



FRIDAY FROLICS

Newsletter of Western Sydney University Law School

From the Dean

June 2016

Welcome to the June edition of Friday Frolics - As the winter roles in to Sydney, it is good to see a wide variety of activities across the School of Law. Next month we will be celebrating our 21st year and have our annual awards night on, as well as other key events, including the start of the Spring Semester.

Good News - Students

2016 School of Law 3 Minute Thesis Competition

The School of Law hosted their 3 Minute Thesis Competition on Wednesday 22 June in EA.G.34 at 2pm – 4pm, with Susan Armstrong as the Master of Ceremony, with Carolyn Sappideen, Scott Mann and Simon Kozlina on the judging panel.

It was an exciting event with three of our HDR students competing this year, which provided the HDR students with a wonderful opportunity to convey their thesis argument in 3 minutes.

HDR students who competed this year's 3MT Competition and their Thesis topic were:

Chattaporn Harabut 'The role of regulatory instruments to facilitate development of renewable energy in Thailand'

Munther Emad 'Revival of Customary Law in the Middle East'

Md Mahmudur Rahman 'Transformation in Development Planning Frameworks for Promotion of Sustainable Development of Agriculture in Bangladesh'

Prizes for the 3MT Competition were awarded to:

Winner – Munther Emad \$500 Research/ travel grant

Runner-up – Chattaporn Harabut \$250 Research/ travel grant

People's Choice – Mahmudur Rahman \$250 Research/travel grant

As the winner of the School of Law 3MT Competition Munther Emad, will be representing the School of Law at the 2016 Western Sydney University 3MT Finals to be held on Friday 5 August at 10:30am – 12:30pm at The Playhouse (Building D), on Kingswood campus. All staff and students are encouraged to attend the finals and support Munther.



Research

Dr Luke Beck

Dr Luke Beck presented a paper: "The Theological History of Australia's Constitutional Separation of Church and State Provision" at the International Society of Public Law Conference at Humboldt University, Berlin

Associate Professor Michael Blissenden

Presented a seminar at Curtin University Law School on Wednesday June 15th entitled 'A National Engagement and Impact Assessment of Research - Implications for the Discipline of Law'

Sue Field

Sue Field recently returned from New Orleans where she participated in the USA Law and Ageing Conference. Sue was part of the 'Meet the Author' segment discussing her chapter (which focussed on Australia) in the international text o Human Rights in Residential Care she was joined by one of the editors - Issi Doran from Haifa - and two other colleagues from USA and Canada. While overseas Sue was also invited to attend a meeting with the Ottawa Securities Commission - to discuss various aspects of her work.

Last week Sue presented her research findings at the Hammond Care International Dementia Conference in Sydney. Sue attending the International Federation on Ageing Conference in Brisbane where she presented twice on her research findings.

The success of the Cognitive Decline Partnership continues with Sue one of the Lead Investigators with a multi university \$600,000 project focussing on Supported Decision Making.

Publications

Professor Steven Freeland

Publication of book review of Frans von der Dunk (ed) *Handbook of Space Law*, (2015) *XL Annals of Air and Space Law* 983-990

Associate Professor Alpana Roy

Alpana Roy, Publication *Australian Domain Name Law* (Thomson Reuters, 2016)

Media

Sue Field

On June 15, World Elder Abuse Day Sue was interviewed by SBS television on the subject.

Sue appeared in the SMH discussing the impact of the introduction, by NSW Trustee and Guardian, of a surety bond for private Financial Managers.

Engagement

Professor Michael Adams

Presented at the Queensland Governance Forum in Brisbane on 2 June 2016.

Professor Michael Adams and Grant Bailey

The School of law took part in the GWS High Schools events for Years 10/11 called 'Western U Day' The topic was "Why Study Law?". Professor Michael Adams presented to two groups on Parramatta Campus on 31st May and Grant Bailey presented to two Groups on Kingswood Campus on 1st June.

Professor Steven Freeland

Judge (invited) in the written round of the 2016 ICC Moot Court Competition, The

Hague, The Netherlands, 22-26 May 2016

Public lecture 'Towards Conflict? Challenges to the Non-Appropriation of Outer Space', at public event 'Outer Space at Risk?', sponsored by Project Ploughshares, McGill University and The Simons Foundation, Montreal, Canada, 24 May 2016

Public talk 'A Conversation with European Astronaut Frank de Winne', presented at 4th Manfred Lachs International Conference on 'Conflicts in Space and the Rule of Law', sponsored by McGill University, The Erin J.C. Arsenault Fund and Room Space Journal, Montreal, Canada, 27 May 2016

Public lecture 'The International Regulatory Institutions for Strategic Space: 'Hard' Politics and 'Soft' Law', presented at 3rd Strategic Space Law program, sponsored by McGill University, Montreal, Canada, 30 May 2016

Public lecture 'The Wonders of International Law', presented at 3rd Strategic Space Law program, sponsored by McGill University, Montreal, Canada, 1 June 2016

Public lecture 'The Application of Environmental Law to Outer Space', presented at 3rd Strategic Space Law program, sponsored by McGill University, Montreal, Canada, 2 June 2016

Invited reviewer for the *Space Security Index 2016*, sponsored by Project Ploughshares, McGill University and The Simons Foundation, Montreal, Canada, 25-26 May 2016

Adjunct Professor David Collier

On 28 June 2016 The Hon. David Collier AM talked to a group of high school students from country areas of NSW on law and mock trials as part of the Indigenous Outreach Program.

