

CIPL E-bulletin - Vol. 2, No.4, 10 September 2007

Dear CIPL Associates,

Welcome to the fourth E-Bulletin of 2007.

The Annual Twelfth Public Law Weekend, to be held on 9-10 November is fast approaching! This year's weekend will address the question, is Australian society facing the 'Death of the Rule of Law'? The preliminary program and registration form is now available at <http://law.anu.edu.au/cipl/events.asp> I encourage you all to have a look at the program as it is shaping up to be a fantastic weekend!!

In other news the last couple of months have seen CIPL continue to organise public lectures and seminars at the ANU. International speakers have included Justice Salim Joubran from the Israeli Supreme Court, Luis Moreno-Ocampo, the first prosecutor of the International Criminal Court and Professor Catharine MacKinnon, the University of Michigan, all of whom gave fascinating talks on their areas of work and the latter two also generously spent time with graduate students.

In addition, CIPL organised a public seminar on the case of Dr Haneef, canvassing the public and international law dimensions of the case. All of these events' audio material can be accessed through the CIPL website at <http://law.anu.edu.au/cipl/event.asp>.

I too have been busy recently, having presented several public lectures in the months of July and August. They have included two lectures at the ANU titled '*Citizenship and Rights*' and '*Alien citizen? Living in a state of confusion.*' Audio versions of these talks are also available online at <http://law.anu.edu.au/cipl/event.asp>

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NEWS:

After the busy pace of the months of June and July organising the ANZSIL conference as well as the first workshop linking international and public law, CIPL took some time to catch its breath. There was no rest however in the provision of

interesting and informative public lectures and seminars for academics, practitioners, officials and students as mentioned above.

Please also stay tuned for the next CIPL newsletter due out shortly which brings you more information about CIPL members' activities!

RECENT PAST EVENTS:

Go to <http://law.anu.edu.au/cipl/Events.asp> to hear audio recordings for some of these events and to download information distributed.

- Law and human rights in China: At home and abroad, 4 September 2007
 - The Case of Dr. Haneef, 30 August 2007
 - The Judicial System and role of the Supreme Court in Israel, 16 August 2007
 - The New System of International Justice in the Wake of the International Criminal Court, 7 August 2007 (with the Centre for International Governance & Justice and The IHL Committee, ACT Red Cross)
 - Women's Status, Men's States, 26 July 2007 (with the Centre for International Governance & Justice)
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FORTHCOMING EVENTS:

For more details about each of the forthcoming events, see

<http://law.anu.edu.au/cipl/Events.asp>

Child Soldiers and International Law

Associate Professor Steven Freeland

Thursday, 27 September 2007, 5.30pm

Law Theatre, ANU College of Law, Cnr Fellows and East Roads, The ANU

(This is a Solferino Seminar jointly presented by CIPL and the IHL Committee, ACT Australian Red Cross)

The Statutory Protection of Rights and Parliamentary Sovereignty – Guidance from the United Kingdom?

Professor Geoffrey Lindell

Tuesday, 16 October 2007, 12.30pm

Staff Library, Level 1, ANU College of Law, The ANU

RSVP cipl@law.anu.edu.au by 12 October 2007

Twelfth Annual Public Law Weekend, 'Death of the Rule of Law?'

9-10 November 2007

Visions Theatre, National Museum of Australia, Canberra

For the preliminary program and registration form see:

<http://law.anu.edu.au/cipl/events.asp>

Tenth Geoffrey Sawer Lecture

Australian Exceptionalism

9 November 2007, 6.00pm

EVENTS OF INTEREST TO CIPL MEMBERS

Protecting Human Rights Conference 25 September 2007

Melbourne Law School, Melbourne VIC

This important one-day event in Melbourne on 25 September 2007 will examine recent developments in the protection of human rights by Australian charters and human rights acts. The conference provides an important opportunity to examine the Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities (the final part of which will come into force on 1 January 2008), the ACT Human Rights Act and other bills of rights.

Leading Australian and international speakers will address the current issues in and future of the protection of human rights, such as economic, social and cultural rights. Speakers include Justice Chris Maxwell (President, Victorian Court of Appeal), Murray Hunt (Legal Adviser to the United Kingdom Joint Committee on Human Rights), Senator Marise Payne, Richard Refshauge SC (ACT Director of Public Prosecutions) and Professor Sandra Liebenberg (Stellenbosch University, South Africa)

The day is aimed at both a legal and non-legal audience. For the program, a registration form and payment details see <http://cccs.law.unimelb.edu.au> or for further information email law-cccs@unimelb.edu.au

Maritime Law Association of Australia and New Zealand's 34th Annual Conference

Policy, Practices and Perspectives

26-28 September 2007

Hyatt Hotel, Canberra ACT

The program for Day 1 (and also part Day 2) has been structured to be of interest to practitioners who work in a maritime regulatory or enforcement field. Topics covered will include border and port security, marine safety, regulation and prosecution of illegal fishing, maritime regulation in the southern oceans; personal property securities law reform; collision investigation; arbitration and UNITRAL issues. Speakers will include the Hon. Justice Michael Kirby.

A day rate registration fee is available, and also a discount rate for full-time students.

The program can be found at <http://esvc000873.wic005u.server-web.com/docs/MLAANZ%20Conference%202007.pdf>

If you have any queries, please contact Helen MacKenzie on (02) 9810 7322, or Sue Edmondson on (02) 6279 5079.

PIAC Conference - Working for a fair, just & democratic society in the 21st Century

18 & 19 October 2007

Wesley Centre, Pitt Street, Sydney

Register Now: www.piacconference.com

2007 marks the 25th anniversary of Australia's first public interest legal and policy centre: the Public Interest Advocacy Centre. While there have been significant gains in human rights and other public interest areas over that period, liberal democratic principles are currently facing many challenges. How can public interest advocates respond to emerging challenges such as climate change, globalisation, terrorism and the internet revolution while protecting and enhancing the principles that ensure citizens can participate in a fair, just and democratic society? To explore these questions and to celebrate 25 years of advocacy in the public interest, PIAC is hosting a 25th Anniversary Dinner and a Conference.

25th Anniversary Dinner

Date: 18 October 2007

Place: The Dome Restaurant, Arthouse Hotel

Register now: www.piacconference.com

International Policing Towards 2020 Conference

19-21 November 2007

Canberra

Professor Kim Rubenstein will be taking part in this conference speaking on *The Duty to Protect in International Law*

For more information go to <http://conference.afp.gov.au/speakers.htm>