

FACULTY OF LAW – NEW GRANTS

LP0667725: Prof M Coper; Dr F Wheeler; Dr JM Williams

Project Title: Judicially Speaking: An Oral History of the High Court of Australia

Partner Organisation(s): High Court of Australia, National Library of Australia

Administering Institution: The Australian National University

Project Summary: This project will leave a basic research legacy by creating a history of the High Court in the words of those closest to it. The Court is among our most under-researched national institutions. By deepening understanding of how the High Court has operated in the past, including in response to social and political change, the project will enrich debate about how it should function in the future. It will provide new insights into the evolution of Australian law to meet the challenges of tomorrow and will preserve vital national heritage in the form of the recollections of prominent national figures.

DP0663259: Dr JM Behrens; Mr BM Smyth

Project Title: The Experiences of Parents and Children After Family Court Decisions About Relocation

Administering Institution: The Australian National University

Project Summary

This research will contribute to the improvement of decision-making about children in the family law system. It will enable an assessment of judicial decisions about whether a parent can relocate with children. It will make a unique contribution by gathering information from children and their parents about the effects of these decisions. The analysis will help parents, law-makers and judges to make better decisions in this important and controversial area. This will have benefits for the happiness, health and prosperity of children and their parents. Better decision-making will also reduce the costs to government of family breakdown.

DP0663388 Prof T Bonyhady; A/Prof N Lendon

Project Title: The War Rug: the history, iconography and theory of the war art tradition of the Baluch of Afghanistan 1979-2004

Administering Institution: The Australian National University

Project Summary

The 'war rugs' of Afghanistan, a new topic of art-historical, sociopolitical, and cross-cultural communications, reflects an Indigenous perspective of twenty five years of conflict in the region. This project will: *Produce new knowledge on a regional topic of considerable sociopolitical relevance *Enable Australia to take a leading role in the articulation of new fields of knowledge and academic discourse, enhancing both our international reputation and knowledge of the region *Provide an exemplary model for the role of museums in the conceptualisation of artistic categories cross-culturally *Develop new applications of online database technologies *Develop new modes of integrating new digital technologies in an exhibition setting.

DP0664028 Prof J Braithwaite; Prof HC Charlesworth

Peace Building and Responsive Governance in Asia and the Pacific

Primary RFCD 3701 SOCIOLOGY

Administering Institution: The Australian National University

Project Summary

War causes not only human suffering; it threatens the health and education of generations of children, sets back regional economies and encourages warlords to become transnational criminals who traffic in drugs, people, money laundering, guns and terror across Australia's region. Fresh insights will be obtained from the successes and failures of attempts to build peace in failing states that Australia sees as a threat to our security. These national and regional diagnoses will enhance the quality of Australia's contribution to security and stability in our part of the globe and enhance national capacity to contribute to global peace strategies.

DP0667107 Prof HC Charlesworth

Building Democracy and Justice after Conflict

Primary RFCD 3901 LAW

Administering Institution: The Australian National University

Project Summary

Weak governance is a cause of terrorism. Australia is increasingly involved in nation-building projects, both in its region and internationally. This project will build Australia's expertise in the ways that international law can promote democracy and justice after conflict. It will develop guidelines for states and organisations involved in peace and nation-building. The project will thus contribute to safeguarding Australia by increasing Australia's capacity to engage with, and interpret itself to, its neighbours and the broader international community, as well as by tackling the threat of terrorism.