

LLB NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the fifth 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.

have your say on the LLB

Melbourne Law School is currently investigating how we can enhance the LLB experience – and we want to know what you think!

We invite all LLB students to participate in a Survey. The purpose of the Survey is to find out what the Law School can do to make the LLB degree, and the time you spend in the Law School, the best experience possible - particularly during this period of change for the Law School.

Participation in the Survey is, of course, entirely voluntary. We encourage you though to take this opportunity to have your say on a series of topics, ranging from optional subjects to social events.

Go online to access the LLB Student Survey

Click here to find out more about the Survey and to answer its questions.

The Survey is open now and will remain **open until midnight on Friday 22 May 2009**. All Survey responses are completely anonymous.

Sign-up to win one of seven Readings gift certificates

At the end of the Survey, you will be directed to a separate website where, if you choose to, you can enter your name to go into a draw for one of seven Readings gift certificates. Please note that your name cannot be correlated with your Survey responses, so your responses will remain anonymous whether or not you choose to enter the draw.

Any queries or concerns about the Survey can be directed to Carrie McDougall on 8344 8140 or at **c.mcdougall@unimelb.edu.au**

meetings with associate dean (undergraduate)

Associate Professor **Maureen Tehan**, Associate Dean (Undergraduate), will be available to answer questions and discuss any issues students may have in relation to any aspect of the LLB at informal meetings to be held every fortnight during Semester 1, 2009.

You are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to obtain information on your course, discuss difficulties, make suggestions, and generally contribute to ensuring the LLB program works well and meets your needs.

The next meeting will be on **Thursday 7 May 2009** and they will be held every two weeks. The meetings will be very informal and you can come along at any time between **1:00 and 2:00pm**. The venue is **Room 108, Melbourne Law School**. Details of further meetings can be found on the online **LLB calendar of events**.

melbourne conversation (professor peer zumbansen)

Limited places available. Don't miss out!

Join a discussion with a prominent lecturer and author from York University, Canada. **Professor Peer Zumbansen** holds the Chair for the Transnational and Comparative Law of Corporate Governance at Osgoode Hall Law School, York University, Canada. He is founder and Director of the Comparative Research in Law and Political Economy Network at Osgoode Hall and of the collaborative urban research laboratory. Professor Zumbansen is also the Associate Dean for Research, Graduate Studies and Institutional Relations. He has authored books and articles on private and corporate law, international law and legal theory. His current research focuses on comparative corporate governance, comparative law, and legal education reform, and he is co-founder and co-editor in chief of the *German Law Journal*.

When: **Wednesday 27 May 2009 at 5:00pm**

Where: **Graduate Lounge, Level 6, Melbourne Law School**

Associate Professor Cally Jordan will host the discussion.

Places are limited. If you wish to attend, please RSVP **Helen Green**, Careers Office.

Conversations are open to Melbourne Law School students only.

an australian human rights act - dispelling the myths (LSS lecture)

The Hon Catherine Branson QC, President of the Australian Human Rights Commission

In December 2008, the Australian Government announced a National Human Rights Consultation. The Consultation is being conducted by an independent committee during the first half of 2009, and is asking all Australians for their views on the protection and promotion of human rights.

In this context, the Hon Catherine Branson QC, President of the Australian Human Rights Commission, will offer her reflections on the state of human rights protection in Australia. Ms Branson will explain the Australian Human

Rights Commission's position in favour of an Australian Human Rights Act and will address the most common arguments raised in opposition. Ms Branson will also discuss how to make a submission to the Consultation Committee.

Ms Branson commenced her five-year term as President of the Australian Human Rights Commission in October 2008. At the time of her appointment, she was a judge of the Federal Court of Australia, where she was the inaugural convenor of the Federal Court's Equality and the Law Committee and the inaugural convenor of the Court's Human Rights Panel for New South Wales. Ms Branson has previously served as President of the Australian Institute for Judicial Administration, Crown Solicitor of South Australia and CEO of the South Australian Attorney-General's Department.

When: **Tuesday 19 May 2009 at 6:00 to 7:00pm**
Where: **G08, Melbourne Law School**

Please **register your attendance**.

Enquiries: Alan Wu, Social Justice Officer, Melbourne University Law Students Society, email iss-socialjustice@unimelb.edu.au

guest lecture series

International Law, Market Regulation and Financial Crisis

Speaker: **Mr Jürgen Kurtz, Senior Lecturer, Melbourne Law School**

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

Reflections on the Inquiry into the Haneef Affair

Speaker: **The Honourable John Clarke QC, Clarke Inquiry into the case of Dr Mohamed Haneef**

When: **Thursday 14 May 2009 at 1:00 to 2:00pm**
Where: **G08, Melbourne Law School**

Latest Developments in Privacy Law Reform

Speaker: **Ms Karen Curtis, Australian Privacy Commissioner, Office of the Australian Privacy Commissioner**

When: **Tuesday 19 May 2009 at 12:45 to 1:45pm**
Where: **GM15, 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.

Details of all forthcoming **Guest Lectures for Semester 1, 2009**, are available online.

Notes from some previous guest lectures are available on the **Melbourne Law School Careers Office** website (follow the link for the Guest Lecture Series).

key thinkers seminar series 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.

wto moot team victory toast

It is with great pleasure Melbourne Law School invites you to toast our team on winning first place in the 2009 Pacific Regional Round of the European Law Students' Association (ELSA) Moot Court Competition on WTO law.

Please join Dean Hathaway, staff, and students as we congratulate them on their achievement and wish them every success for the International Final Oral Rounds to be held in Taipei from 19–24 May 2009.

When: **Wednesday 13 May 2009 at 1:00pm**

Where: **Level 2, Melbourne Law School**

To assist with catering RSVP is required, please **register here**.

women and war photographic exhibition

The **Australian Red Cross** photographic exhibition *Women and War* will be on display in the Atrium space of Federation Square from Wednesday 13 May to Thursday 21 May 2009 inclusive. Opening hours are weekdays 9am to 5pm, weekends open till late. Entry to the exhibition is free.

Compiled by the International Committee of the Red Cross, the collection of 34 images represents women from countries such as Timor-Leste, Afghanistan, Bosnia-Herzegovina and Sudan, and portrays the many ways in which women experience war such as displacement, physical and sexual violence, loss of contact with loved ones, detention, and lack of access to food and vital medical care.

The exhibition is a reminder of the protections that women are afforded in times of war under International Humanitarian Law (IHL). The Geneva Conventions, their Additional Protocols and other bodies of law prohibit outrages against personal dignity, in particular humiliating and degrading treatment, enforced prostitution and any form of indecent assault against people not taking a direct part in hostilities. In order to be respected, this law must be taught and promoted across the globe.

students undertaking independent study abroad (including short term programs)

The University of Melbourne has introduced a Study Abroad and Scholarships Application which requires all students who are undertaking any independent **Study Abroad** program to complete and return this form to the Law Student Centre for endorsement in advance. Students currently undertaking a Study Abroad program are asked to contact **Charmaine Micallef** (Study Abroad and Exchange Officer) to arrange completing this form retrospectively. Please note this does not apply to exchange programs.

united nations youth association of australia journal - call for submissions

The UNYA's (United Nations Youth Association of Australia) journal *Perspective* is calling for submissions, with a **closing date of Friday 8 May 2009**.

Are you aware of any outstanding essays from students, staff, or researchers, just waiting to be published?

Perspective seeks submissions/essays relating, but not limited to politics, law, international relations and youth affairs. Authors must have been under 25 years at the time of writing.

Perspective is a multi-disciplinary journal dedicated to voicing the views of young people on international affairs and domestic policy. The journal has an international circulation through online subscriptions services and will go to print in 2009 as the first hard copy edition. **Previous editions of the journal** are available.

Submission details are available in the flyer.

malaysia australia business council essay competition 2009

Malaysia Australia Business Council (MABC) invites Australian and Malaysian students enrolled at Australian universities to participate in the MABC Essay Competition 2009.

The applicant is required to write an essay (not exceeding 2,000 words) on the topic:

An internship experience in Malaysia would add value to my qualification and professional development.

The winner will be awarded a complimentary return air ticket from Australia to Malaysia by Malaysia Airlines for a 4 week internship with an assigned member company of MABC during the summer break in January 2010.

The **closing date for essay submissions is 30 May 2009**. **Submission guidelines** and an **application form** are available online.

The essay must be sent to:

The Executive Director
Malaysia Australia Business Council
C-26-3A, 3 Two Square
46300 Petaling Jaya
Selangor Darul Ehsan
Malaysia

Email: mabc@mabc.org.my

essay prize in administrative law 2009

The **Australian Institute of Administrative Law (AIAL)** was established in 1989. The objectives of the Institute include:

- to promote knowledge of, and interest in, administrative law and
- to publish and encourage the publication of papers, articles and commentaries about administrative law

To advance these objects, the Institute has resolved to conduct a competition to be called the *AIAL Essay Prize in Administrative Law*.

A prize of \$2,000 will be awarded to the author of an essay displaying original thinking on a topic of the author's choice relating to administrative law.

The competition is open to any interested persons.

Competition Rules

1. Entries must be unpublished essays which are the original work of the author. They may be on any topic relating to administrative law.
2. The winning entry is likely to exhibit original ideas on issues of importance in the practice of administrative law or in administrative law theory.
3. Entries should be 5,000 to 8,000 words in length.
4. All entries should be on A4 paper and typed single spaced. The original and two other copies, or an electronic copy, of each essay should be submitted. The name of the author and a short biography should be included on a detachable page. The author's name should not appear on the essay or copies.
5. The winning entry will be determined by the Executive of the AIAL acting on the recommendation of a judging panel appointed by the Executive. The award of the prize shall be at the absolute discretion of the Executive. The Executive may determine not to award the prize in any year.
6. The prize will be \$A2,000.
7. The prize is expected to be presented at the Annual Forum of the Institute in Canberra at the Realm Hotel on 6 and 7 August 2009.
8. The winning essay will normally be published by the Institute in the AIAL Forum, the official journal of the AIAL. It is a condition of entry to the competition that the winning essay will not be published elsewhere without the prior approval of the AIAL.
9. Entries should be sent to:
The Secretary, AIAL, PO Box 3149, BMDC, ACT, 2617, Australia; or
Robert Orr, Vice-President, AIAL at robert.orr@ags.gov.au.
10. The **closing date for entries is 8 June 2009**. Late entries may be accepted.

Further inquiries relating to the competition, including whether an essay is eligible for submission for the prize, may be directed to Robert Orr, Deputy General Counsel, Australian Government Solicitor, 50 Blackall Street, Barton, ACT, 2600, tel (02) 6253 7129, email robert.orr@ags.gov.au.

lorna stirling fund 2009

Ms Lorna Stirling was a Music Director in the Melbourne University Drama Club in the 1940s. On her death in 1956 she bequeathed funds to the University for the purpose of promoting international student relationships through the creation of scholarships for the exchange of students between the University of Melbourne and other universities. The fund provides a one-off payment of between \$500 and \$4,000.

In order to be considered for a scholarship you must:

- be enrolled at the University of Melbourne at the time of application for the period of the proposed exchange or project.
- have a signed letter of support from a relevant student organization, such as the Student Union or a Faculty-based student society.

- demonstrate how your project is relevant to the interests of the student population at large; and/or;
- demonstrate how your project will enable mutual understanding to be established between students at the University of Melbourne and at the international university(s).

The **closing date is Friday 15 May 2009 at 12.00pm**. **Further details** are available online.

melbourne university law review vol 32(3)

The *Melbourne University Law Review* is pleased to announce the publication of Volume 32(3).

All staff and students are encouraged to collect their complimentary copy from the *Review* Office on Level 2 or from the Student Centre on the Mezzanine Level.

The latest issue includes the following articles:

- *The Push to Reform Class Action Procedure in Australia: Evolution or Revolution?*
Stuart Clark and Christina Harris
- *Edward John Eyre and the Conflict of Laws*
Peter Handford
- *Of 'Sham' and Other Lessons for Australian Revenue Law*
The Hon Justice Michael Kirby AC CMG
- *Re-Invigorating the Accountability and Transparency of the Australian Government's Expenditure*
Charles Lawson
- *Climate Change Law: The Emergence of a New Legal Discipline*
Jacqueline Peel
- *Are Plant Breeder's Rights Outdated? A Descriptive and Empirical Assessment of Plant Breeder's Rights in Australia, 1987–2007*
Jay Sanderson and Kathryn Adams
- *Reckless Rape in Victoria*
Dale Smith
- *Taking Possession: The Defining Element of Theft?*
Alex Steel
- *Developing Legal Research Skills: Expanding the Paradigm*
Terry Hutchinson
- *Restorative Justice, Therapeutic Jurisprudence and the Rise of Emotionally Intelligent Justice*
Michael S King
- *Lessons (to Be) Learnt from the Opes Prime Insolvency*
Stacey Steele
- *Fiduciary Law, Non-Economic Interests and Amici Curiae*
Lisa Zhou
- *Thomas v Mowbray: Australia's 'War on Terror' Reaches the High Court*
Andrew Lynch

young national environmental law association

Young National Environmental Law Association of Australia (Young NELA) is a new and unique organization, dedicated to serving the interests of young practitioners and students across Australia, who are interested in law, planning, natural resources, environmental engineering, environmental management, environmental science, environmental impact assessment and any other profession or studies involved in the environment.

Environmental issues are not governed by state boundaries, and Young NELA provides an opportunity for a truly national approach with committees being established across Australia.

Young NELA is different from other organizations due to its national, multi-disciplinary approach to environmental law and policy and, most importantly, its focus on young practitioners and students across numerous disciplines.

Young NELA allows young practitioners to establish themselves within their area of practice by enhancing their professional skills through the provision of:

- Professional networking and mentoring opportunities;
- Opportunities to participate in the development of environmental law and policy;
- A social network.

The focus of Young NELA's program is to provide interactive workshops, which allow for a more responsive and rigorous exchange of information, rather than the simple dissemination of commentary on environmental law.

Information about the organization and membership details can be accessed online.

human rights arts and film festival - law school screening

The **Human Rights Arts and Film Festival** would like to invite you to a screening of the best short films from 2007 and 2008 at Melbourne Law School. The colourful array of movies use everything from dumpster diving to the joys of riding a bike to creatively explore a wide range of human rights issues. All are welcome to attend!

When: **Wednesday 13 May 2009 at 6:30pm**

Where: **G08, Melbourne Law School**

\$10 donation upon entry

Programme

Nana:

Nana's granddaughter thinks Nana's pretty special. She loves her Nana because she helps the old people, she's a good painter and other people love her too. Nana's got everyone under control.

Norbert:

Norbert is not like the other children. Born with some unusual facial features, he finds the world can be a cruel place for someone so different.

How to be Australian with Vin & Raj:

In preparation for his Citizenship test, Raj learns all about Australia from a fair dinkum Aussie bloke, Raj.

Mixed Bag:

Travelling from the city, a woman finds herself having to stop in a remote country town only to be confronted by her own racial prejudices.

Yolngu Guya Djamamirr:

Since uploading the "Chooky Dancers" performance of Zorba the Greek - Yolngu style, to YouTube, it has become an overnight sensation. This is the story behind the dance.

The Job:

The immigration debate just got a little funnier.

Cheese:

It is March 2003 somewhere in Iraq. Kamal and his Kurdish family are trapped in the bunker beneath their house and are desperate for help from American forces. All the while Amanc, Kamal's son, snaps pictures of his family and their appalling living conditions with his new digital camera. Running short on supplies, tempers run high, but will they be saved in time?

Giraffe in the Rain:

In Djambali, water is scarce, and what little there is, is reserved for the luxurious swimming pool of Sir Lion. When one brave giraffe attempts to tap into the lion's supply, she is caught and deported from her own country and forced to seek asylum up north. Fitting into her new home is not easy, especially when everyone around her is a dog.

Bin Appetit:

Bin Appetit is about the art of dumpster diving. It follows a group of individuals, young and middle-aged, who choose to eat from the rubbish bins of Sydney. They call themselves Freegans and are in the protest against the world's waste. Social stigmas are pushed aside as we celebrate an alternative approach to living.

Early Bird:

A celebration of the magic of metamorphosis and the joy of riding a bike. Early Bird is a whimsical animation about commuting in our modern world.

I Don't Believe in Global Warming:

A satirical and hilarious animated tribute to global warming scepticism and its allure.

lawyers beyond borders

Lawyers Beyond Borders (LBB) is an exciting initiative developed by **Australian Volunteers International** (AVI), Australia's most trusted name in the management of people-centred development projects and programs in a wide range of countries both in our region and around the world. AVI know Australian lawyers are passionate about their work and are committed to meaningful pro-bono work in Australia.

LBB will offer Australia's legal, justice and paralegal fraternity access to a new, highly-integrated, operational framework providing a wide range of options to share expertise across the region. This program will be of interest to law firms, community legal organizations, law faculties, government agencies, peak bodies and courts, as well as individuals, policy-makers and community organizations involved in all areas of legal practice.

LLB will reflect the values and development philosophy which underpin AVI's core business: to build capacity of local partner organizations in developing countries as part of a longer-term development strategy. All aspects of the program will be people-centred, field-driven and strategic, reflecting the development needs of partner organizations. AVI has been working with the Australian Government, businesses and NGO partners for many years and this program will build both on this previous experience and our existing networks of Australian and in-country partners.

Further details are available online.

electronic submission of assignments

Please disable 'track changes' or any 'comment' features in MS Word documents before submitting them to the *Assignment Tool*. A **step-by-step guide for submitting assignments** is available on every subject page on LMS/Blackboard.

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**.