

LLB NEWSLETTER

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Welcome to the ninth 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.

new associate dean

Associate Professor Ann O'Connell has taken on the role of Associate Dean (Undergraduate). Associate Professor O'Connell takes over from Associate Professor Maureen Tehan who has been Associate Dean for the past two years.

Associate Professor O'Connell's email address is a.o'connell@unimelb.edu.au and her telephone number is 03 8344 6202.

dean to meet with LLB students

LLB students are encouraged to come along to a meeting with Professor Hathaway, the Dean of the Law School, to discuss any issues they have in relation to the Law School in general and the LLB in particular.

The meeting will be on **Thursday 6 August 2009** at **1:00pm** in **Theatre G08**, Melbourne Law School.

academic conduct reports

Law graduates who wish to apply for Admission to Practice in Victoria are required by the Board of Examiners to provide an Academic Conduct Report (ACR) from the University for any course in which they have been enrolled. This includes law graduates of other universities who were previously enrolled in a course of study at the University of Melbourne.

The University of Melbourne will provide an ACR at a cost of \$50 per report upon request using the appropriate form. **The request form is available online.** You should allow two weeks for the processing of your request so that the appropriate checks can be undertaken and the report produced.

The ACR will be sent directly to the Board of Examiners and a copy will be posted to your home address as supplied on the form.

course materials for semester 2

Printed course materials are currently available for sale from **Room 217** (Level 2 near the LSS and ILSS) of the Law Building.

Materials can be purchased at the following times:

10:00am to 4:00pm Mondays to Fridays.

Payment by EFTPOS facilities only - Debit and Credit.

Course Materials Price List

Course materials are also available for student reference from the Legal Resource Centre.

International and Australian full fee, Exchange, Study Abroad and CAP students are not required to pay for course materials.

graduate research study 2010 (information session)

Are you interested in doing a **PhD or Research Masters** at Melbourne Law School?

All LLB and JD students are welcome to an information session to hear about our outstanding research program and the scholarships and resources available.

Speaker: **Associate Professor Carolyn Evans, Associate Dean (Research)**

When: **Wednesday 19 August 2009 at 1:00 to 1:45pm**

Where: **Room 223, Melbourne Law School**

Enquiries: Office for Research, tel (03) 8344 8946, email law-research@unimelb.edu.au

free student workshops - enhance your learning experience

The **Counselling Service** is running a series of free student workshops during lunchtimes in Semester 2, 2009. Workshops include *Speaking Up In Public*, and *Making the Most of Your Time*. No registration is required. **Details of the workshops** are available on the Counselling Service website.

The Counselling Service also provides other workshops which take place over a series of sessions, such as *Break Free From Anxiety*, for which registration is required. **Further details** are available on their website.

guest lecture series

Advancing the Rule of Law

Speaker: **The Honourable Dr Mike Kelly AM, MP, Commonwealth Parliamentary Secretary for Defence Support and Water**

When: **Tuesday 28 July 2009 at 12:45 to 1:45pm**
Where: **GM15, Melbourne Law School**

The Human Rights Jurisdiction of the Federal Court

Speaker: **The Honourable Michael EJ Black AC, Chief Justice, Federal Court of Australia**

When: **Tuesday 4 August 2009 at 12:45 to 1:45pm**
Where: **GM15, Melbourne Law School**

Life with a Law Degree - In and Out of the Law

Speaker: **Mrs Catherine Walter AM, Company Director**

When: **Tuesday 11 August 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 2, 2009**, are available online.

from security council resolution 1325 to 1820 (IILAH public seminar)

Speaker: Ms Gina Heathcote

Convenor: Professor Anne Orford

Security Council Resolution 1325 (1 October 2000) on Women, Peace and Security has been described as functioning foremost as a tool that feminist activism has centred around (Enloe, 2004). In contrast, international institutions have been slow to pick up on the possible ramifications of 1325 and critical feminist scholarship has challenged the underlying framework of it (Otto, 2006).

In June 2008, the Security Council 'added' a second tool for the implementation of gender justice in post-conflict situations: Resolution 1820 (18 June 2008). This paper looks at the different structures of the two Security Council resolutions; their limitations, their potential, and the opportunities they present for feminist action.

The paper will focus on the discrepancy between the requirement of participation evident in Resolution 1325 and the framing of Resolution 1820 as a response to sexual violence. Does the latter Resolution function as a refinement of 1325, as a complementary tool, or as a negation?

Ms Gina Heathcote lectures in Public International Law at the School of Oriental and African Studies, London. She is currently developing her doctoral research on feminist approaches to the international law on the use of force for publication. Her research interests include international feminist legal theories, international security structures, and the role of law in the prohibition, authorization, and justification of violence.

Please **register to attend** this event.

Further details are available in the event flyer.

When: **Tuesday 28 July 2009 at 12:45 to 2:00pm**

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

inaugural professorial lectures (media law)

Does Media Law Matter?

- **Presented by Professor Andrew Kenyon**, Director, Centre for Media and Communications Law at Melbourne Law School and Editor of the *Media and Arts Law Review*.

Kant Stand It: Breach of Confidence and the Right to Privacy

- **Presented by Professor Megan Richardson**, Deputy Director, Centre for Media and Communications Law at Melbourne Law School and Associate Director, Intellectual Property Research Institute of Australia at the University of Melbourne.

When: **Wednesday 29 July 2009 at 5:30pm (reception) and 6:15pm (lectures)**

Where: **Melbourne Law School**

RSVP: **registration is necessary** for catering planning

Further details are available in the event flyer.

celebrating the twenty-year anniversary of the united nations convention on the rights of the child (seminar 5)

Seminar 5: Children as Researchers

Facilitators: **Ani Wierenga** (Youth Research Centre, Melbourne Graduate School of Education) and **Karina Davis** (CEIEC, Melbourne Graduate School of Education)

This seminar will create a forum for discussion and debate related to interdisciplinary theoretical and methodological understandings of children as researchers. Questions to consider will be:

- How are children as researchers conceptualized across and within different disciplines? What are the issues raised?
- What are the ethical and human rights issues that need to be considered when working with children as researchers?
- What strategies and processes are used across and within different disciplines when working with children as researchers?
- What are the differences between working with children as researchers and working with children as participants in research? How do we work within these in ways that respects children's rights?

When: **Wednesday 19 August 2009 at 1:00 to 2:00pm**

Where: **Frank Tate Room, Ground Floor, Alice Hoy Building, University of Melbourne**

RSVP: Anne Farrelly, CRPCI Project Officer by Friday 14 August 2009, email annef@unimelb.edu.au

multilateralism as terror: international law, haiti and imperialism (IILAH public seminar)

Speaker: **Dr China Miéville**

(Convenor: Professor Anne Orford)

Dr China Miéville is Honorary Research Fellow at the School of Law, Birkbeck College, University of London, and is on the editorial board of the journal *Historical Materialism*. He is the author of *Between Equal Rights: A Marxist Theory of International Law*, and various essays on international law, politics and theory. Dr Miéville appears courtesy of the Melbourne Writers Festival.

Due to venue constraints, participants are asked to **register** their interest in attending this event.

Further details are available in the event flyer.

When: **Thursday 20 August 2009 at 5:30pm (refreshments), 6:00 to 7:30pm (seminar)**

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

RSVP: law-iilah@unimelb.edu.au, tel (03) 8344 6589

annual tax lecture

Melbourne Law School presents *Tax Uncertainty*

Speaker: The Honourable Justice Tony Pagone, Supreme Court of Victoria

Justice Pagone is a Judge of the Supreme Court of Victoria and a Professorial Fellow of the Melbourne Law School. Previously, Justice Pagone was a practising barrister based at the Victorian Bar. He specialized in taxation law but also practised widely in commercial law, constitution and public law, and human rights law, and held a position on VCAT. In July 2003 he was appointed to the newly created position of Special Counsel to the ATO in which he served until December 2003.

When: **Thursday 20 August 2009 at 5:45pm (light refreshments), 6:30pm (lecture)**

Where: **G08, Melbourne Law School**

RSVP: Please **register online** or by contacting Tessa Dermody, Tax Group Coordinator, email **law-tax@unimelb.edu.au** or tel (03) 8344 8924 by Monday 10 August 2009.

wild law conference

16 to 18 October 2009, Adelaide, South Australia

Wild Law is jointly organized by Friends of the Earth Adelaide, the UK Environmental Law Foundation, the Conservation Council of South Australia and the University of Adelaide, Research Unit for the Study of Society Law and Religion. The conference is further supported by The Bob Hawke Prime Ministerial Centre, University of South Australia.

This conference, held in the Adelaide Hills, aims to develop ideas on the role of Wild Law and Earth Jurisprudence in environmental protection. Experiences and knowledge of the law and the environment will be shared in a network of like-minded individuals. This workshop is not just for environmental lawyers, but also for those who are interested in how the law can better protect the planet's ecosystems and how the foundation of law might need to be changed to do this.

Further details are available in the flyer.

the boston consulting group 2009 undergraduate scholarship

The **Boston Consulting Group** (BCG) is a global management consulting firm and one of the world's leading advisors on business strategy. BCG is currently accepting applications for its Australian and New Zealand Undergraduate Scholarship. The Scholarship is worth \$10,000 and is designed to assist students as they plan their final year of study.

The Scholarship is open to undergraduate students from all academic fields who are Australian or New Zealand permanent residents and are in their penultimate year of University. Students who already hold other scholarships or intend to undertake a summer internship are eligible and are encouraged to apply. The winner of BCG's Undergraduate Scholarship will demonstrate exceptional ability in the following five areas:

- Academics: Top 5 per cent of their class
- Leadership: In an extra-curricular or professional capacity
- Creativity: The ability and desire to seek and create new solutions to any problem
- Teamwork: The ability to work well in a team environment
- Communication: The ability to relate to a wide range of people in diverse environments

Further information and application details about the scholarship can be found online.

Applications are due **by 5:00pm on Monday 10 August 2009**.

Please note that students who hold scholarships from other management consulting firms are not eligible to apply.

summer research ANU scholarships

Thinking of honours or graduate research in the future? If you are currently enrolled full time at a university in Australia or New Zealand, you can get a head start now!

A **Summer Research Scholarship** at The Australian National University is an exceptional research opportunity, providing insight into what studying for an honours or a graduate research degree is all about. You will have the opportunity to work with leading scholars in your area of interest.

A Summer Research Scholarship includes:

- Full board on campus
- A weekly allowance
- Return travel to Canberra
- An opportunity to undertake a short research project on an approved topic

General Information

Duration: Eight to eleven weeks from late November to early February.

Application Process

Applications for the 2009/2010 Summer Research Scholarships program will **open on 1 August 2009 and close on 31 August 2009**. An **outline of the application process** is available online.

summer research waikato scholarships

The **University of Waikato** Summer Research Scholarships are an initiative to provide promising undergraduate, honours, and first-year masters students with the opportunity to experience the challenges and rewards of research work.

The scholarships, valued at \$5,000, are offered in various disciplines during the summer study break. The number of scholarships offered in any one year will be determined by the availability of funding and appropriate supervision. The Summer Research Scholarship Program for 2009/2010 will have two closing dates, 31 August 2009 for the School of Science and Engineering and the School of Computing and Mathematical Sciences, and 30 September 2009 for all other Schools/Faculties/Colleges.

Further details are available online.

invitation to help with important research in the study of legal decision making

Professor Ted Wright, Dean of Law, Newcastle Law School, University of Newcastle, Australia, extends an invitation to law students to help with important research studying legal decision making. You can help by participating in an online experiment, in which your main task will be to decide a contract dispute.

Please note:

- The task is **not** a test of your knowledge of contract law. In fact, you will be provided with a short written statement of the law to use and you will be specifically asked not to use what you remember about contract law from your law course.
- You will receive a \$30 Sanity voucher, which can be redeemed at any Sanity store for the purchase of CDs or DVDs.
- The experiment takes about an hour to complete. Because it is online, you can do it when and where you like. You can also take short breaks, if you wish (if you log off before you have finished you will not be able to log back on).
- There are no right or wrong answers, and your responses will be kept completely confidential.
- The feedback from other students is that participation is an enjoyable challenge. Here are some examples of comments other participants have made: 'It was fun to try to apply legal concepts to a problem outside the classroom', 'It's very enjoyable!', 'I think all students should do this in final year', 'I would like to do it again'.

The research group hopes that you too will find the experience of participating fun. For more information, or to proceed to the survey, please [click here](#).

If you have any difficulties, please [email Natalie Close](#).

If you have responded to an earlier invitation, thank you for helping Professor Wright. Unfortunately, you cannot participate more than once.

This research is being carried out by Professor Ted Wright (Dean of Law, University of Newcastle), Professor Andrew Heathcote (Psychology, University of Newcastle), Associate Professor Fred Ellinghaus (Law, University of Melbourne) and Natalie Close (PhD Candidate, University of Newcastle). The project has been approved by the University of Newcastle Human Research Ethics Committee, Approval No H-563-0807.

Thank you for your consideration.

students in free enterprise recruitment

SIFE is an international network through which university students, with the assistance of academic and business leaders, manage a portfolio of projects which operate on the principles of community engagement, knowledge transfer, and sustainability. Their aim is 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 are currently recruiting for 7 positions. [Further information and the application documents](#) are available online. Please direct all queries to hr@unimelbsife.org.au

Applications **close at midnight on Sunday 9 August 2009**.

walk safe!

The **SAFE program** aims to promote security awareness amongst students, staff, and visitors at the University of Melbourne by providing advice on issues related to personal and property safety. **Further details about security on campus** are available on the Security and Traffic website. Walk Safe comprises:

Security Escorts

Providing 24/7 escorts to and from buildings, vehicles, and public transport. Call Security on 8344 4674 and book in advance. Use well-lit paths during the hours of darkness and walk with friends.

Emergency Blue Phones

Emergency phones with built-in lights and cameras, linked directly to the security control room. These are situated around campus.

connecting with law short film competition - reminder

The **Oxford University Press** Connecting with Law Short Film Competition, Take 2, will close for entries on **31 July 2009**.

The winners will be those judged to be the most creative, instructive and original - anything that helps other students connect to the law!

First prize is \$1,000, the first runner-up wins \$250, and the second runner-up wins \$150.

Further information is available online.

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](#).