

## Book launch: *Damages and Human Rights*

By Dr Jason Varuhas

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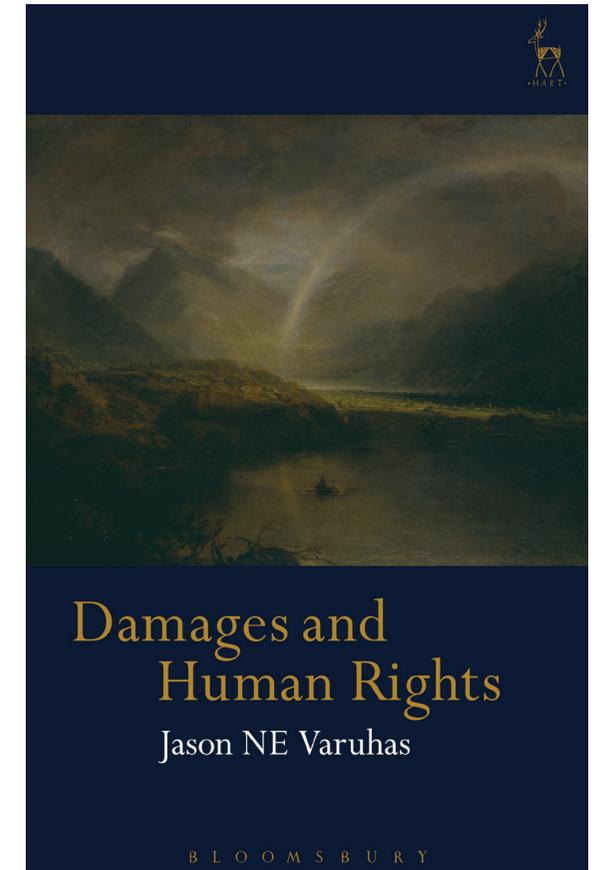
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The book will be launched by the **Hon Justice Stephen Gageler**, High Court of Australia and **Laureate Professor Cheryl Saunders**, Melbourne Law School.

**Abstract:** *Damages and Human Rights* is a major work on awards of damages for violations of basic human rights that will be of compelling interest to practitioners, judges and academics alike. The subject, lying at the intersection of public law, private law and international law, is one that has posed ongoing challenges for the highest courts in common law jurisdictions. Dr Varuhas analyses the existing law and explores the theoretical foundations of such awards, arguing for a move away from 'public law' approaches characterised by open-ended discretion and a paucity of principle, in favour of an approach based in axiomatic damages principles developed in the law of torts. Professor David Feldman, Rouse Ball Professor of English Law, University of Cambridge, in the foreword to the book, says *Damages and Human Rights* "will quickly become the standard point of reference in its field. It is a pleasure to congratulate Dr Varuhas on this sustained, intellectually powerful and practically important piece of legal scholarship, and to commend it to the many readers, in many parts of the world, where it will, I hope, stimulate new approaches to the practice and theory of the subject"



**Dr Jason N. E. Varuhas** is Associate Professor at the University of Melbourne. He is also an Associate Fellow of the Centre for Public Law at the University of Cambridge. His research and teaching interests cross the public law-private law divide; his specialisms lie in administrative law, the law of torts, the law of remedies, and the intersection of public and private law. He has published on topics in private and public law in leading international journals and edited collections, has presented at international conferences across the common law world, authored policy reports, and has several books in press. Jason's most recent books include *Damages and Human Rights* (Oxford, Hart Publishing, 2016), and *Public Law Adjudication in Common Law Systems* (Oxford, Hart Publishing, 2016), a volume of essays co-edited with colleagues at the University of Cambridge. He is a founder and co-convenor of the Public Law Conferences, a biennial series of major international conferences on public law.



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