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# A WORKPLACE RELATIONS LECTURE SERIES

This is the fourth and final lecture in a series of lectures that will take place in 2013. The series has come about through the collaborative efforts of the **Fair Work Commission** and the **Centre for Employment & Labour Relations Law** at the Melbourne Law School.

## THE FAIR WORK COMMISSION'S ROLE IN THE ENTERPRISE BARGAINING PROCESS

In this seminar, our speakers will present the findings of the first in-depth empirical study of the Fair Work Commission's role in facilitating enterprise bargaining under the provisions of Part 2-4 of the *Fair Work Act 2009*. The study, funded by the Commission, included interviews with 50 employer, union and individual bargaining representatives; and analysis of all bargaining-related cases to come before the tribunal between July 2009–June 2012. The findings provide important insights into the effectiveness of the various statutory mechanisms supporting collective bargaining (e.g. the good faith bargaining requirements). They also shed light on the effectiveness of the Commission as 'overseer' of the bargaining process.

## SPEAKERS ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR **ANTHONY FORSYTH** ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR **JOHN HOWE**

In 2011, the Fair Work Commission invited interested academics and academic institutions to submit proposals to undertake a partnership research project. The research was to advance the understanding of issues that will inform one or more areas of the reporting requirements outlined in s.653 of the *Fair Work Act 2009*. This study is a result of a very successful partnership by our speakers.

## EVENT DETAILS

**DATE** Friday 6 December 2013, 1:00pm–2.00pm (a light lunch will be available from 12:45pm)

**PLACE** Room G08 (ground floor)  
Melbourne Law School, 185 Pelham Street, Carlton 3053

**RSVP** 29 November 2013 to the [Centre for Employment & Labour Relations Law](#)



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