

CIPL E-Bulletin – Vol. 3 No. 2, 9 April 2008

Dear CIPL Associates,

Welcome to the Centre for International and Public Law's second E-bulletin for the year.

The Centre has been active in the last couple of months, especially in the month of March! Two highlights to mention are the *2008 UN Lecture* by The Hon. Robert Hill, Australia's Ambassador and Permanent Representative to the United Nations, New York, which had close to 250 people attending and the launch of the Australian Year Book of International Law, Volume 26, with guest speaker Professor James Hathaway. All other events carried out since the last E-Bulletin are mentioned in the 'News' and 'Recent Past Events' sections below. To listen to the audio recordings from recent past events see <<http://law.anu.edu.au/cipl/events.asp>>.

Another announcement is the 16th Annual ANZSIL Conference, scheduled to take place from Thursday 26th – Saturday 28th June 2008 at the National Museum of Australia, Canberra. The theme "Security, Scarcity, Struggle: The Dilemmas of International Law" reflects a number of debates currently occurring in the area of public international law. Several key speakers have already been organised for the Conference. These include Professor Antony Anghie, Samuel D. Thurman Professor of Law from the University of Utah. New to this year's conference is CIPL's Inaugural Annual Kirby Lecture in International Law established to recognise Justice Michael Kirby AC CMG's long passion and service to international law. The first Kirby lecture will be delivered by Professor James Crawford of Cambridge University on the evening of Thursday 26 June. The draft program and registration will be available on our website in the coming weeks. We are pleased to inform you that the registration fee for 2008 will remain the same as last year's. A discounted rate (highly subsidised by ANZSIL) for both the Conference and the Conference Dinner will be available for full time students. Please note the date of the Conference in your diary. Advance registrations of interest to receive the program for the Conference are welcome and should be directed to: ANZSIL Secretariat at <cipl@law.anu.edu.au>.

In addition to the Centre's activities I have also had a busy month. I was involved in the Jessie Street National Women's Library panel discussion on 27 March together with Marie Coleman, first woman head of a Federal government statutory agency and Foundation member of the National Foundation for Australian Women and Elena Kirschbaum, business owner and events manager (held in conjunction with the Women's history month). We provided our personal perspectives on the challenges and opportunities currently facing Australian women. Then on the 29 March, I gave the Dymphna Clark lecture as part of the Annual Manning Clark House - Canberra Weekend of Ideas. In this lecture, I suggested that the position of Governor General

should alternate between the sexes. For details of my lecture see http://www.manningclark.org.au/papers/Rubenstein_Kim-Dymphna_Clark_lecture-2008.html>.

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News

Congratulations to the following CIPL members:

- Pene Mathew has received an ACT International Women's Day Award for her work on social justice and human rights, especially in relation to her recent work for the ACT Human Rights Commission on women detainees at the Belconnen Remand Centre, but also in relation to her wider academic work on refugees and asylum seekers.
- Heather Roberts, whose PhD thesis submission on the constitutional jurisprudence of Justice Deane has been accepted and will be awarded her PhD.
- Kent Anderson, Hilary Charlesworth, Simon Rice, Susan Harris Rimmer and Amelia Simpson and visiting Fellow George Williams for being chosen to brainstorm our future at the 2020 summit.
- Kim Rubenstein for being selected to participate in the Sydney Symposium for the Jewish Community as a pre 2020 summit event.
- Matt Stevens for volunteering as a 2020 Summit Liaison Officer for the Future of Australian Governance group
- Don Anton for being appointed an Associated Fellow and Professor of Law teaching in the Graduate Diploma short course offered by United Nations Institute for Training and Research to students from developing countries.
- Jeremy Farrall (RegNet) for his forthcoming book launch (see further below)

CIPL members have presented at conferences/seminars including:

- James Stellios – presented a paper at the 2007 Protection of Human Rights Conference, Melbourne Law School titled 'State/Territory Human Rights Legislation in a Federal Judicial System' on 25 September 2007. This paper will be published in the March 2008 issue of the *Public Law Review* (forthcoming).
- Leighton McDonald - presented a paper at the NSW State Legal Conference entitled 'Understanding Judicial Review Remedies' on 27 March 2008.

- Amelia Simpson – presented an ANU College of Law Seminar on 'The (limited) significance of the individual in s 117 state residence discrimination' on 3 April, 2008.

The Australian Yearbook of International Law, Volume 26, Edited by Penelope Mathew and Kim Rubenstein is available for purchase. To review contents or to download an order form see: < <http://law.anu.edu.au/cipl/publications.asp>>.

Kim Rubenstein's Dymphna Clark lecture received a lot of media attention. For recent media commentary on areas of public and international law by CIPL members see the Centre's Expert Opinion section: <<http://law.anu.edu.au/cipl/expertopinion.asp>>.

Recent Past Events

Audio recordings for the seminars and lectures mentioned below are available at: <<http://law.anu.edu.au/cipl/events.asp>>

- US Military Commissions: An update one year on, Professor Don Rothwell and the Jessup International Moot Team ANU College of Law, 31 March 2008 (in conjunction with International Humanitarian Law Committee, Australian Red Cross ACT)
- Book Launch: Australian Year Book of International Law, Volume 26, Edited by Penelope Mathew and Kim Rubenstein with guest speaker Professor James Hathaway, 28 March 2008
- Conceptualizing Security Council "Sanctions" Under International Law , Devika Hovell, 26 March 2008
- Between the Devil and the Deep Blue Sea? Administrative Law in an Age of Rights, Dr Thomas Poole, 25 March 2008
- The United Nations in 2008, The Hon. Robert Hill, 19 March 2008
- Conquering Cluster Munitions: Towards a New International Treaty, 13 February 2008

Forthcoming Events

For more details about each of the forthcoming events, see: <<http://law.anu.edu.au/cipl/Events.asp>>

Steps to the 2020 Summit- Governance issues

Tuesday 15 April 2008, 4-5pm

Coombs Extension room 1.13, Coombs Building (Bldg 9), Fellows Road, The Australian National University

CIPL invites you to hear a report by Professor Kim Rubenstein from her experience participating in the special "Jewish 2020 summit" being held in Sydney on Monday 14th April, together with a report from a law student Charlie Deutscher who is participating in the Youth 2020 summit being held over the weekend of 12/13 April. In addition, members of the ANU participating in the Governance Group at the

forthcoming 2020 summit will be present to hear your views on the governance topics to be covered at the summit.

Please distribute to interested parties!

The Defence White Paper and Australian and International Law

Dr Michael Smith AM, Barrister and International Lawyer & Ms Nicole Abadee, Member of the Sydney Bar and Lecturer in International Law and Use of Armed Force, University of Sydney and ANU College of Law

Chaired by Professor Donald R. Rothwell, ANU College of Law

Thursday 17 April 2008, 5.30pm

Phillipa Weeks Staff Library, Level 1, ANU College of Law, Fellows Road, The Australian National University

Australia's recognition of Kosovo: A Legal or Political Act?

Associate Professor Peter Radan, Macquarie University

Chaired by Professor Donald R. Rothwell, ANU College of Law

Thursday 24 April 2008, 1.00pm (sandwiches from 12.45pm)

Phillipa Weeks Staff Library, Level 1, ANU College of Law, Fellows Road, The Australian National University

2008 CIPL Workshop

Connecting the Public with the International: Law's potential

2008 Topic: Incentives for Global Health: Patent Law and Access to Essential Medicines

26-28 May 2008 (Open to paper presenters only)

16th Annual ANZSIL Conference

Security, Scarcity, Struggle: The Dilemmas of International Law

26-28 June 2008

National Museum of Australia, Canberra

Events and Information of Interest

ALHR and ACT Human Rights Commission Charter of Rights Seminar

Tuesday 15 April at Minter Ellison

The breakfast seminar will feature presentations from Jon Stanhope, Chief Minister of the ACT and Professor George Williams, Visiting Fellow at the Australian National University and be followed by open discussion. RSVPs are essential, as places are strictly limited, and there is a charge of \$10 per head. Breakfast will be provided.

RSVP to: actalhr@gmail.com

Book Launch for two books

Thursday 24 April 2008, 5.00pm for 5.30pm

The Co-op Bookshop, ANU Bldg 17 Union Court, The Australian National University, Canberra

The Co-op Bookshop and the Regulatory Institutions Network (RegNet) invite you to the launch of

- *United Nations Sanctions and the Rule of Law*, Cambridge University Press by Dr Jeremy Farrall
- *Biobazaar: the Open Source Revolution and Biotechnology*, Harvard University Press by Dr Janet Hope

To be launched by Justice Michael Kirby AC CMG. Light refreshments will be served. RSVP: CIGJ@anu.edu.au or 02 6125 3556

Talking Constitution - The Australian Association of Constitutional Law (AACL) ACT Chapter's monthly informal discussion of recent constitutional issues.

Wednesday 7 May 2008, 5:45pm

Phillipa Weeks Staff Library, ANU College of Law

RSVP or Questions contact Heather.Roberts@anu.edu.au

AboveBoard Public Accountability Forum : Minds and Machinery

Saturday, 24th May 2008, 9.30am to 3.30pm

John Curtin School of Medical Research, The Australian National University

Enquiries to Matt Stevens on 0403 757 151

The maintenance of responsible government in the Westminster system depends upon a combination of people of high integrity and robust public accountability mechanisms. With guidance from a panel of expert guests, the AboveBoard Public Accountability Forum will explore how to create this 'perfect storm'.

The discussion will be driven by addresses from leading commentators:

- Dr Allan Hawke, Chancellor, The Australian National University
- Melissa Parke MP, recently-elected Federal Member for Fremantle
- Sushi Das, Melbourne-based Senior Writer for The Age newspaper
- Stephen Keim SC, Brisbane-based Barrister for Mohamed Haneef

Register your interest by email: AboveBoard@anu.edu.au

Australian Women Lawyers Second National Conference

Creating Justice

12-14 June 2008

Hotel Sofitel Melbourne

The theme of our conference this year is Creating Justice inspired by the challenge issued by our patron The Hon. Mary Gaudron QC who said "the real task that lies ahead is the work of creating justice, and creating justice not just for a section of the community, but for all of it".

Key note speakers will cover topics as diverse and interesting as discrimination and human rights, influencing justice and the exercise of judicial discretion, crime and corruption, international commercial arbitration and developments in commercial

litigation. Following the apology and developments in indigenous affairs the conference will also host the Indigenous Forum: Government Intervention in Indigenous Communities and the Apology, where to from here?

Registration will be available on the website. **www.dcconferences.com.au/awl**
