfully attended and completed the tasks.

When: **Friday 20 November 2009 at 10:00am to 4:00pm**

Where: **Large PC Lab, Law Library**

Please **book online**.

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 the last session for the 2009 Guest Lecture Series are available below. LLB students are warmly invited to attend.

Prosper the Commonwealth? The Constitution and the Murray-Darling Basin

Speaker: **Professor Sandford Clark, Emeritus Professor Melbourne Law School and Special Counsel, Blake Dawson**

Professor Clark is a former Dean of Melbourne Law School.

When: **Tuesday 27 October 2009 at 12:45-1:45pm**

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

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.

the grammar of customary law - seminar

The **Centre for Comparative Constitutional Studies** is pleased to invite you to a seminar by Professor Jeremy Webber, Faculty of Law, University of Victoria, Canada, on *The Grammar of Customary Law*.

In this seminar, Professor Webber argues for the customary nature of law – all law. He builds on the pragmatist conception of law developed by Lon Fuller and Gerald Postema. He substantially modifies their approach, however, arguing that concerns of facilitation and efficiency are less responsible for the content of law and that the various conceptual languages of the law play a much greater role. In doing so, he offers an understanding of how law is related to its various societies. His argument has important implications for the value of comparative

law, for how one should do comparative law, and for how one should structure societies that contain more than one legal order. Although the paper's argument is not limited to customary legal orders in the narrow sense, it does draw upon comparisons across indigenous and non-indigenous orders to make its arguments.

Professor Jeremy Webber holds the Canada Research Chair in Law and Society at the University of Victoria and is a Trudeau Fellow. He came to Victoria in August 2002 after four and a half years as Dean of Law at the University of Sydney in Australia and eleven years on the Faculty of Law at McGill University. Professor Webber's current work is in the fields of legal and political theory, constitutional law, and indigenous rights. His principal work is *Reimagining Canada: Language, Culture, Community, and the Canadian Constitution*.

When: **Wednesday 21 October 2009 at 1:00 to 2:00pm**
Where: **Room 831, Level 8, Melbourne Law School**

RSVP: Dr Madeline Grey as soon as possible at (03) 8344 1011 or law-cccs@unimelb.edu.au

Please note that it will be a brown bag seminar so feel free to bring your lunch with you should you not have time to eat beforehand. Drinks will be provided.

the national human rights consultation - seminar

The **Centre for Comparative Constitutional Studies** together with the Australian Human Rights Commission is pleased to invite you to a public seminar on *The National Human Rights Consultation: Outcomes from the Australian Human Rights Commission Perspective*.

This year, an independent committee led by Jesuit priest Father Frank Brennan conducted more than 66 roundtables and received approximately 35,000 submissions. People from all around Australia told the Committee how they thought human rights should be protected in Australia.

This seminar considers the findings and recommendations of the Committee as contained in the Report of the National Human Rights Consultation.

Chair: Professor Adrienne Stone, Director, Centre for Comparative Constitutional Studies, Melbourne Law School

Speaker: The Honourable Catherine Branson QC, President, Australian Human Rights Commission

Commentator: Associate Professor Carolyn Evans, Melbourne Law School

When: **Wednesday 21 October 2009 at 6:00 to 7:30pm**
Where: **G08, Melbourne Law School**

RSVP: Dr Madeline Grey as soon as possible at (03) 8344 1011 or law-cccs@unimelb.edu.au

book launch - choosing the republic

On the eve of the tenth anniversary of the 1999 republican referendum, the **Centre for Comparative Constitutional Studies** is pleased to invite you to the launch of **Glenn Patmore's book, *Choosing the Republic*** (UNSW Press 2009) by the Secretary of the National Committee of the Australian Republican Movement, Peter Van Vliet.

The republic is one of the great unfinished stories of Australian politics. It is a history of initiative, failure and a deep desire for change. Glenn Patmore tells the fascinating story of political republicanism, as well as placing the debate about the republic in the politics of the 21st century. This is not just a story of the recent past; it charts the present and imagines a new future for Australia.

After speaking to the key players, Glenn argues that it is democracy itself that continues to shape the debate. The book asks a number of vital questions. How will the people in a constitutional monarchy choose to become a republic? What are the practicalities of constitutional change and the politics of the popular debate?

Choosing the Republic seeks the answers, offering a fresh way of thinking about Australian democracy.

Glenn Patmore is a Senior Lecturer in Law at the University of Melbourne and a member of the Centre for Comparative Constitutional Studies at the University of Melbourne.

When: **Thursday 5 November 2009 at 5:00pm for 5:30pm, refreshments provided**
Where: **Room 920, Level 9, Melbourne Law School**

RSVP: law-cccs@unimelb.edu.au by November 2, 2009 or tel (03) 8344 1011.

international and comparative perspectives on constitutional law conference

Places are still available for next month's International and Comparative Perspectives on Constitutional Law Conference, the Centre for Comparative Constitutional Studies' major national conference to be held on **Friday 27 November 2009** at Melbourne Law School marking the Centre's 21st Birthday Anniversary.

Further details and registration.

The program will feature the following speakers:

- The Honourable Robert French, Chief Justice of Australia
- Professor Sujit Choudhry, Scholl Professor of Law, University of Toronto
- Professor Cheryl Saunders AO, Laureate Professor, Melbourne Law School
- Stephen Gageler SC, Solicitor-General for the Commonwealth of Australia

The conference will be followed by a dinner at which The Honourable Sir Anthony Mason AC will be the guest speaker.

If you have any queries, please contact the CCCS Administrator, Dr Madeline Grey at law-cccs@unimelb.edu.au or tel (03) 8344 1011.

refugee and immigration law centre internship

Exciting opportunity for a Melbourne Law School student to intern at the **Refugee and Immigration Law Centre** over the summer.

Interested students should forward a covering letter, their resume, academic results, the names of two referees and a sample of their writing to Charlie Powles at RILC at charlie@rilc.org.au

Closing date for applications is Friday 30 October 2009. General enquiries can also be directed to John Tobin at j.tobin@unimelb.edu.au

australian journal of labour law student editorial assistants - applications open

The ***Australian Journal of Labour Law*** is published and distributed nationally and internationally by LexisNexis Butterworths. The Journal is edited and managed by academics across the country, and is housed in the Centre for Employment and Labour Relations Law in the Melbourne Law School. Three editions are published each year.

The *AJLL* is currently recruiting voluntary student editorial assistants, preferably second or third year law students who are willing to commit at least one year to the role.

Responsibilities:

Upon joining the student editorial team, assistants' primary responsibility will be to proof-read articles and check for citation accuracy. This requires approximately 15 hours work per edition. Student editorial assistants are generally assigned one article per edition, with 3 to 4 weeks to complete their work on an article.

Qualifications:

The editors are looking for students who pay attention to detail and display good research skills, and who are keen to further develop those skills by working on the Journal.

Working for the *Australian Journal of Labour Law* is a fantastic opportunity to liaise closely with academics specialising in the field and to develop and refine invaluable teamwork, leadership and communications skills that will benefit both your studies and your future careers.

Application Process:

Please forward your resume (including your academic results) to law-ajll@unimelb.edu.au

Applications close on Friday 30 October 2009.

casual residential tutors - melbourne university international house

International House is seeking appropriately qualified people to join its residential tutorial team which provides academic and pastoral support for a vibrant community of local and overseas undergraduate students at the University of Melbourne.

Further details are available online.

Closing date 28 October 2009.

insurance matters - work experience placements and internships

Students who undertake work experience placements that are not a part of their course enrolment will need to be covered by University insurance for the duration of the placement. This is not automatic and must be applied for. If you are planning to source your own work experience placement, please refer to the section on Student Work Placements (SWP) on the University's central **Careers and Employment** website and follow the steps. This is vital to ensure that you are protected by the University of Melbourne's Personal Accident, Public Liability and Professional Indemnity insurance policy for the duration of the placement.

PLEASE NOTE: The above does not apply to students undertaking an internship organized by the Law School Careers Office as part of the Melbourne Law School Internship program. These students are automatically covered by the above insurance policy for the duration of the internship.

ILSS careers - photography competition

Theme: Global Opportunities

With the summer ahead, it is a good opportunity for students to showcase their global experiences in a creative submission, for a chance to win a consultation with renowned legal recruitment guru David Tallala.

More details about the competition are available on the [ILSS website](#) and noticeboards.

The competition closes 5 March 2010.

Enquiries should be directed to Joanne Teo or Su Vien Tan at ilss-careers@unimelb.edu.au

feedback/comments

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

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