The 2013 Kyoto and Tokyo Seminars in Japanese Law will be held over 6-9 and 12-13 February 2013, with a new website:

http://www.ritsumei.ac.jp/japanese-law/kyoto-seminar/

Course credit is available via ANJeL core institutions, and registration for LLB/JD/LLM students via USydney begins Wednesday, 12 September:


Call for Sponsors for ‘Team Australia’ in the 11th Intercollegiate Negotiation and Arbitration Competition to be held in Tokyo on 1-2 December 2012. ANJeL welcomes donations (tax-deductible in Australia) and gratefully acknowledges financial commitments already for the 2012 team from: the INC organisers, Mitsui Matsushima, Sofico Australia, Baker & McKenzie, Ashurst, the Australian National University and the University of Sydney. Student member profiles for the 2012 team are at:

http://sydney.edu.au/law/anjel/content/anjel_teaching_comp.html

Profs Tatsuya Nakamura and Luke Nottage will participate in a free interactive AFIA (Australasian Forum for International Arbitration) symposium hosted by Corrs Chambers Westgarth on 12 September 2012 in Brisbane:


ANJeL is supporting a related free seminar on “International Arbitration in UNCITRAL Model Law Jurisdictions: Comparing

Recent Developments in Japan” hosted by Clifford Chance in Sydney on 13 September 2012:


Annual Japan Study Grants applications are now open, closing 30 September 2012. The National Library offers annual Japan Study Grants under the auspices of the Harold S. Williams Trust Fund. Grants are offered for periods of up to four weeks commencing in January each year. Japan Study Grants are open to postgraduates, honours students, academic staff or independent researchers who are residents of Australia (excluding Canberra). For more information contact: Mayumi Shinozaki, Head, Japanese Collections, National Library of Australia, Canberra ACT 2600.

A CDROM is available from the 4th ANJeL Australia-Japan Business Law CLE Seminar held in Tokyo on 11 February 2012, focusing on recent developments in Australian consumer and labour law. It comprises audio, PowerPoint and document/PDF files and can be ordered via anjelinfo@gmail.com for AUD$50 (including GST).

The Gold Coast Seminar on Australian Law, held at Bond University, introduces students to Australian law and culture over a two-week program, with a focus on comparative perspectives. In 2012, the Seminar was held over 27 August - 7 September. Proposed dates for the next Gold Coast Seminar are 26 August - 6 September 2013.
ANJeL Achievements

Profs Tatsuya Nakamura, J Romesh Weeramantry and Luke Nottage presented a public seminar at JCAA in Tokyo on 20 July 2012 to compare recent developments in jurisdictions basing their arbitration legislation on the UNCITRAL Model Law (respectively: Japan, Hong Kong and Australia). This and related events in Australia over 12-13 September are related to an Australia-Japan Foundation research project on cross-border commercial dispute resolution, ANJeL members Micah Burch and Dr Brett Williams.

ANJeL supported an international conference on "Japanese Law, French Law, What Dialogue?" at the University of Lyon over 10-11 May 2012. ANJeL members presenting papers included Professor Souichirou Kozuka (corporate governance) and Prof Dimitri Vanoverbeke (Meiji-era juries) and Dr Isabelle Giraudot (globalisation and legal method).


The 4th ANJeL Australia-Japan Business Law Seminar took place at Herbert Smith, Tokyo, on 11 February 2012. It compared developments in Australian labour law (Prof Joellen Riley) and the new “Australian Consumer Law” (Prof Luke Nottage), with comments/comparisons from Herbert Smith lawyer Peter Coney and Gakushuin University Prof Souichirou Kozuka.


Research Spotlight

ANJeL is supporting the publication of a 17-chapter book (Springer, mid-2013, edited by Dr Simon Butt, Dr Hitoshi Nasu and Prof Luke Nottage) plus several other papers for the Journal of Japanese Law (December 2012), from ANJeL’s Anniversary Conference, “Socio-legal Norms in Preventing and Managing Disasters in Japan: Asia-Pacific and Interdisciplinary Perspectives”.

A summary and commentary on leading Japanese judgments in the field of business law has been published by Kluwer as a Festschrift to mark the 60th birthday of Prof Harald Baum (ANJeL Advisor). His students, colleagues and friends of Harald Baum from Europe, Japan, the USA and Australia honour the achievements of the longstanding Max Planck academic with a collection of 72 judgments from Japanese courts on issues of intellectual property rights, civil law and international private and business law: see [http://blogs.usyd.edu.au/japaneselaw/2012/05/business_law_in_japan_cases_an.html](http://blogs.usyd.edu.au/japaneselaw/2012/05/business_law_in_japan_cases_an.html)

“Reflections on I Just Didn’t Do It, the Lay Judge System, and Legal Education in and out of Japan”, an article by Prof Kent Anderson (PVC Int’l at Adelaide University; now ANJeL Advisor), will be appearing shortly in the Asian Journal of Comparative Law. This article was presented on a law related panel at the Asian Studies Association of Australia conference at UWS, and at the NUS Asian Law Centre in May.