

Senator Evans announces new immigration policy at the ANU College of Law

The Minister for Immigration and Citizenship and Leader of the Government in the Senate, Senator the Honourable Chris Evans, delivered a seminar to the Centre of International and Public Law on 29th July.

The seminar was held in the Phillipa Weeks Staff Library at the ANU College of Law. The title of the seminar was *New Directions in Detention: Restoring Integrity to Australia's Immigration System*.

For more details please see the:

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2008 Law Alumni Cocktail Reception

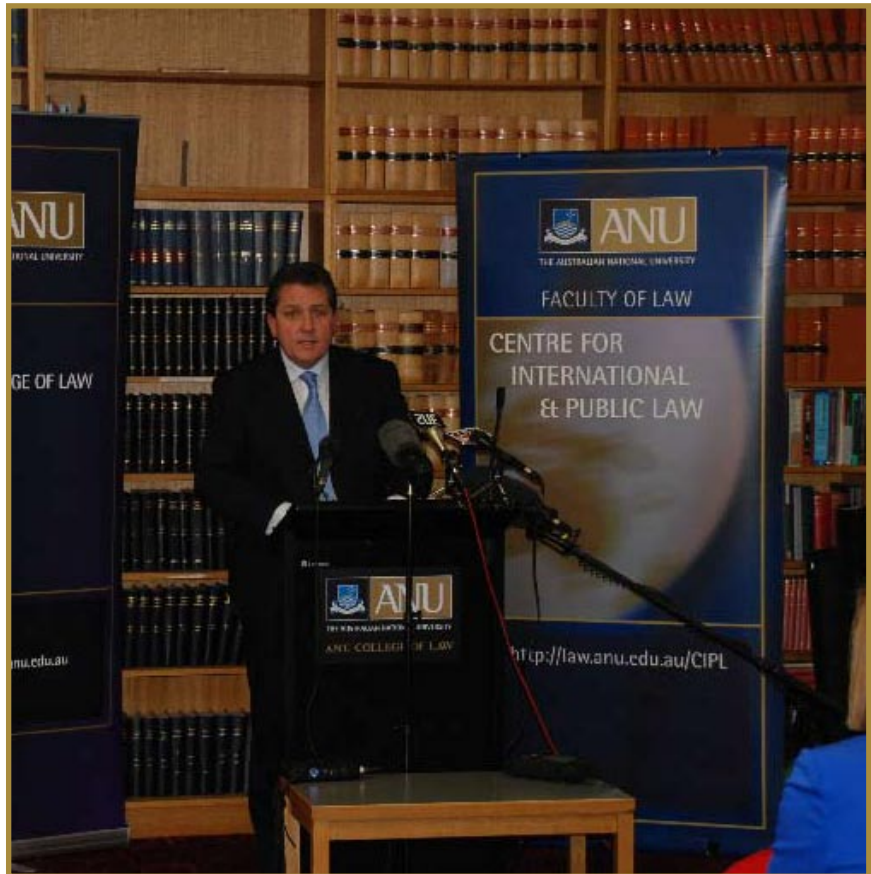


All alumni and friends of the Law School are warmly invited to attend the Law Alumni Cocktail Reception on Friday 10 October 2008 from 6pm to 9pm at *bookplate*, National Library of Australia, Canberra.

The event will celebrate the achievements of three of our distinguished alumni: the appointment of Hilary Penfold QC and Richard Refshauge SC as judges of the ACT Supreme Court, and the appointment of Stephen Gageler SC as the next Solicitor-General of Australia.

For registration form, please see:

[Law Alumni Cocktail Reception](#)



Senator Chris Evans at the ANU College of Law

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Solferino Seminar 2008



Mary Picard

The Centre for International and Public Law and the International Humanitarian Law Committee, Australian Red Cross, organised the Solferino Seminar 2008 at the ANU College of Law on 18 August. Guest speaker, Mary Picard, from the Graduate Institute of International and Developmental Studies, Geneva presented the seminar titled: *Private Military Companies: Mercenary Boom or Legitimate Outsourcing?*

Since 2004 Mary's academic focus has been on the question of private military and security companies in international law. She is currently undertaking doctoral research on 'Private Military Companies and Legal Responsibility' and working on a research project, 'Private Military and Security Companies in Armed Conflict,' under the auspices of the Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law & Human Rights.

To read more details see: the [2008 Solferino Seminar](#)

The UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts

At a seminar organised by the Centre for Commercial Law and The John Fleming Centre for Advancement of Legal Research Professor Joachim Bonell, Professor of Comparative Law at the University of Rome 'La Sapienza' spoke about the UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts. These principles, which may be adopted as the governing law of a particular contract, were developed by representatives of various legal systems.

The seminar was held in the Phillipa Weeks Staff Library, ANU College of Law on 4 July 2008.

Professor Joachim Bonell is an internationally recognised authority on comparative commercial law. He has been a consultant to UNIDROIT since 1978 and has chaired the Working Group for the preparation of the first, second and third editions of the UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts. The purpose of Professor Bonell's visit to Australia was to promote UNIDROIT's work on international commercial contracts and to increase awareness of the code among the judiciary, commercial lawyers and policymakers.

UNIDROIT is an independent, intergovernmental organisation based in Rome that seeks to harmonise and coordinate the private law of different states. The code has been used by arbitrators and judges in many jurisdictions as an influential statement of internationally recognised principles governing international commercial contracts.

The Hon Justice Paul Finn, Federal Court of Australia, and former ANU Law Professor commented upon the role of the UNIDROIT Principles in Australian law. Justice Finn has been a member of the working group for the second and third editions of the UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts.

For further information about the UNIDROIT Principles of International Commercial Contracts see: [the UNIDROIT website](#)

Graduate Information Evening

An information evening will be held on Wednesday 15 October 2008 for those considering postgraduate study at the ANU College of Law in 2009.

For details see the: [Postgraduate Studies webpage](#).

Congratulations

Associate Professor Thomas Faunce

Associate Professor Thomas Faunce recently gave oral evidence to the Commonwealth Senate Community Affairs Committee on the National Health Amendment (pharmaceutical and other benefits-cost recovery) Bill 2008.

For more details see: [The Senate website](#)

And for background information about Associate Professor Faunce see: [Staff details](#)

Assoc. Prof. Faunce has also been selected by the Scientific Committee of the Brocher Foundation to receive a residential fellowship for June 2009 in Geneva to pursue nanotechnology research.

To read more about the Brocher Foundation see: <http://www.brocher.ch/>

John Fleming Centre holds successful workshop

On 6 August 2008 the John Fleming Centre for Advancement of Legal Research and the ANU College of Law hosted a workshop entitled Lawyer's Fee Regimes Across Multiple Worlds of Litigation. The speakers were Associate Professor Peter Cashman (Sydney Law School), Professor Deborah Hensler (Stanford Law School) and Professor Bert Kritzer (William Mitchell College of Law). The workshop was attended by more than 20 invited scholars, practitioners and judges from Canberra and elsewhere in Australia. Topics discussed ranged widely across individual and group litigation in Australia the US and the UK viewed from theoretical, practical and empirical perspectives.

For more information see the [John Fleming Centre website](#).



From the left: Peter Cashman, Deborah Hensler, Herbert Kritzer and Peter Cane From the left: Peter Cashman, Deborah Hensler, Herbert Kritzer and Peter Cane

Congratulations to:

• Professor Peta Spender

Peta Spender, Acting Head of School in the ANU College of Law and Director of the Centre for Commercial Law, has been appointed to the ACT Civil and Administrative Tribunal.

For details of the appointment see the [press release](#)

See also background information about Professor Spender: [Staff Details](#)

• Don Anton

Don Anton, Senior lecturer in International Law at the ANU College of Law has been selected as a member of the *Joint Task Force on Treaties in US Law*.

For more information about the *Joint Task Force on Treaties* in US law please see the: [The American Society of International Law website](#).

See the ANU College of Law [Staff Details](#) webpage for Don Anton's biographical details.



Professor Peta Spender



Don Anton

Annual Hartnell Colloquium held at ANU

The third Hartnell Colloquium, an annual event made possible by generous donations from alumnus and leading commercial lawyer Tony Hartnell, was held at the ANU College of Law on 1 August 2008. The theme of the colloquium was *Business and Consumer Regulation: A New Regime?*

The colloquium was opened by Peta Spender, Acting Head of School in the ANU College of Law and Director of the Centre for Commercial Law, and Tony Hartnell AM. Guest speakers included John Agius QC, Andrew Lumsden, Jim Murphy, Gordon Renouf, and Elisabeth Sexton. The concluding discussion was chaired by Professor Stephen Bottomley, Acting Dean of the ANU College of Law.



Professor Peta Spender opening the Hartnell Colloquium 2008

Congratulations to Gregor Urbas

Dr Gregor Urbas has been awarded an ALSI Fellowship to be undertaken at the National University of Singapore.

For more information see: the [ALSI Fellowship Programme](#)

Vale Dr Desmond O'Connor (1922-2008)

BA LLB LLM PhD, Reader in Law

One of the longest serving members of the Law Faculty at the Australian National University, Dr Desmond O'Connor, passed away in February 2008.

For more details see: [Dr O'Connor's obituary](#)

Lord Hoffman delivers public lecture at ANU



Above: Justice Dyson Heydon AC, Lord Hoffmann, and Justice Michael Kirby AC, CMG

Lord Hoffmann, House of Lords, delivered a public lecture on Liberty and Terror at the ANU, 30 July 2008.



Above: Lecture audience in the Finkel Theatre, ANU

Brad Jessup authors LEGALdate article

Brad Jessup, a Teaching Fellow at the Australian Centre for Environmental Law, ANU School of Law has written an article for LEGALdate (Volume 20, Number 4, August 2008). The article is titled The Environment: How does the law contribute to its protection and what more can be done?

Brad is a geographer and environmental law specialist. He commenced his teaching appointment and candidature for the degree of the Doctor of Philosophy at the ANU College of Law in November 2007. Brad's research focuses on concepts of ecological and environmental justice in Australian environmental law.

To read the article please follow this link: [LEGALdate](#)

Appointment for Emeritus Professor Dennis Pearce

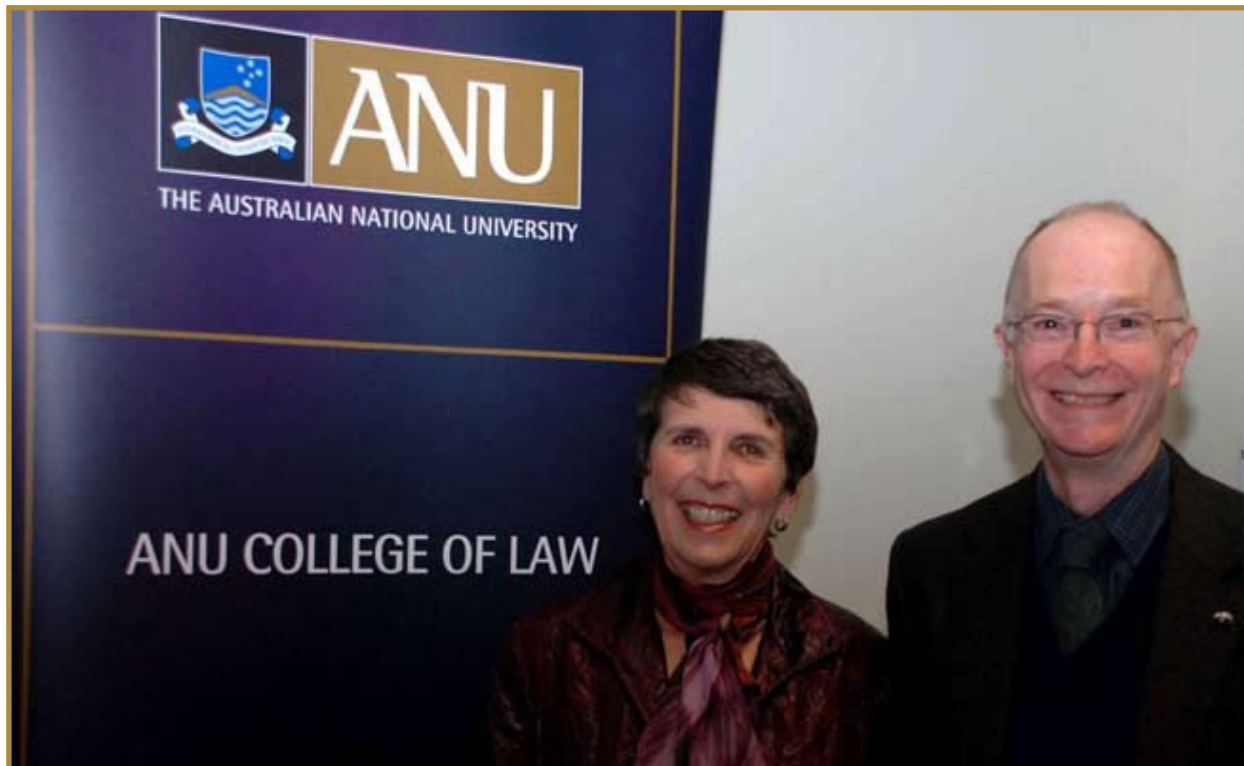
Congratulations to Emeritus Professor Dennis Pearce for his appointment as inaugural Chair of the Defence Honours and Awards Tribunal.

Please see the media release: [Appointment of Independent Defence Honours](#)

Successful workshop held by John Fleming Centre

Judge Mary Schroeder of the Ninth Circuit United States Court of Appeals, gave a public lecture on 20 August 2008, in which she discussed the dangers to judicial independence that may result from judicial involvement in politically sensitive issues such as race, religion and allocation of scarce natural resources.

To hear the lecture follow this link: [Schroeder.mp3](#)



Judge Mary Schroeder and Peter Cane

Scholarships

ANU Vice-Chancellor's Scholarship for Doctoral Study

Applications are invited for the ANU Vice-Chancellor's Scholarship for Doctoral Study to study. The ANU College of Law offers research degrees for exceptional graduates in Australia and overseas. Research may be conducted in many areas of law. The three year scholarship is worth \$25,000 pa, plus \$15,000 pa for research activities.

Applications for Australian/New Zealand citizens and permanent residents of Australia are due by 31 October 2008.

For more information, please visit [the ANU Graduate Research webpage](#)

Phillipa Weeks Scholarship in Law

The ANU College of Law has created a scholarship in memory of the late Professor Phillipa Weeks. Phillipa was a significant contributor to the Canberra legal community and a member of the academic staff of ANU from 1979 until her untimely passing in 2006.

This scholarship supports students from regional and rural Australia who demonstrate academic achievement, leadership and community involvement. The award is intended to be held by the successful applicant for the duration of their law program. We have decided to endow this fund, so as to award the scholarship in perpetuity. Our goal is \$500,000 and we have raised over \$145,000 in the first six months. An endowment of this size will allow us to award a scholarship every year.

For more information on giving towards this scholarship, please visit:
The ANU College of Law [Phillipa Week's Scholarship webpage](#).

Also for details about workplace giving see the [Workplace Giving website](#).

Upcoming events

10 October 2008

Law Alumni Cocktail Reception

Time: 6-9pm

Venue: *bookplate*

National Library of Australia, Canberra

For registration form, please see:

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31 October – 1 November 2008

The Thirteenth Annual Public Law Weekend

Presented by CIPL

Topic: Public Law: Public Leadership

National Museum of Australia, Canberra

For more information please see:

the [CIPL Conference and program details](#)

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