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Welcome to the ANU College of Law Research Overview 2023

As we reflect on another year of groundbreaking research and academic excellence, it is with great pleasure that we invite you to review our scholars' exceptional publications, funding success, submissions, events and many more research highlights.

Building on the successes of the past year, our commitment to addressing the most pressing legal challenges facing Australia and the global community remains unwavering. As Australia's national law school, we understand the important responsibility that comes with shaping the future of legal scholarship and practice.

In 2023, we celebrated our continued recognition as a top 20 law school globally, reflecting the strength of our researchers and the collective dedication to our community. Our researchers have achieved remarkable milestones, securing groundbreaking monographs, publishing in field-leading journals and winning prominent research funding for innovative multidisciplinary projects. We also welcomed new scholars to our community from all over the world, enriching our research culture with their diverse perspectives and contributions.

We extend our appreciation to our hardworking and talented researchers and teachers, whose commitment to delivering world-leading scholarship across diverse fields of law is truly commendable. Our success is further propelled by the outstanding support from our industry-leading professional staff in research management, finance and human resources.

We encourage you to explore this Research Overview and learn more about the impactful work that makes us one of the world's great law schools. As we move forward, our commitment to supporting and promoting research that makes a positive difference in the world remains steadfast. We eagerly anticipate the transformative impact that our collective efforts will bring in the years ahead.

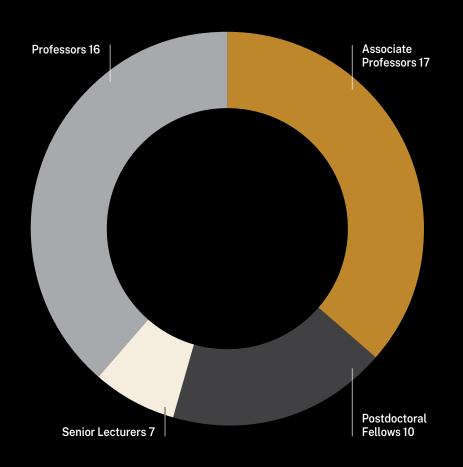


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Research by the numbers





Our research strengths

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2023 ALRA Book of the Year

Rebecca Monson | Gender, Property and Politics in the Pacific: Who Speaks for Land?

Professor Rebecca Monson was awarded the 2023 Australian Legal Research Book Award in recognition of her groundbreaking monograph investigating gender inequality in Pacific land tenure.

Gender, Property and Politics in the Pacific: Who Speaks for Land? (Cambridge University Press, 2022) advances debates about gender, property and legal pluralism in the Pacific by linking them with questions of public authority and state formation. In so doing it extends global debates about property, public authority, Indigenous territorial struggles and post-colonial states.

One peer reviewer described the manuscript as "offering a highly sophisticated analysis" and making important contributions to debates about paths to peace, plural legal orders, and gender skewing.

Professor Monson said she is "enormously honoured" to have received this prestigious award.

"It is always exciting to receive 'official' recognition of the value of your work, and this award affirms the enormous contributions made by Pacific legal scholarship, Pacific studies, and the theories and analyses developed within Pacific communities," she said.

"The book represents my perspective, but it simply wouldn't have been written without the generosity and patient guidance of a great many people, particularly residents of Kakabona and central Marovo Lagoon in Solomon Islands."

Professor Rebecca Monson (pictured centre) with (left to right) Melinda Kii, Ruth Maetala, Vice Chancellor of Solomon Islands National University Professor Transform Aqorau, Reverend Dr Cliff Bird and Dr Lincy Pendeverana.

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Professor Monson explained that while "colonisation may have formally ended, the struggle to defend Indigenous lands, waterways, skies and lifeways is ongoing."

"I genuinely hope the book is useful in some way," she said.

"ANU has always been involved in these struggles and entanglements, often in a complex and contradictory way. Many of the people who provided the intellectual foundations for the book are, like me, ANU graduates."

Professor Monson said her book is "a product of weaving the intellectual traditions and communities that ANU has fostered and nurtured, and its ongoing proactive commitment to Pacific communities and Pacific studies."

A book review concluded that Professor Monson "points to the co-constitution of 'property' and hyper-masculinist forms of authority in the Solomon Islands."

"Given that such dynamics are in evidence far beyond the Pacific, her book deserves to become a key reference in global debates on gender and land. At the same time, the book also explores the different ways and contexts in which Solomon Island women negotiated the management of land and access to resources."

The book was launched in March 2023 at Solomon Islands National University by Vice-Chancellor Professor Transform Aqorau. Public discussions of the book have also been held in Suva and most recently in Port Vila, at the Melanesian Arts and Culture Festival.





Monographs

Wenting Cheng | China in Global Governance of Intellectual Property: Implications for Global Distributive Justice

In an era marked by China's growing influence and its expanding role on the global stage, there is heightened interest in understanding its involvement in various realms of global governance.

One crucial area that has captured significant attention is how China is engaging in the rules and regulations that govern intellectual property (IP) on a global scale.

Within this landscape, China's emergence as a key player in global IP governance has sparked both curiosity and controversy.

Now, a new book by Dr Wenting Cheng delves into China's engagement in global IP governance and the implications for distributive justice.

"This book is not about Chinese intellectual property per se, but about China's global intellectual property engagement at various levels and in concrete cases," Dr Cheng said. "This focus enables insights into global

distributive justice that are otherwise not visible."

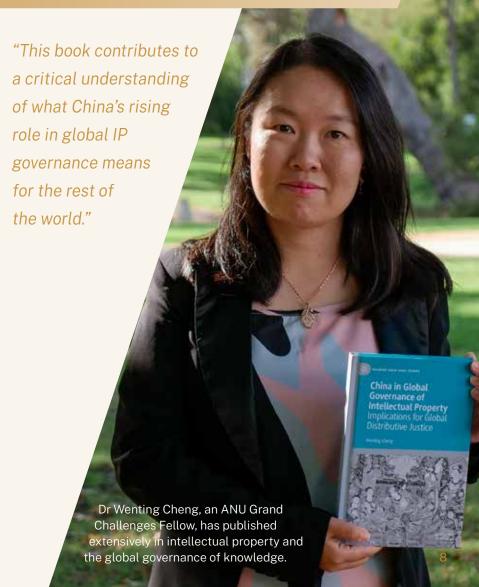
China in Global Governance of Intellectual Property: Implications for Global Distributive Justice (Palgrave Macmillan, 2023) tackles the topic through a regulation-oriented, interdisciplinary approach.

"Drawing on principles of global distributive justice nationally and internationally, this book contributes to a critical understanding of what China's rising role in global IP governance means for the rest of the world," Dr Cheng said.

A regulation-oriented, interdisciplinary approach

In her book, Dr Cheng analyses the actors, principles and strategies of China's IP engagement using an interdisciplinary approach.

She applies this approach to five underresearched case studies: geographical indications, the requirement for



disclosing sources of genetic resources in patent applications, IP and standardisation, China's bilateral IP engagement, and its multilateral IP engagement.

Dr Cheng selected these case studies because "in areas of traditional major types of intellectual property, such as patents, trademarks and copyright, global rules were settled since the Agreement on Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights (TRIPS) and there was not much room for China or any country to substantially contributed to their global governance."

Furthermore, these cases provide an opportunity to discuss the actors involved in China's international IP engagement.

"The book also discusses principles that guide or constrain China's engagement, and the strategies that are used to manage sometimes contesting principles," Dr Cheng said.

Originally trained in IP law, Dr Cheng found this selection of case studies "opened a new horizon" for her to "understand the interaction between IP and other areas of law," as well as the "controversy around the entitlement-based framing of IP."

She hopes that IP scholars also find the case studies "complement their focus on patent and copyright issues," while researchers "interested in global governance find the analytical framework helpful for their research design."

Drawing a strategic focus

In her book, Dr Cheng identifies two groups of strategies that China engages in global IP governance: forum and agenda-related strategies, and principle-related strategies.

Forum and agenda-related strategies deal with questions of where and how China advances its IP agenda within the complex web of international institutions.

These strategies include multi-forum engagement, dissembling, and cohesive responsive engagement.

"On the other hand, principle-related strategies are those that aim to achieve a certain principle or manage contesting principles," Dr Cheng said.

This includes modelling and balancing, which has allowed China to align its domestic IP laws with international standards, meet its treaty obligations and establish transnational networks.

Implications for global IP governance

The case studies in this book reveal several major implications of China's engagement in global IP governance.

In terms of IP standards, Dr Cheng said the strategy of modelling has meant the "Chinese IP system has moved closer to the US or EU systems than might have been expected, most prominently in the area of IP enforcement."

However, when it comes to geographical indications, China also faced a "compliance dilemma" by accepting potentially conflicting standards in agreements with the EU and the US.

In the case of disclosure obligation, China has made moves to enhance global distributive justice by supporting the amendment to the TRIPS article 29bis.

Although Dr Cheng said China's resistance to high IP enforcement standards is diminishing, which could be "detrimental to global distributive justice from a cosmopolitan perspective." Additionally, China has refrained from imposing its high IP protection standards on other countries in its own free trade agreements with developing countries.

"However, this is more an outcome of managing contesting principles than deliberately following non-imposition as moral guidance," Dr Cheng said.

Scholarly insights

China in Global Governance of
Intellectual Property: Implications for
Global Distributive Justice is based
on Dr Cheng's PhD thesis, which
she undertook at the ANU School of
Regulation and Global Governance from
2014 to 2018, supervised by Professor
Peter Drahos and Professor Susan Sell.

Her thesis focused on whether China's large-scale deployment of IP in various markets would make it a global IP regulatory power.

"Changing circumstances after my thesis submission and reflection on the disruptive impact of the COVID-19 global pandemic and climate catastrophes have stimulated the rethinking of IP from its beginning and the fundamentals." she said.

Dr Cheng said this is because global governance, in its current form, cannot adequately respond to existential threats. "In this context, there are deeper questions about the role that China plays in global governance," she said.

"In particular, what China has delivered through its participation in global governance, and how China's involvement helps address the common challenges that global governance requires, are needed in the first place."

Therefore, Dr Cheng's book focuses on the concept of engagement to "facilitate a more nuanced understanding of the role that China plays in global IP governance than the dichotomy of rule-taker or rule-maker."

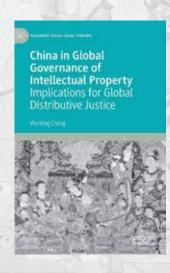
In her book revision, Dr Cheng takes a step back to situate IP in its social and historical context and further distil broader implications of China's global IP engagement based on paradigms of distributive justice.

Professor Keith Maskus (University of Colorado) said the book is "fascinating and highly original" and "scholars of global IPR governance will learn a great deal by reading this volume."

Dr Carlos Correa, Executive Director of the South Centre, also commented that

"scholars, policy makers and all those interested in better understanding the dynamics in the second largest world economy and its role in global IP governance will benefit from reading this well-researched contribution."

In addition, an anonymous reviewer said: "This is a much-needed contribution in the fields of international law, international political economy, and international organisations."



Monographs

Jolyon Ford | Human Rights and Populism

As we mark the 75th anniversary of the 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the world is grappling with the question: have the ideals enshrined in this landmark document lost their lustre?

Forged in the crucible of the Second World War, the declaration provided both priority and legitimacy to legal-political claims framed as 'human rights'. This saw human rights appear to transcend the realm of politics, offering a guiding light for nations recovering from the horrors of war.

Whether they still hold that same power and influence today is another debate that Professor Jolyon Ford SFHEA provides rich scholarly contributions to through his new book, *Human Rights and Populism* (Routledge, 2023).

The rise of populist politics

Professor Ford raises profound questions in his book about the future of human rights as "a language with power" and "activity with societal impact" in an era marked by populist politics.

"The context is the rise of populist politicking in electoral democracies, which can dismiss human rights as illegitimate, even foreign, constraints on 'the people's will," he said.

The book fundamentally explores how populist politics have influenced the perception and framing of human rights issues.

"Some hallmarks of populism are anti-elitism, anti-pluralism, and the desire to remove legal-constitutional constraints on the 'Great Leader' who channels the real people's will directly," said Professor Ford, whose



cross-disciplinary research interests are grounded in regulatory theory with a strong public policy orientation.

"The human rights movement (and constitutional politics generally) has sadly been really ineffective at countering the populists' tendency to dismiss rights as elitist and out-of-touch ('latte-drinking Amal Clooney representing the indefensible cleric preaching murder on British streets'), as unresponsive ('preaching migrant rights without acknowledging legitimate fears about controls on immigration') and as undue, external constraints on national sovereignty and destiny."

Rather than portraying the human rights movement as a 'passive victim' of populist forces, Professor Ford asks the question: how did the movement do this to itself?

"We need to ask whether the movement itself, aligned with prevailing models of liberalism, contributed to some of the conditions for authoritarian-idealising populism to gain traction," he said.

"How did 'universal rights for all' become so easily dismissed as narrow, legalistic claims by lefty elites favouring undeserving immigrant minorities?" "Channelling scholars like Samuel Moyn (Professor of Law and History at Yale University), did we rely too heavily on courts and legal strategies rather than the hard everyday politics of persuasion and legitimation?"

Reconnecting with the 'people's will'

By asking these types of questions, Professor Ford hypothesises that the human rights movement may have lost touch with the concerns of ordinary people.

"The book asks whether, in focusing as the human rights project does on civil and political rights (post-9/11 especially), we might have lost contact with the valid socio-economic insecurities of large parts of the population," he said.

"For them, a human rights frame might sound hollow in the aftermath of neo-liberalism and some of the fallout of the alliance between liberal democracy and market capitalism."

Reflecting on his research process,

Professor Ford explained how *Human Rights and Populism* is a "shorter-form book" that "engages with academic scholarship but is not necessarily trying to be a 'weighty tome' on the philosophical or jurisprudential nature of rights."

"The research process was not rushed but I really did want the book out before 2024 (US presidential elections especially), so I chose a publisher who was responsive and 'got' that timeframe," he said.



Inspiration for the book came to Professor Ford from a myriad of global events and movements that have left an indelible mark on our times.

"Trump, Brexit, authoritarian legalism in Poland, Hungary, and elsewhere, Modi's populist-nationalist India, Erdogan's Turkey, even Morrison's Australia," he said.

More specifically, Professor Ford was motivated by his experiences living in Oxford during the lead-up to the Brexit referendum.

"I was alarmed by how shocked my north Oxford intellectual friends were when most Brits voted to leave the EU," he said.

"To me it seemed quite obvious why some of the pro-leave messaging (especially around migration, and the European Court of Human Rights) would have appreciable traction. It also seemed obvious that the 'pro-EU' camp used human rights arguments as if they were a debate-ending ace card, not trying to articulate good reasons plainly and in an accessible way."

ARC-funded research

Human Rights and Populism draws from a wider research project led by Professor Ford, Professor Jeremy Farrall, and Associate Professor Imogen Saunders.

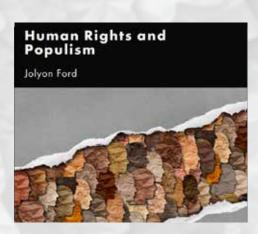
The project, Reconceiving Engagement with International Law in a Populist Era, is funded as part of the Australian Research Council (ARC) Discovery Projects scheme.

Professor Ford explained how this project takes a broader look at "populist backlash beyond human rights: against the World Trade Organization (WTO) and free trade ideas, against the World Health Organization (WHO) and so on."

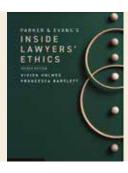
"The common question is how to increase the transparency, responsiveness, legitimacy of international or supra-national legal governance," he said. "How do we make the international order more responsive to national-level concerns, while upholding the values and goals of the UN Charter?"

As for his book, Professor Ford hopes that it provides those in the human rights movement with an opportunity for reflection.

"In particular, humility in seeing that the value and universality of the human rights project is not always self-evident in our wider societies," he said.



Other publications



Embedding ethics of legal practice for law students

Professor Vivien Holmes SEHEA co-authored a textbook with Associate Professor Francesca Bartlett (University of Queensland) that navigates the ethical terrain of today's legal landscape. The fourth edition of Parker & Evans's Inside Legal Ethics (Cambridge University Press, 2023) provides readers with a roadmap to ethical decision-making in legal practice in Australia.



Access to justice in rural communities: Global perspectives

Associate Professor
Faith Gordon FHEA
FRSA co-edited Access
to justice in rural
communities: Global
perspectives (Bloomsbury,
2023), offering insight
into access to justice
from rural areas
in internationally
comparable contexts to
highlight the diversity
of experiences within,
and across, rural
areas globally.



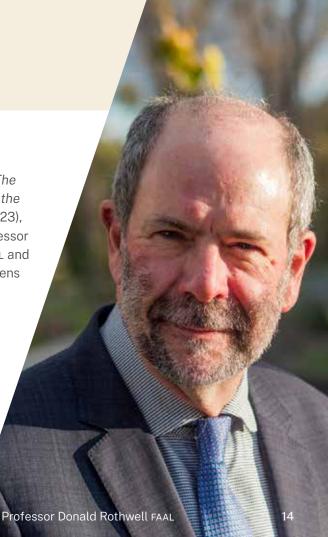
Delegated Legislation in Australia; Interpretation Acts in Australia

Emeritus Professor Dennis
Pearce AO FAAL published
two new books in 2023.
He was the sole author
of the second edition of
Interpretation Acts in
Australia (LexisNexis,
2022), which contains
more than 300 new case
references, in addition
to the sixth edition of
Delegated Legislation
in Australia (LexisNexis,
2023), co-authored with
Stephen Argument.

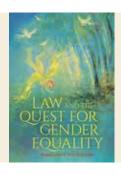


The International Law of the Sea

The third edition of *The International Law of the Sea* (Bloomsbury, 2023), co-authored by Professor Donald Rothwell FAAL and Professor Tim Stephens FAAL (Sydney Law School), provides a comprehensive assessment of the foundational principles and contemporary issues in the law of the sea.



Other publications



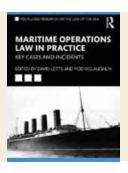
Law and the Quest for Gender Equality

Emerita Professor Margaret Thornton FAAL FASSA published a collection. Law and the Ouest for Gender Equality (ANU Press, 2023). This collection of essays shows how maternal and caring roles, which are still largely viewed as belonging to an unregulated private sphere, continue to be invoked to detract from the authority of the feminine in the public sphere.



'The rule of law, standards of review and the separation of powers'

Associate Professor Esmé Shirlow authored a book chapter, 'The rule of law, standards of review, and the separation of powers', that was published in *Investment* Protection Standards and the Rule of Law (Oxford University Press, 2023).



Maritime Operations Law in Practice

Honorary Associate Professor David Letts AM сsм and Honorary Professor Robert McLaughlin published an edited collection. Maritime Operations Law in Practice: Key Cases and Incidents (Routledge, 2023). Covering sovereignty and vessel status, jurisdiction and interdiction, freedom of navigation, maritime law enforcement and security, and the law of naval warfare. this brings together the most famous and influential cases and incidents at sea.



Administrative Law

Associate Professor Stephen Thomson coauthored Administrative Law (second reissue). which features in The Laws of Scotland: The Stair Memorial Encyclopaedia (The Law Society of Scotland/ LexisNexis. 2023). Stair is regarded as the authoritative reference work on

Scots law.



Other publications



'Reflections on the role of deference in international arbitration'

Associate Professor Esmé Shirlow authored a book chapter, 'Theoretical Reflections on the Role of Deference in International Arbitration', published in the edited collection. Deference in International Commercial Arbitration: The Shared System of Control in International Commercial Arbitration (Wolters Kluwer, 2023).



'What is the law school for in a postpandemic world?'

Emerita Professor Margaret Thornton FASSA FAAL authored a book chapter, 'What is the law school for in a post-pandemic world', which was published in What is Legal Education For? Re-assessing the Purposes of Early Twenty-First Century Learning and Law Schools (Routledge, 2022).



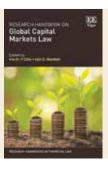
'The "crowd-out effect" of GI provisions in EU FTAs'

Dr Wenting Cheng authored a book chapter. 'The 'crowd-out effect' of GI provisions in EU FTAs: Cheeses exported to South Korea' in The European Union and the **Evolving Architectures of** International Economic Agreements (Springer. 2023).



'Class actions: Insights from regulatory and institutional theory'

Emeritus Professor Peta Spender FAAL authored a book chapter, 'Class Actions: Insights from Regulatory and Institutional Theory'. The chapter was published in The Australian Class Action: A 30 Year Perspective (The Federation Press. 2023).



A critical review of the development of capital markets in India

Associate Professor Akshaya Kamalnath authored a book chapter. 'A critical review of the development of capital markets in India', published in the edited collection. Research Handbook on Global Capital Markets Law (Edward Elgar, 2023).

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Professor Asmi Wood | Australian Research Council (ARC) Centre of Excellence for Indigenous Futures

This ARC-funded research grant aims to establish the ARC Centre of Excellence for Indigenous Futures.

The Centre of Excellence aims to transform the lives of Indigenous Australians through innovative Indigenous-led research focusing on inequality as the most critical and enduring social, cultural and economic challenge.

Conceptually guided by Indigenous survivance and a fundamental desire for self-determination, Indigenous knowledges between five partner institutions in Australia, the United States, New Zealand and Canada.



Associate Professor Emma Aisbett
Public Embedded Emissions Accounting Framework Design

The proposed project will help establish a global knowledge base on best-practice public embedded emissions accounting frameworks (EEFs) for products. It will provide research to support the Australian Department of Climate Change, Energy, Environment and Water (DCCEEW) in its development and expansion of Guarantee of Origin (GO) systems for tradable products beyond hydrogen.

ADB AEIR 2023 Background Paper Embedded Emissions Accounting (Asian Development Bank)

This study aims to discuss the need for a unified framework on embedded emissions accounting, identify policy gaps and challenges, and explore international cooperation for a coordinated approach.

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\$36,633



Dr Susan Bartie | A Socio-Legal History of Australia's Environmental Lawyers

This historical study of 50 years of Australian environmental lawyering (1970–2020) aims to develop and preserve an unprecedented data set of environmental lawyers over multiple generations. It can inform environmental advocacy, governance, and environmental protectionas well as building capacity in Australian socio-legal historical research.



Professor Jeremy Farrall

Shaping International Law in Global Transformations: Australian Experiences

This project aims to examine how Australia influences the development of international law in times of global transformation and proposes to develop a new analytical framework to understand how and why Australia has succeeded (or failed) in shaping the development of international law in four key periods of global transformation.



Associate Professor Faith Gordon FRSA FHEA

New Possibilities: Student Climate Action and Democratic Renewal

Vibrant democracies require generational renewal as norms, values and cultures evolve. This project is a systematic study of Australian students in the climate change movement. Examining who the students are, why they participate, how they organise, how they represent themselves and are represented by others in social and mainstream media, the project ethically advances ways of co-researching students' civic and political participation in offline and online settings. Expected outcomes include improved capacity for investigating student political action,

new knowledge of the motivations, norms and practices that characterise student climate politics and concepts and tools for democratic renewal through engagement with young people.

ANU Hansen Scandinavian Friendship Research Grant 2023

This will fund a collaboration with academics at the University of Bergen. Topic: The rights of the youngest children in Australia's youth justice systems—learning from countries that have raised the minimum age of criminal responsibility.



Associate Professor Kate Ogg | Mobilising Litigation to Effect Legal, Policy and Social Change

The DECRA project aims to understand the role movement litigation plays in Australia, create a model for global scholarship, and complete the first in-depth international and comparative study of refugee rights movement litigation.



Benchmarking the state of Digital Technologies, IT education and teaching in Australia

The focus of this research project is to provide relevant, current information to government to inform educational strategy, public policy and government funding to ensure ICT education in Australian schools make a significant contribution to the supply of domestic talent for the future ICT workforce.

Quad Cyber Security Partnership Project

ANU will consult experts to produce and promote a set of recommendations for how the Quad Cybersecurity Partnership can engage more actively and continuously on the topic of responsible state behaviour in cyberspace with the multistakeholder community.

Scholar spotlights

DR SUSAN BARTIE

Dr Susan Bartie is a legal historian who is currently developing a 50-year (1970–2020) socio-legal history of Australia's environmental lawyers (academic and practising), with the aim of creating new resources to benefit the environment and the community.

This research project was given a boost in 2021 when she was awarded Discovery Early Career Researcher Award (DECRA) funding to the amount of \$451,711 by the Australian Research Council. The project builds on her prior studies of the discipline of law, and is part of her broader academic agenda to strengthen the empirical dimensions of law and better integrate them into mainstream legal studies and cognate disciplines.

One of the primary motivations for her research derives from her curiosity about law as a discipline. This led her to the impressive work of scholars such as Professors David Sugarman, Laura Kalman, W. Wesley Pue, Robert W. Gordon, Fiona Cownie, Susan Carle and John Henry Schlegel. The questions they asked about law and legal culture, and the breadth and depth of their research, were both "incredibly important as well as fascinating," she recalled.

Since joining the ANU College of Law in 2023, Dr Bartie notes she has benefited from its "international scholarly community" that includes "supportive and

brilliant academics, several of whom I have admired for years". Other publishing highlights include the collection American Legal Education Abroad — Critical Histories (New York University Press, 2021), which she co-edited with David Sandomierski (University of Western Ontario). and Free Hands and Minds — Pioneering Australian Legal Scholars (Hart Publishing, 2019), a monograph examining the ideas and endeavours of three pioneering Australian legal scholars: Peter Brett, Alice Erh-Soon Tay and Geoffrey Sawer, the first Professor of Law at ANU. Beyond her DECRA project, Dr Bartie aspires to demonstrate the transformative potential of 'group life writing' in generating novel insights into Australian law and legal culture. This innovative approach, which prioritises lived experiences and collective narratives, holds the promise to reshape the way we perceive and analyse the legal landscape. In her own words, she hopes to inspire a wave of similar scholarship, unearthing the hidden stories that have long shaped the legal world we inhabit today.

Scholar spotlights

Dr Hina Aslam joined the ANU College of Law in December 2022 as the Andre Hoffmann Fellow on Circular Economy Policy with the World Economic Forum. During her fellowship, she is focusing on researching key regulatory challenges and corresponding opportunities for 4IR circular solutions.

Dr Hina's educational background includes environmental management, with a doctorate in ecology from the University of Chinese Academy of Sciences, Beijing, and a master's in environmental engineering and sciences from Beijing Institute of Technology, China.

Her research and management experience spans several regions, including South Asia, the Asia Pacific and West Asia. She has led, managed and delivered research-based programs in the field of environment and climate change policy, renewable energy policy, governance, technology, climate finance, sustainable development goals, e-waste management, natural resource management, sustainability assessments. She has led multiple research projects led policy programs and projects in the field of energy, environment, and climate change, and worked at reputable organisations. She carries a strong understanding of regulation related to circular economy, supplier responsibility, waste management, raw materials classification, and/or cross-border value chains, including trade and investment law, with the knowledge of or demonstrated potential to understand emerging technologies of relevance to circular economy.

Dr Hina's work at the ANU College of Law explores the regulatory and market initiatives on certification and standards (both public

and market certification schemes) for hard-to-abate industrial products such as iron, steel, aluminium and cement, which rely on embedded emissions accounting. Her particular focus is on the assessment of the prevalence and relevance of circularity and co-products in novel and traditional production these products and identifying enablers and barriers to utilisation of embedded emissions accounting where circularity (including recycling) and co-products are important. The work recognises the role of embedded emissions accounting frameworks in incentivising circularity and reducing embedded emissions to help to de-risk decarbonisation of heavy industries and facilitate net-zero transition. Dr Hina's collaboration with the World Economic Forum enables her to engage with key stakeholders and forum partners, including leaders from the private sector, governments, international organisations, civil society and faculty from diverse academic disciplines. She has been working towards delivering specific action-oriented outcomes through her research and engagement through workshops and conferences, and facilitating collaborations among the forum, ANU and all relevant stakeholders.

Scholar spotlights

DR RUOYING CHEN

Dr Ruoying Chen, with a distinguished background in both academia and legal practice, brings a wealth of experience to the field of regulatory law. Over the past decade, she has been an integral part of Peking University Law School, where her focus on environmental, financial and other regulatory matters in collaboration with Chinese regulators has been noteworthy. Prior to academia, her stint as a transactional lawyer in Hong Kong and Mainland China's capital market fuelled a passion for applying regulatory theories to address challenges arising from market development, crucial for societal wellbeing.

Inspired by the intellectual and collegial environment of law schools in Chicago and Beijing, Dr Chen has embraced a career driven by curiosity, creativity, diligence and a strong can-do attitude — qualities mirrored in key market players. Balancing short- and long-term goals, she aims to apply lessons from financial market regulation to environmental markets, particularly in the context of tackling climate change. Additionally, her commitment extends to nurturing the growth of students, colleagues and her own family.

Among the highlights of her career, Dr Chen played a pivotal role in organising annual seminars at UChicago Law School, bringing legal and social science academics from emerging markets for knowledge exchange. Recently, she joined ANU to broaden her teaching and research horizons in a more global context. Currently, in collaboration with colleagues, Dr Chen is working on transferring the research strength and global experiences of her fellow faculty members to enhance the LLB/JD programs, addressing emerging challenges both within and outside of Australia.

DR JASON CHIN

Dr Jason Chin is a senior lecturer at the ANU College of Law whose research explores the intersection of science and law. His multifaceted background, encompassing a PhD in social psychology, a Juris Doctor and experience as a litigating lawyer, equips him with a unique lens through which to examine the legal system's reliance on scientific evidence.

Dr Chin's research examines expert testimony and law reform, with a keen focus on how the legal system incorporates findings from psychology, forensics, criminology and empirical legal research. This pursuit extends beyond mere

analysis, with Dr Chin actively seeking to improve the relationship between science and law through his multidisciplinary scholarship.

His passion for this field stems from a personal encounter with the shortcomings he now strives to rectify. As a young researcher, his inability to replicate his supervisor's key finding (the verbal overshadowing effect) parked his scientific career and propelled him towards law. It was in this field that he witnessed firsthand the detrimental impact of unreliable scientific evidence on legal proceedings, furthering his resolve to bridge the gap between science and law.

His current research explores how expert witnesses conduct literature reviews, with an aim of building this out into a project that produces 'living' reviews of commonly litigated areas of science to improve the accuracy and efficiency of the legal system.

Dr Chin is also actively involved in dissecting the practices of expert witnesses in conducting literature reviews, aiming to expose potential biases and inaccuracies that can undermine legal proceedings. Additionally, he is collaborating with a psychologist to modernise evidence rules surrounding eyewitness identifications, a notoriously unreliable form of evidence that has contributed to wrongful convictions.

Research articles



ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

Citizenship of children and young people in focus

Associate Professor Faith Gordon FHEA FRSA co-authored an article, 'Children and young people contesting citizenship', published in The Handbook of Children and Youth Studies.

Bringing legal knowledge to the public

Dr Clement Chen co-authored an article, 'Bringing legal knowledge to the public by constructing a legal question bank using large-scale pre-trained language model', published in *Artificial Intelligence and Law*.

Comparative perspectives of open justice

Honorary lecturer Kieran Pender examined Australian, British and Canadian perspectives on open justice as a constitutional value in his paper, 'Open Justice, Closed Courts and the Constitution: Australian and Comparative Perspectives', published in the *University of Queensland Law Journal*.

Insights on chief justices

Associate Professor Heather Roberts SFHEA co-authored an article with Professor Gabrielle Appleby (UNSW), 'Studying judges: The role of the Chief Justice, and other institutional actors', that explores the role of the Chief Justice and other institutional actors. The article is published in the *Oñati Socio-Legal Series*.

Law, public Institutions and society under threat of extinction

Dr Dominique Dalla-Pozza and Dr Tamsin Phillipa Paige (Deakin University) coauthored an article that uses *Battlestar Galactica* as a conceptual lens to explore how society might respond in circumstances of sudden collapse. The article was published on Opinio Juris as part of its Third Annual Symposium on Pop Culture and International Law.



Green investment principles

Dr Wenting Cheng authored a paper, 'The green investment principles: From a nodal governance perspective', published in *International Environmental Agreements:* Politics, Law and Economics.

Terms for the new millennium

Associate Professor Emma Aisbett submitted four definitions to the Dictionary of ecological economics: Terms for the new millennium (Edward Elgar Publishing, 2023). Dr Aisbett contributed to definitions on green protectionism, green industrial policy, green trade policy, and trade-related climate policy.

Response to Professor Chubb's statement on carbon farming

Professor Andrew Macintosh, Professor Don Butler, Marie Waschka, Associate Professor Dean Ansell (ANU College of Law), Dr Pablo Larraondo (ANU College of Science) and Dr Megan Evans (UNSW) co-authored a paper in response to a statement on carbon farming by Professor Ian Chubb, former Chair of the Independent Review of Australian Carbon Credit Units.

Impacts of EU-US geographical indications contestations

Dr Wenting Cheng authored an article, 'Chinese GI Schizophrenia: Impacts of EU–US GI Contestations', published in the Asian Journal of Comparative Law.

Papers debunk Clean Energy Regulator's HIR claims

Professors Andrew Macintosh and Don Butler co-authored several papers challenging Clean Energy Regulator claims that humaninduced regeneration projects for native forests are increasing, while also presenting summary results of the integrity risk.

Towards a regulatory instrument for the green economy

Dr Wenting Cheng authored an article, 'Towards a Regulatory Instrument for the Green Economy: Green Trade Marks and Associated Challenges', published in the European Intellectual Property Review.

Setting 'green' boundaries for Chinese green finance

Dr Wenting Cheng co-authored an article with Dr Kai Zhang (ANU College of Asia and the Pacific), 'Setting "green" boundaries for Chinese green finance:
Multi-level governance and regulatory stringency'. Published in Environmental Policy and Governance, the article focuses on the scope of eligible 'green' projects to be supported by Chinese environmental finance.

Chasing mutual gains in the energy transition

Associate Professor Emma Aisbett coauthored an article published in *Energy Research and Social Science*, which identifies and defines International Green Economy Collaborations as a new element at the intersection of the international economic and climate regimes.

Embedded emissions accounting frameworks and circularity

Dr Hina Aslam and Associate Professor Emma Aisbett coauthored an article for the World Economic Forum explaining why embedded emissions accounting is key to unleashing the power of circularity.





'Voice' versus rights

Associate Professor Ron Levy co-authored a paper with Associate Professor Gabrielle Appleby (UNSW) and ANU alumna Helen Whalan (BActSt, LLB (Hons) '20), for the University of New South Wales Law Journal.

Understanding 'biomythography'

PhD candidate Sarouche Razi had his first sole-authored research article published in Law and Literature. Sarouche's article draws on his experience as counsel representing families in a coronial inquest that looked at Aboriginal youth deaths in the Kimberley region of Western Australia.

The Voice to Parliament

Professor Asmi Wood wrote a special feature for the Australian Lawyers Alliance Precedent publication entitled, 'An Indigenous Voice to Parliament: A Modest Concession'.



INTERNATIONAL LAW

Racial capitalism and international law: An interview with Dr Tzouvala

Associate Professor Ntina
Tzouvala shared her insights with
Völkerrechtsblog, an academic blog
on international public law, about
capitalism, racism and the ongoing
impact of 'civilisation'.

Important insights on Chinese HAB

Professor Donald Rothwell FAAL wrote an essay for the 'ANU Centre for International and Public Law Conversations' series on how the Chinese high-altitude balloon (HAB) tested the limits of international law.

Cutting-edge issues in international dispute resolution

The Proceedings of the American Society of International Law Annual Meeting journal published a presentation Associate Professor Esmé Shirlow delivered on the findings of a policy paper she developed in collaboration with the International Institute for Sustainable Development.

International investment law and repressive state power

Associate Professor Ntina Tzouvala co-authored an article published by *Investment Treaty News*. The article provided a case for rethinking the relationship between international investment law and repressive state power.

Climate change, small island states and the law of the sea

Professor Donald Rothwell FAAL wrote an article for The American Society of International Law's *Insights* publication on the Commission of Small States request for an International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea Advisory Opinion on Climate Change.

Teaching international investment arbitration: Global perspectives

Associate Professor Esmé Shirlow wrote a blog post for a series on teaching international investment law and arbitration by Kluwer Arbitration Blog.

Can war funders and profiteers be responsible for crimes in Ukraine?

Dr Anton Moiseienko wrote an article for the Royal United Services Institute arguing that for future war crimes trials in Ukraine to succeed, it is essential to give thought to how they can address the responsibility of war funders and profiteers.

The 'unwilling or unable' doctrine

Associate Professor Ntina Tzouvala published an article in the *Humanity* journal examining the forms of political economy and statehood implicit in the 'unwilling or unable' doctrine.

Legal theory in the lowercase

Associate Professor Ntina Tzouvala wrote a blog post for the Law and Political Economy Project, entitled 'Legal theory in the lowercase'.

Thinking through forms

Associate Professor Ntina Tzouvala wrote a blog for the Progress in Political Economy, entitled 'War, law, political economy: Thinking through forms'.

US-Mexico-Canada free trade agreement

Associate Professor Esmé Shirlow authored a blog post on Kluwer Arbitration Blog on the United States– Mexico–Canada free trade agreement.

A Pacific union: Australia-Tuvalu deal goes well beyond climate

Professor Donald Rothwell FAAL authored an article for The Interpreter explaining how the 'Falepili Union' has implications for AUKUS, legal proceedings, as well as the potential resettlement of climate refugees.

Sovereign Rights and Maritime Spaces in the Caribbean Sea

Professor Donald Rothwell FAAL authored an article for Ocean Development and International Law on 'Alleged Violations of Sovereign Rights and Maritime Spaces in the Caribbean Sea: Implications for the Customary International Law of the Sea'.



LAW AND FINANCE

Thoughts on the Shvidler decision

Dr Anton Moiseienko wrote a blog post sharing his observations on the English High Court's decision to reject the effort by Eugene Shvidler to have the sanctions on him declared unlawful.

Monetary financing at the Bank of England, Federal Reserve and ECB

Associate Professor Will Bateman coauthored an article published in *Review* of *International Political Economy*, which analyses the operational practices of the Bank of England, the Federal Reserve and the European Central Bank from the 20th onwards to argue that monetary finance should be understood as a conventional and legitimate part of central banks' core functions.

Legal? The Freezing of the Russian Central Bank's Assets

Is the freezing of Russian central bank assets lawful under international law? Dr Anton Moiseienko addressed this intriguing question in an article for the European Journal of International Law (EJIL) as part of its Legal/Illegal rubric.

Corruption-related sanctions and Tigers Realm case

Dr Anton Moiseienko published an op-ed in EU Observer on his new research study, which explores what happened to the 20 individuals subjected to the first corruption-related sanctions under the *Global Magnitsky Act 2016* in the United States.

LAW AND GENDER

PhD candidate Sarouche Razi
wrote an article for ANU Reporter
about the graphic novel he created
with Dr Anne Macduff and Kirsten
Hoffman (JD '22). 'Once upon a time in
Australia: Conversations about how our
MeToo movement exposed the troubles
with truth in law', aims to open
up conversations about the
tensions between law and truth
and supports us to imagine other
possibilities for justice.

LAW AND RELIGION

Equitable undue influence and religion

Professor Pauline Ridge SFHEA authored a journal article, 'Equitable Undue Influence and Religion', published in the Law Quarterly Review. The article evaluates the application of the undue influence doctrine to gifts made within a relationship of spiritual influence using the dual perspectives of freedom of religion law and doctrinal interpretative theory.



EVIDENCE LAW

The prejudices of expert evidence

Dr Jason Chin co-authored an article. 'The Prejudices of Expert Evidence', published in the Monash University Law Review.

MetaRO: A new form of scholarly publishing and peer review for STS

Dr Jason Chin co-authored an article for EASST Review, which aims to innovate scholarly communication in science and technology studies.

Visual decision aids: Improving laypeople's understanding of forensic science evidence

Dr Jason Chin co-authored an article for the Journal of Applied Research in Memory and Cognition. The article outlines research findings that demonstrate that visual decision aids may indeed improve understanding of forensic science evidence.



Small boats and the **UK Government**

Honorary Associate Professor Liz Curran wrote an article for The Law Society Gazette, entitled 'Small boats plan: How the government is breaking the law'.



PUBLIC LAW

What we talk about when we talk about the constitution

Professor Desmond Manderson FAAL FASSA FRSC wrote a piece for the Frontiers of Socio-Legal Studies blog on the constitutional significance of the referendum on the Voice to Parliament.



PRIVATE LAW

Filial piety across legal systems

Dr Alvin Hoi-Chun Hung wrote an article published in the *Asian Journal of Comparative Law*, entitled 'Filial Piety across Legal Systems: Analysing the Influence of Traditional Chinese Legal Culture of Property in Hong Kong, Taiwan, and China'. Dr Hung's article examines the impact of traditional Chinese property law culture on modern China, Hong Kong, and Taiwan.

Legal and market initiatives to increase diversity in corporations

Associate Professor Akshaya
Kamalnath published an article in the
Seattle University Law Review, which
critically examines various legal and
market initiatives to increase diversity
in corporations, with the aim of
assessing their effectiveness.

Myanmar's land laws and foreign direct investment

Dr Alvin Hoi-Chun Hung wrote a blog post for the London School of Economics Southeast Asia blog about Myanmar's land laws and foreign direct investment.

Worker control within a Chinese garment factory in Myanmar

Dr Alvin Hoi-Chun Hung published an article in *Work, Employment and Society,* uncovering the intricate dynamics of worker control within a Chinese garment factory in Myanmar. The article highlights how crosscultural intermediaries hindered open communication by identifying and suppressing the expression of worker grievances.

Evaluating new technologies' impact on corporate insolvency law

Associate Professor Akshaya
Kamalnath authored an article,
'The future of corporate insolvency
law: A review of technology
and Al-powered changes', for
the International Insolvency Review
journal. The article assesses how
artificial intelligence, and technology
more broadly, has begun to transform,
and will continue to transform,
corporate insolvency law.

Submissions

Human rights implications of recent violence in Iran

Dr Anton Moiseienko was cited in a Senate report on human rights implications of violence in Iran.

Independent Review of Australian Carbon Credit Units

Professor Andrew Macintosh,
Professor Don Butler, Marie Waschka,
Associate Professor Dean Ansell and
Dr Megan Evans (UNSW) submitted
two reports to the Independent
Review of Australian Carbon
Credit Units.

Australia's transition to a green energy superpower

Associate Professor Emma Aisbett appeared at the Trade and Investment Growth Committee public hearing on the inquiry into Australia's transition to a green energy superpower.

Submission to inquiry for the Voice referendum

Associate Professors Matthew Zagor and Ron Levy made a joint submission to the Inquiry into the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Voice Referendum.

Australian Antarctic Division funding

Professor Donald Rothwell FAAL made a submission to the Australian Antarctic Division funding inquiry and Senate Standing Committees on Environment and Communications.



Awards and accolades

ANU Vice Chancellor's Award for Influential Impact and Engagement

Associate Professor

Faith Gordon FRSA FHEA received the ANU Vice Chancellor's Award for Influential Impact and Engagement. Dr Gordon's citation acknowledged that she "contributed to the public discourse through their research and expertise at a national and international level".



ANU
Chancellor's
Award for
Distinguished
Contribution to
the University

Associate Professor

Ryan Goss, Head of Scholars House, was recognised for his distinguished and substantial efforts overseeing the Tuckwell Scholarship Program, transforming it from a 'start-up' phase into an embedded part of the ANU student experience.



Asian
Society of
International
Law Young
Scholar Prize

Dr Wenting Cheng was awarded

first place in the Asian Society of International Law Young Scholar Prize for her article, 'Intellectual Property and International Clean Technology Diffusion: Pathways and Prospects'. Dr Wanshu Cong was awarded third prize in this prestigious competition for her article, 'Contesting Freedom of Information: Capitalism, Development, and the Third World'.



Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia

Professor James
Stellios FAAL FASSA,
Head of the ANU Law
School, was appointed

a Fellow of the Academy of the Social Sciences in Australia (ASSA) on 9 November 2023. Professor Stellios was one of 21 Fellows elected in 2023 to the Academy, which brings together more than 700 of Australia's leading researchers and professionals across the social science disciplines. As one of Australia's foremost experts in constitutional law,

KEYNOTE/PLENARY

Associate Professor Faith Gordon FRSA FHEA

Keynote speaker for the International Conference on 'Transnational Crime Prevention and Challenges in Digital Era' in Bahasa Indonesia, and for the Law, Literature and Humanities Association of Australasia conference, hosted by the Human Technology Law Centre and QUT School of Law.



Professor Desmond Manderson FAAL FASSA FRSC

Presented the annual Socio Legal Lecture at Oxford University.

This lecture focused on the work of Australian artist Gordon Bennett and the body of work he produced which reflected on colonial law.



Associate Professor Ntina Tzouvala

Presented
'Aggression,
Capitalism, and
International Law'

as part of the Current Legal Problems lecture series at University College London.

Media engagement

7am





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THE AUSTRALIAN*



The Canberra Times



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the japan times

The Saturday Paper

The Sydney Morning Herald

The Guardian

The Role of the ILC and VCLT in International **Investment Law**

This webinar engaged present and past members of the International Law Commission (ILC) in an interactive format in understanding the development and future of international investment law and investor-state dispute settlement.

From discrimination to death: genocide process through a human rights lens

Dr Melanie O'Brien (UWA) discussed her new book From discrimination to death: genocide process through a human rights lens (Routledge, 2023).

Pacific priorities and perspectives of the law in an era of climate change Hosted by the ANU College

of Law Visitors Committee as part of the Australian Association for Pacific Studies conference, this seminar featured Dame Meg Taylor and Judge Tuiloma Neroni Slade.

Questions of national (be)

theoretical engagements

Questions of citizenship were

at the forefront of the nation's

referendum on an Indigenous

the Love-Thoms High Court

Voice to Parliament and

consciousness this year with the

decision, raising legal questions

longing - critical and

with citizenship

the author: Professor **Andrew Schwartz**

(University of Colorado) discussed his book **Investment Crowdfunding** (Oxford University Press, 2023), a comprehensive guide to a new online marketplace for entrepreneurial capital.

Conversation with

Professor Andrew Schwartz,

Drawing on his book Shared Space Under Pressure: Business Support for Civic Freedoms and Human Rights Defenders, Bennett Freeman discussed recent efforts to engage businesses to support civic freedoms and human rights defenders around the world.

in the UK, it can be harder to distinguish between populism and political constitutionalism.

Business, Civic Freedoms and

Human Rights Defenders: from

conflict to potential alignment?

The Australian Human **Rights Commission's** model for a Human **Rights Act**

President of the Human Rights Commission, Professor Rosalind Croucher, spoke about the Human Rights Act model she proposed in March 2023.

Countering foreign interference: Canada, Australia and the Five Eyes

Dr Christian Leuprecht (Queens University Canada) discussed Canadian and Australian approaches to countering foreign interference.

Dr Luca Siliquini Cinelli his paper Legal Education and Practice: A matter of knowledge or experience?

AYBIL Highlights: Quarantine Island

Visitors seminar: **Professor Alison Young** Is the UK populist? Professor Alison Young (University of Cambridge) spoke about how,

2023 AYBIL/ANZSIL Student Paper Prize recipient Rebecca Brown and a panel of experts discussed her winning paper 'Quarantine Island: Australia's Health Policy and its Construction of International Law'.





The Annual Kirby Lecture in International Law: Professor Tim McCormack FAAL

Professor Tim McCormack FAAL (University of Tasmania) presented his discussion 'The International Criminal Court and global criminal justice: are we making progress?'

Prosecuting Putin

An in-conversation on the International Criminal Court with Professor Tim McCormack and Sue Robertson.



CTOBER

Israel's constitutional

Jerusalem-based educator, critical legislative hearings

Subverting the Gaze: Law & Representation in Cinema from Latin America

New discussions on representations of law in contemporary cinema from Latin America.

Book launch: Human Rights and Populism

Professor Jolyon Ford in conversation on his new book Human Rights and Populism (Routledge, 2023).

Australia on the world stage: how the Australian Government engages in litigation before international courts and tribunals

A variety of government representatives discussed Australia's involvement in advisory opinion litigation and how it relates to Australia's foreign policy interests.

Rethinking scientific communication in courts

Forensic science, law, research synthesis, psychology, metaresearch, and criminology was the focus of this one day symposium.

Phillipa Weeks Lecture: Collective Bargaining in **Franchise Networks**

The 2023 Annual Phillipa Weeks lecture on labour law was presented by Associate Professor Tess Hardy.

Book talk: Olivera Simić

Dr Olivera Simić (Griffith University) discussed her recent book Lola's War: Rape Without Punishment (Springer, 2023).

crisis — a turning point for the region's future?

writer and rights advocate Rabbi Elhanan Miller discussed the longer-term implications for all Israelis and Palestinians from the in September.

Five pathways to justice for Ukraine

Dr Beth Van Schaack, the US Ambassador for Global Criminal Justice presented this talk hosted by the Centre for International and Public Law.

Visitors seminar: Professor Steven Vaughan

Professor Steven Vaughan (University College London) discussed the role of lawyers in exacerbating climate change for their clients.

32nd Annual Lionel Murphy Memorial Lecture: The Voice referendum

Professor Megan Davis discussed the upcoming Voice referendum in the 32nd Annual Lionel Murphy Lecture.

ANU Public Law Conference 2023: Integrity and Innovation

This year's conference examined the most pressing contemporary developments in public law including federal administrative review, Robodebt and the National Anti-Corruption Commission (NACC).

Reforms of Small Business Insolvency in Australia and India

Professor Jason Harris (USvd). Associate Professor Akshaya Kamalnath and Bernice Ellis reviewed Australia's insolvency reforms in comparison to India.

Twenty-fifth Geoffrey Sawer Lecture: The curse of the sausage

Delivered by Tom Rogers, Australian Electoral Commissioner, the annual Sawer lecture looked at laws. expectation and complexity in modern elections.





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