

# The Law Reform and Social Justice Program

## STUDENT PROFILE: *John Croker*



I'm an Asian Studies/Law student from Melbourne. I decided to study law largely because my Mum is a lawyer. She studied as a mature age student whilst I was in primary school.

Studying at ANU has given me some fantastic opportunities, and being part of the ANU College of Law has been fantastic. My lecturers have been engaging and knowledgeable. Being in the nation's capital, I have been able to meet and learn from internationally renowned academics, politicians and judges.

Beyond this, I have pursued my interest in social justice with the Law Reform and Social Justice Program. Specifically, I have been the student coordinator

the [Detainee Support Program](#) run through the 'first human rights compliant' prison in Australia, the [Alexander Machonochie Centre](#).

The DSP is the first program of its kind in Australia, and began in semester two 2010. Students went into the prison and delivered a 'legal literacy' program. We explored the Human Rights Act, the Corrections Management Act, correlating policies and regulations, and broader legal structures and principles.

It was a hugely rewarding experience. The program bridged the theoretical gap of studying the law with its application in reality. My studies grounded me in this environment, and showed me how powerful the knowledge I had was.

Many students are interested in social justice and law reform work. The programs offered by the ANU College of Law give students a unique opportunity to undertake such work and experiences whilst learning the technicalities of the law.

For more information: [Law Reform & Social Justice Program](#)

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## The LR&SJ Program



The Law Reform and Social Justice (LR+SJ) Program at the Australian National University. LR+SJ is part of the ANU College of Law. It was established in 2007 with the creation of the position of Director of Law Reform and Social Justice, currently filled by [Associate Professor Simon Rice](#).

Please see the website to discover more about the [Law Reform and Justice Program](#).

The Student Social Justice Initiative is supported by the Law Reform and Social Justice Program. It is operated by students of the ANU College of Law to engage law students in a range of social justice activities.

If you are a student or staff member interested in becoming involved in any of these projects, please contact us at [lrsj@law.anu.edu.au](mailto:lrsj@law.anu.edu.au).