

FRIDAY FROLICS

Newsletter of UWS Law School

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Introduction

This fortnight there are a number of events that have been occurring connected to the School of Law

Good News: Staff Matters

Many of you will know our colleague, Thilla Rajaretnam, and that she has been studying hard for her doctorate at UWS with her supervisors Professors Carolyn and Razeen Sappideen. We have been notified that Thilla's thesis "The regulation of information privacy protection in electronic commerce in Australia" has been approved. Thilla will graduate in September 2013 – congratulations from all your colleagues at UWS.

Professor Steven Freeland was voted as 'Best Judge' (out of 67 Judges) by students from 22 countries at the Finals of the 36th Telders International Law Moot Court Competition, held at the Peace Palace, The Hague, 25-27 April 2013

Good News: Student Matters

Congratulations to graduating PhD students, supervised by Professors Donna Craig and Michael Jeffrey. The students graduated in April 2013.

Students and Thesis Topics:

Gao Qi –A Procedural Framework For Cooperative Sustainable Governance of Water Resources in the Mekong River Basin

Elizabeth Gachenga - Integrating Customary and Statutory Law Systems of water Governance for Sustainable Development: The case of the Marakwet of Kenya

Manzoor Rashid - Legal Framework for Community Participation in Governance: The Role of Co-management in the Forest Protected Areas Management of Bangladesh

Research & Scholarships

Professor Steven Freeland

Awarded Marie Curie International Incoming Fellowship (IIF) by the European Commission for 2 year period commencing 1 July 2013, hosted by iCourts Centre of Excellence for International Courts, University of Copenhagen, Denmark, and appointed as 'Marie Curie Visiting Professor' at University of Copenhagen.

Appointed by Australian Research Council (ARC) as Assessor for applications for 2013 ARC Future Fellowships

Speech (by invitation) 'Crimes against the Environment: What (future) Role for the International Criminal Court?' sponsored by the Institute of Environmental Security, The Hague, The Netherlands, 24 April 2013

Professor Michael Adams

Prof Michael Adams spoke on corporate governance issues at the CSA Corporate Governance Forum in Sydney on Wednesday 29 May 2013.

Ms Elen Seymour

Elen Seymour has accepted the invitation to speak in October at the Tax Institute's Tasmania State Conference: "Twitter for the Tax Professional: Getting started, Staying Engaged and Avoiding Disaster". The invitation came as a result of publication of Elen's article "Social Media and the tax practice" in the February edition of *Taxation in Australia*.

Publications

Ms Jennifer Ireland

Jennifer Ireland, Update of Guidecard I - 'Circuit Layouts' in *Halsbury's Laws of Australia - Intellectual Property*.

Professor Steven Freeland

Publication of 'The Moon Agreement' in Stephan Hobe, Bernhard Schmidt-Tedd and Kai-Uwe Schrogl (eds), *Cologne Commentary on Space Law, Volume II* (2013), 325-426, 2013 Carl Heymanns Verlag, Cologne (ISBN 978-3-452-27212-6) (with Stephan Hobe, Ram Jakhu, Fabio Tronchetti and Peter Stubbe)

Community Engagement

Law Week

The week on 13th May 2013 is known as Law Week and UWS School of Law was involved in two separate events at Parramatta and Campbelltown. On the Monday morning, the Parramatta Community Justice Clinic (PCJC) had a stall opposite the Parramatta Town Hall which advertised the legal services that the Macquarie Legal Centre and the PCJC provide.

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There was a steady stream of visitors asking questions and getting free mints, Law@UWS bags and PCJC brochures. Nola Bourne and a few student volunteers helped look after the stall, which was in a long row of stalls covering all sorts of legal agencies (police, A-G's, Community Law Centres, Legal Aid, Courts, Office of State Revenue, Law Society etc).

In the afternoon, the Macarthur Law Society arranged a criminal mock trial between UWS law students and solicitors of Macarthur. The event was held in the Moot Court at Campbelltown campus and over 40 people attended. This event was arranged by a UWS law alumni, Laura McGookin, President of Macarthur Regional Law Society and a lawyer with Caldwell Martin Cox solicitors.

Well done for all those involved in these Law Week events

Professor Steven Freeland

Television Sydney (TVS), digital 44, is preparing to broadcast the final episode of its new children's series, Enquiring Minds, featuring Professor Steven Freeland. The program will be broadcast on June 4 at 7.30pm. To watch the program, click [here](http://www.enquiringminds.com.au/?careers=human-rights)<http://www.enquiringminds.com.au/?careers=human-rights>.

UWS Education Expo

The Education Expo was held at Rosehill race course on Saturday 18th May and went very well with over 600 people attending the event, which covered all disciplines with the University. Dr Stephen Janes and Professor Michael Adams were assisted during the day by Grant Bailey, Francois Brun and Murray Wesson – which made a huge difference to our capacity to chat and advise. Thank you for those that were able to help on the day.

School Talks

Professor Michael Adams

Prof Michael Adams spoke to an opportunity class at Kingswood Public School on Monday 20th May on the topic of "The Australia Legal System" and they responded very positively. The school is located next to the UWS campus at Kingswood and has built up a special relationship and this is the second year the Dean has spoken to the students.

Simon Kozlina

Simon Kozlina spoke to the Year 12 Legal Studies class at Ambarvale High School on Friday, 24 May on the topic of International Law and Order. The talk covered the 'enforcement problem' in international law, issues with state sovereignty and Australia's participation in international affairs. The students demonstrated a really good understanding of issues relevant to the Legal Studies syllabus and developed some good insights in relation to such diverse law as International Humanitarian Law, the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the Refugee Convention, all of which was a testament to their motivated teacher, Ms Claire Simpson.

News from the Law Students Association

The UWSLSA are running the law cruise on the 5th of July as a social event in case any of the students were curious about the upcoming social events. We have had outstanding responses from students this year. Our early bird tickets last year sold out in the first week and we had broken even a week before the event. This year the early bird tickets sold in the first hour and our break even point hit just 4 hours after that.

The LSA would like to thank you for coming along to the recent competitions and ensuring it was a success. The judges have selected strong candidates who will go on to compete in Perth this July. They are:

ALSA Moot - Chadd Gunton, Kirstie Barfoot, Mario Amor

IHL Moot - Avinesh Kumar, Hannah Panizzutti

Witness Examination - Christopher Slan

Paper Presentation - Kritika Rampal

Negotiation - Mrinali Mehta, Mary-Ann DeMestre

Client Interview.- Michael Thai, Firas Hammoudi

We have also had positive feedback from both our communications and the law school to the law students about the new electives being offered in Spring and Summer session, with particular emphasis on the Summer session.



Professor Michael Adams
Dean of the School of Law, UWS