

Slavery Today: How the International Informs the Local

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Abstract

Jean Allain, from Queen's University, Belfast will consider the 'new-abolitionist' movement and the role which international criminal law has played in breathing new life into the 1926 definition of slavery and its applicability in domestic jurisdictions. Emphasis will be given the parameters of the definition of slavery and guidelines will be propose so as to assist – in the words of the High Court of Australia judgment in the 2008 Tang case – “a jury to distinguish between slavery, on the one hand, and harsh and exploitative conditions of labour”.