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**INTERNATIONAL LAW IN THE NEXT TWO DECADES: FORM OR SUBSTANCE?**

The 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Australian and New Zealand Society of International Law ('ANZSIL') will take place from Thursday, 5 July 2012 to Saturday, 7 July 2012 hosted by the New Zealand Centre for Public Law, Faculty of Law, Victoria University of Wellington. The Conference Organising Committee now invites proposals for papers to be presented at the Conference.

**Call for Papers – Deadline 14 February 2012**

This Conference is the Society's twentieth annual conference, and provides an opportunity to reflect on the last twenty years in the development of international law, but equally important to look ahead to the emerging issues and to speculate on what the next twenty years will bring for international law and its practice and teaching. The relentless progression of climate change, the political revolutions and uprisings in the Middle East, the relationship between the growing economic and political power of countries outside Europe and North America and their approach to international law and diplomacy, the sharpening of debates over food security, the inability of the United Nations to reform its institutional arrangements relating to international peace and security, the fragility of the international financial system and popular movements challenging its morality and legitimacy, the resurgence of fundamentalisms, and the continuing disgrace of widespread poverty, are just some of the issues with which papers might engage.

The Committee would welcome papers exploring significant conceptual or practical shifts in the development, substantive content, implementation, teaching or practice of international law. Among the themes the Committee is keen to see addressed are:

- the harmonisation of operational and normative activities of international institutions, and the extent to which have efforts to produce system wide coherence been successful
- conceptions of risk, the regulation of uncertainty and the clash of precautions in international law
- the "new" wave of democratisation and the role of international law and institutions two decades after the end of the Cold War
- new international legal geographies
- the changing relationship of the key pillars and institutions of international economic law: trade, investment and finance
- the expanding role of non-State actors including political movements, transnational corporations and other actors

- challenges posed by the “civilianisation” of armed conflict and the regulation of means and methods of warfare in an era of increasing technological developments.

The Committee particularly invites papers that address these themes from the perspective of private international law, as well as from public international law perspectives. The Committee also welcomes proposals for papers on other aspects of international law.

Those proposing papers for presentation at the Conference should submit a one-page abstract and brief one-page curriculum vitae by email to the Conference Organising Committee [\[anzsil@law.anu.edu.au\]](mailto:anzsil@law.anu.edu.au) no later than **Tuesday, 14 February 2012**. Please include the heading on your email message ‘ANZSIL Conference 2011 Paper Proposal: [Your Name]’. The Conference Organising Committee will inform applicants of the outcome of their proposals by mid-March 2012. Further information about the Conference, including program and registration details, will be available on the ANZSIL website (<http://law.anu.edu.au/anzsil/conferences.html>).

Postgraduate students undertaking higher research degrees in international law who wish to present their projects and the results of their research are encouraged to submit their proposals (marked ‘PG Workshop’) for presentation at the Postgraduate Workshop (to be held on Wednesday, 4 July 2012. For further details and call for papers, see the ANZSIL website: <http://law.anu.edu.au/ANZSIL/index.html>). The closing date for applications to the Postgraduate Workshop is 24 February 2012, and will also be the subject of a separate call for papers. Successful applicants for the postgraduate workshop will be offered free registration at the Conference.