2000 was an important year in the life of the Centre. In mid-year I handed over the reins of managing the Centre to Tim Lindsey. Tim will be Director until our regular review determines the future of the Centre. The changeover to the new management was at my suggestion so that the blueprint for the Centre’s next five year phase can be presented to the review by those who will implement it.

After fifteen years as Director it is time for new ideas and new initiatives, as well as new energy. I remain part of the Centre and am integrally involved in its programs. I had always thought that the crucial test of my term would be to have identified a successor and under Tim’s leadership I have complete confidence that the Centre will achieve new heights.

2000 also marked the departure of Veronica Taylor, our longest serving Associate Director, who accepted a Chair at the University of Washington and the Directorship of its Asian Law Program in late 1999. To have helped in recruiting two internationally recognised leaders in the Asian Law field during my term has been of great satisfaction to me and is a great credit to the Law School. I expect the close friendship between Tim and Veronica will result in even closer links between the programs at Melbourne and Seattle. Veronica’s departure is a major loss to us, but also a major affirmation of the quality of our program.

The transition in the life of the Centre was celebrated at our 15th Anniversary Dinner on 26 October. Ninety friends from the diplomatic, business, legal and university communities, including many past members of the Centre, joined us at Ormond College for a gala dinner. The confidence in the future expressed at the dinner was evident in all our activities during the year, as the Centre continued its active role in the life of the University.

The launch of the new Australian Journal of Asian Law is the other key achievement for 2000. Established by the Centre in conjunction with the ANU Law School’s Professor M.B. Hooker and an Advisory Board of distinguished Western and Asian scholars, it consolidates scholarly initiatives of the last 15 years and provides a vehicle for their continuation into the future.

One special event of my last days as Director was to welcome back Professor Koya Matsuo, Emeritus Professor of the University of Tokyo, some thirty years after his first visit in 1969–70. As recorded in more detail later, Professor Matsuo played no small role in my career path in Japanese Law.
GOALS OF THE ASIAN LAW CENTRE

■ To promote the teaching of Asian law in Australia at both graduate and undergraduate levels and the teaching of Australian law in Asia;

■ To promote the development of Asian studies and Asian languages in other disciplines and to encourage a linkage with law studies;

■ To improve Australia’s knowledge of the laws of our region and to research the legal framework for trade and investment;

■ To develop specialised legal training programmes for Australians and Asians;

■ To promote exchanges of staff and students between the Law School and Asian universities and institutions; and

■ To support the rule of law in Asia.

Asian Law Centre Advisory Board

The current Advisory Board of the Centre reflects the range of government, private and academic interest and involvement in the activities of the Centre.

Mr Robert Cornall  
Secretary, Commonwealth Attorney-General’s Department, Canberra

Professor Michael Crommelin  
Dean, Law School, The University of Melbourne

Mr Peter Kelly  
Partner, Mallesons Stephen Jaques, representing the University of Melbourne Law School Foundation until his retirement from the Foundation

Mr David Laidlaw  
Chairman of Partners, Maddock Lonie & Chisholm

Mr Stephen Spargo  
Partner, Arthur Robinson & Hedderwicks

Mr Richard St. John  
Senior Counsel, BHP Limited, representing the University of Melbourne Law School Foundation
Asian Law Centre Members and Associates

**Professor Malcolm Smith**  
_Founding Director_

**Associate Professor Tim Lindsey**  
_Associate Director, South East Asia; Director from July 2000_

**Ms Sarah Biddulph**  
_Associate Director, China  
_On leave at Blake Dawson Waldron, Shanghai_

**Mr Sean Cooney**  
_Associate Director, Taiwan_

**Dr Pip Nicholson**  
_Associate Director, Vietnam (Doctorate awarded in 2001)\n
**Professor Veronica Taylor**  
_Associate Director, Japan (Until end 2000)\n
Veronica Taylor has been appointed to a Chair in Law at the University of Washington in Seattle, and to the Directorship of the UW Asian Law Program. This program is the oldest and best-established Asian Law program in North America, and has served as a model for more recent developments in this field in the US, Canada and Australia. She will take up these posts in January 2001.

The Melbourne Law School, and its Asian Law Centre in particular, can take pride in this acknowledgment of Veronica’s work in Japanese law and Korean law.

**ASSOCIATES**

**Professor M.B. Hooker** — _Faculty of Law, Australian National University_

**Professor Richard Mitchell** — _Centre for Employment and Labour Relations Law_

**Professor Ian Ramsay** — _Centre for Corporate Law and Securities Regulation_

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT**

**Ms Kathryn Taylor**

**RESEARCH ASSISTANTS**

**Ms Joanne Kummrow**  
**Ms Helen Pausacker**  
**Adv. Andrew Schmulow**  
**Ms Kathryn Taylor**  
**Ms Amanda Whiting**
Contributions to The University of Melbourne and The Community

Ms Sarah Biddulph
- China-Australia Chamber of Commerce (Shanghai, China)
- Editorial Committee, *Australian Journal of Asian Law*
- Law Society of NSW

Mr Sean Cooney
- Editorial Committee, *Australian Journal of Asian Law*
- Ethical Advisory Committee, Brotherhood of St. Laurence
- Board member, International Association for Labour Law and Policy
- Liaison Officer, International and Non-English Speaking Background Students
- Member of Japan/U.S./E.U. Joint Research on Labour Law

Associate Professor Tim Lindsey
- Australia-Indonesia Institute (DFAT)
- Editorial Committee, *Australian Journal of Asian Law*
- Member, MIALS Advisory Board
- Secretary, Indonesian Arts Society

Professor Malcolm Smith
- Academic Programs Committee
- Chair of Convenors, Country Forums
- International Legal Services Advisory Council
- International Programs Committee
- Member, MIALS Advisory Board
- National Korean Studies Centre
- Board, Rotary Club of Melbourne

Ms Veronica Taylor
- Founding Convenor, Korea Forum
- Member, Country Convenor's Committee
- Member, Japan Program Committee, MIALS
- Member, University Staff Selection Committees: Faculty of Arts/Melbourne Institute of Asian Languages and Societies
- Member, Baillieu Library East Asian Collection Users' Committee
- Liaison Officer, International and Non-English Speaking Background Students
- Editorial Committee, *Australian Journal of Asian Law*
- President, Japanese Studies Association of Australia
Asian Law Centre Finances

The Asian Law Centre's research activities in 2000 were funded largely from grants and the proceeds from training programmes. The Centre continues to receive administrative support from the Faculty totalling some $22,500, made up of a part-time administrative assistant and a small sum for office expenses. The Centre did not request any contributions from sponsors in 2000.

As in most years since its establishment, the main income-generating activities of the Centre have been channelled into general Faculty income streams, through degree programmes, research funding, and income from training programmes in which members of the Centre participate.

Major Activities and Events

NEW DIRECTOR

From July 2000, Professor Malcolm Smith stepped down as Director after fifteen years, to be replaced by Associate Professor Tim Lindsey.

Associate Professor Timothy Lindsey joined the Centre in 1990 and was appointed to the Law School in 1994. A graduate of the University of Melbourne Law School, Tim completed his doctoral thesis in Indonesian studies. He teaches Indonesian Law, Malaysian Law and Islamic & Traditional Customary Law. His research interests are in the areas of commercial law, insolvency law, constitutional law and human rights. He researches and teaches in Indonesian and is a member of the Board of the Australia-Indonesia Institute and a practising member of the Victorian Bar. His publications include *Indonesia: Law & Society; Indonesia: Bankruptcy, Law Reform and the Commercial Court; and Indonesia After Soeharto: Prospects for Reform.*

LAUNCH OF THE AUSTRALIAN JOURNAL OF ASIAN LAW

In January, the editors of Asian Law — Tim Lindsey and Veronica Taylor of the Asian Law Centre and M.B. Hooker of the Faculty of Law at the ANU — announced the publication of the inaugural edition of the journal.

*Asian Law* is a peer-edited and refereed journal of analysis, comment and primary material on the laws and legal cultures of Asia. It provides a common forum for ideas, debate and informed comment on current legal issues from the perspectives of those whose legal scholarship and practice are focused in ‘Asia’, broadly defined. The first issue was launched in Canberra on 8 February by Professor Stephen FitzGerald of the Australia-Asia Institute in the presence of the Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia and the Ambassadors of several of our Asian neighbours.
Professor Veronica Taylor was appointed as Director of the Asian law programme at the University of Washington, Seattle, U.S.A., from 1 January 2001.

The Asian Law Centre celebrated its 15th Anniversary in style with 90 friends at Ormond College on Thursday 26 October. Guests included the Consulate General of Japan, Mr Kagefumi Ueno; the Consulate General of the People’s Republic of China, Mr Deng Zhonghua; and the Royal Thai Consul General, Dr Simon Wallace. The Dinner was an occasion to celebrate the past 15 years and to mark the transition of directorship from Professor Malcolm Smith to Associate Professor Tim Lindsey. It also allowed us to farewell Professor Veronica Taylor.

Past and present ALC administrative assistants, Susan McKenz and Kathryn Taylor.

Former ALC administrative assistants, Pam Anderson and Zoe Edney.
Asian Law Centre Workshop

“Rethinking the Good Governance Paradigm: Corruption & Social Engineering in Indonesia & Vietnam”

The Asian Law Centre, together with the Australian Centre for International Business (ACIB) held a one-day workshop at the University of Melbourne on 27 October, 2000.

The Workshop was part of a larger ARC-funded publishing project (‘Rethinking Asian Laws’) and discussions focused on a series of invited papers from Australian, North American and Asian contributors including scholars and practitioners of law, economics, and administration. The papers will be published by Federation Press in 2001 in the ‘Rethinking Asian Laws’ series.

A round-table debate and discussion formed the basis of the Workshop, which focused on critical approaches to the good governance/anti-corruption paradigm, with particular attention to the recent experience of Indonesia and Vietnam. A live telecast of the proceedings to Indonesia was a unique feature of the Workshop.
Asian Law Centre Occasional Seminar Series

“Comparative Law Stubs its Toe on Indonesian Legal Reform — A Fairy Tale for International Donors of all Ethnocentricities”
Friday 11 August, 12.30–2.00pm
Upper East Dining Room, University House

Professor Paul Brietzke is professor at Valparaiso University Law School and President of the International Third World Legal Studies Association. An international authority on third world legal issues, he has just completed a term as legal advisor to the Indonesian Ministry of Law and Legislation, where he was involved in the drafting and implementation of commercial, administrative and human rights legislation. His talk focussed on the way that companies law can impede or assist economic development and the role that quasi-legal instruments play in facilitating development — an issue that has not received much attention in law and economics literature. The seminar was attended by approximately thirty people, including lawyers, academics and postgraduate students.

“Law and Political Crisis in Indonesia: The Problem of Human Rights”
Wednesday 8 November, 12.30–2.00pm
Upper East Dining Room, University House

Dr Todung Mulya Lubis presented a seminar on the problem of human rights in Indonesia during the political crisis. Dr Lubis is a prominent Indonesian human rights lawyer. He was a key figure in the monitoring of Indonesia’s free, democratic elections last year, the first in almost half a century. Dr Lubis is also a partner in the firm Lubis, Santoso & Maulana and a former chair of the Indonesia Legal Aid Foundation, as well as a lecturer in law at the University of Indonesia. Almost sixty lawyers, academics, postgraduate students, Indonesia interest group members, media representatives, and human rights activists attended.
Visitors to the Centre 2000

Emeritus Professor Koya Matsuo, Japan (5–9 August)

Emeritus Professor Koya Matsuo, a distinguished criminal law and criminal procedure specialist, visited the Asian Law Centre from 5–9 August 2000.

Professor Matsuo was Dean of the Faculty of Law at the University of Tokyo from 1984–86 and was President of the Japan Society of Criminal Law from 1985–91. After his retirement from the University of Tokyo he was a Professor of Law at Chiba National University and then Sophia University in Tokyo, one of the Centre’s present university exchange partners. He retired from Sophia University earlier this year, having reached the mandatory retiring age, but is still teaching at Sophia University and at Keio University Law Faculties. From August, he will be Chair of the Legislative Council of the Ministry of Justice of Japan, which reviews all new legislative programs in Japan.

Professor Matsuo was paying a 30th anniversary visit to the Law School. He first visited the Law School from December 8, 1969 to May 23, 1970, when he was a Leverhulme fellow. For the duration of his stay, he was engaged in research on the Australian legal system. His first visit came at a crucial time, as the Law School was just developing its interest in Japanese law. Dr Mary Hiscock introduced Japanese law into the comparative law curriculum that same year. Professor Smith said in his welcome, “although Professor Matsuo did not come back to Australia, he has opened innumerable doors for us in Japan over the years. Most importantly, he was Dean of Law at the University of Tokyo when the then-Attorney General, Senator Gareth Evans, visited Japan seeking advice on the establishment of an Asian Law Centre at the Law School. His support has been crucial and he is known in Japan as a godfather of Asian law programs in Australia.” During his most recent stay in Melbourne, Professor Matsuo stayed at Ormond College as its Inaugural Asia Fellow.

Prof. Dr Romli Atmasasmita,

– Director General for Legal Administrative Affairs, Ministry of Justice and Human Rights, Indonesia
– Chairman, Preparatory Committee for the Anti-Corruption Commission, Indonesia (30 October)

Professor Paul Brietzke

Valparaiso University, U.S.A. (10–14 August; 21–25 October)
– Occasional Seminar Speaker “Comparative Law Stubs its Toe on Indonesian Legal Reform: A Fairy Tale for International Donors of all Ethnocentricities”, Friday 11 August.

Mr Chairuman Harahap

– Expert Staff of the Attorney-General, Attorney-General’s Office, Indonesia (30 October)
The Asian Law Centre

Ms Huang Lie  
— Deputy Editor-in-Chief, Foreign Law Translation and Review, Institute of Law, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, People’s Republic of China (16 November)

Assistant Professor Intaek Kim  
— Assistant Professor Kim was attached to the Centre while he undertakes English language training in Melbourne.

Judge Fumio Daizen  
— Judge, Hiroshima High Court, Japan visited the Centre while on a study tour sponsored by the Supreme Court of Japan to investigate the Civil Procedure law reform in Australia.

Associate Professor Takashi Kubota  
— Graduate School of International Development, Nagoya University, Japan. He visited the Centre to research the Australian Law of Derivatives. He participated in the graduate teaching programme. (23 April–7 May; 29 August–17 September)

Professor Liu Nanlai  
— Professor of International Law and Human Rights; Deputy Director, Centre for Human Rights Studies, Institute of Law, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, People’s Republic of China (16 November)

Dr Todung Mulya Lubis  
— Australia Indonesia Legal Fellow; Former Chair, Indonesia Legal Aid Foundation; Partner, Lubis, Santosa & Maulana, Indonesia (3–9 November)  

Mr Teten Masduki  
— Coordinator, Corruption Watch, Indonesia (30 October)

Mr Tigor Pangaribuan  
— Deputy Head, Anti-Corruption Joint Investigative Team, Attorney-General’s Office, Indonesia (30 October)

Mr Nguyen Hung Quang  
— Attorney at Law, LEADCO Law Firm, Vietnam

Drs Arie Soelendro  
— Chairman, Agency for Finance Supervision and Development, Indonesia (30 October)
Mr Sun Yu

– Expert of Administrative Law; Head, Division of European Affairs, Foreign Affairs Bureau, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, People’s Republic of China (16 November)

Bpk Taufiequrochman

– Member of Parliament and Deputy Head for TNI-POLRI Faction, DPR-RI, Indonesia (30 October)

Mr Xu Qingyu

– Lawyer and Arbitrator; President, Legal Affairs Bureau of Nantong; Secretary-General, Nantong Arbitration Commission, People’s Republic of China (October 2000-March 2001)

Associate Professor Zhu Xiaoqing

– Associate Professor, Division of International Law, Institute of Law, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, People’s Republic of China (16 November)

Major Collaborations

Annual Summer Study in China
A large number of students from the University of Melbourne again participated in the ‘Annual Summer Study in China’ in June/July 2000. This intensive introductory course to Chinese Law is taught in English and run in Shanghai, each year. It is a collaboration between Williamette University College of Law, USA and East China University of Politics and Law in Shanghai, China. Sarah Biddulph was again one of the principal lecturers in the programme.

Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok
Professor Malcolm Smith participated for the second time in the teaching of a graduate course on Commercial Alternative Dispute Resolution with Judge Vichai of the Board of International Trade of Thailand. The subject was offered in the LL.M. Business Law, taught in English, at Chulalongkorn University.

ANU MBA PROGRAM
Tim Lindsey and Veronica Taylor taught “Legal Frameworks of Business in Asia” as part of the MBA at Australian National University for the fifth time.
Teaching and Education

The following subjects were taught in 2000:

Undergraduate Programs

■ Commercial Law in Asia — Semester 2
■ Issues in Chinese Law — Summer Semester
■ Law and Society in Japan — Semester 2
■ Law and Society in South East Asia — Semester 1

Postgraduate Programs

■ Alternative Commercial Dispute Resolution in Asia — Semester 1
■ Commercial Law in Asia — Semester 2
■ Comparative Companies Law in the Asia Pacific Region — Semester 1
  (intensive)
■ International Marketing: Franchising, Distribution and Licensing — Semester 2
■ Legal Aspects of Finance in Asia — Semester 2
■ Resources Projects in Indonesia: Legal and Regulatory Issues — Semester 2

Research Students
Under Supervision of Centre Members

Members of the Centre continued to offer supervision to a large group of Australian students interested in Asian law and international students studying at the Law School. There is now a significant trend towards supervision of Ph.D. candidates.

Research students under the supervision of Centre members included:

Ms Sarah Biddulph  Ph.D.  Supervisor: Malcolm Smith
"Controlling Detention for Investigation: Legal Accountability of the Chinese Public Security Organs"

Mr Ryad Chairil  Ph.D.  Supervisor: Tim Lindsey
"The Indonesian Contract of Work: A Comparative Study of Indonesian Contracts and Overseas Contracts and Equivalent Regimes and Recommendations for Reform"

Mr John Chellew  Ph.D.  Supervisor: Malcolm Smith
"Derivatives Law: Should Securities and Derivatives Regulation Merge?"
Ms Shi Chenxia
Ph.D.
“Enhancing the Accountability of Corporate Offices: A Comparative Study between the U.S., Australia and the People’s Republic of China”

Mr Budi Darmono
Ph.D.

Ms Alice De Jonge
SJD
“Media and Markets in China and Hong Kong”

Mr Joseph Eng
Ph.D.
“Critical Review of the Customary Land Rights of the Natives of Sarawak”

Mr Andrew Godwin
LL.M. (completed)
“The Development of Mortgage Law in China”

Mr Sunseop Jung
LL.M.
“Comparative Study on the Legal Aspects of Financial Derivatives”

Ms Kate McGregor
Ph.D. (Arts)
“The Military and History in Indonesia”

Ms Pip Nicholson
Ph.D. (since completed)
“Vietnamese Court Development Since 1945”

Mr Terry Reid
LL.M. (completed)
“Legal Regulation of the Financial System in Laos”

Adv. Andy Schmulow
Ph.D. (Arts)
“Banking Law in Indonesia”

Ms Stacey Steele
LL.M. (since completed)
“Litigation and Bankruptcy Law in Japan: Towards Modernity, Social Change and Reform?”

Mr Benny Tabalujan
Ph.D. (since completed)
“Corporate Governance in Indonesia”

Prof. Xu Zhangrun
Ph.D. (since completed)
“The Confucian Misgivings: Liang Shuming’s Narrative About Law”

Ms Se Se Zhang
Ph.D.
“Tensions and Implications: Contractual Aspects of Technology Transfer to China”
Graduate Diploma in Asian Law Advisory Board

The Asian law Graduate Diploma programme continued to benefit from the professional input of its Advisory Board, comprising:

Mr Jim Armstrong  
_Mallesons Stephen Jaques_

Mr David Laidlaw  
_Chairman of Partners, Maddock Lonie & Chisholm_

Mr Stephen Spargo  
_Partner, Arthur Robinson & Hedderwicks_

Outstanding Research Assistant

Congratulations to Centre Research Assistant and one of the Editors of the Australian Journal of Asian Law, Amanda Whiting, who was awarded prizes for topping her class in both Human Rights Law (Raynes Dickson Memorial Exhibition) and International Law (Bailey Exhibition and Minter Ellison International Law Prize).

Grants Received

Lindsey, T. & Taylor, V., Large ARC grant for project entitled _Asian Laws in Transition 1945–2000_ (with Professor M.B. Hooker (ANU) and Professor J. Wu (NTU)) (A$180,000)
Publications

**BOOKS**


**CHAPTERS IN BOOKS AND MONOGRAPHS**


**JOURNAL ARTICLES**


**REPORTS TO GOVERNMENTS**


Conference Papers and Seminars Delivered by Members of the Centre


■ Lindsey, T., “Abdurrahman Wahid, Law Reform and Corruption: The Enemy Within”, at Rethinking Indonesia Conference by Monash University, The University of Melbourne, La Trobe University, Deakin University & Swinburne University, 4–5 March 2000.


■ Lindsey, T., “Legal Infrastructure Reform in East Asia”, at Legal Infrastructure Reform in East Asia conference by APEC, Jakarta, July 2000 (official AusAID submission delivered by Mr Robert McKinnon Director, Indonesia of AusAID.


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