

**DIRECTOR'S WELCOME**

In this first half of the year, we have hosted two visiting student groups. The first visitors came to us from OP Jindal Global University (JGU) arriving in early January to a Melbourne heat wave of 40 degrees. The students rushed out to buy fans. They had not expected Melbourne to rival Delhi's heat. Professor Susan Lamb from JGU led the group of 25 students who took the study of International Criminal Law as their focus. Melbourne Law School staff assisted with teaching, while Dr Hao Zhang, who recently completed his doctorate on Chinese environmental law, was the chief adviser to the group. I shared a convivial commencement dinner with our visitors, who quizzed me closely on race, discrimination, treatment of women and work opportunities in Australia. OP Jindal is a private university based in Delhi, the leadership of which seeks to contribute to the reform of legal education in India.



In February, the Japan Program received its class of Japanese students from Tokyo-based Chuo Law School. This year marked a decade since the ALC first started hosting Chuo students in the comparative study of Australian-Japanese law. Further details can be found at [page 7](#).

ALC staff members have taught in the JD and MLM programs offering: 'Judicial Power in Asia' (JD legal research offering); Deals in the Asia Pacific (JD); Asian Competition Law and Policy (MLM); Chinese Law and Commerce (MLM); Commercial Law in Asia (MLM); Construction Law and Projects in Asia (MLM); Comparative Constitutional Law (MLM); and Law and Development (MLM).

Mr Andrew Godwin represented the Law School teaching in the China and the Common Law Program along with colleagues from Oxford and NUS in four Chinese universities: Beijing-based Tsinghua Law School and Peking University Law School; and Shanghai-based KoGuan Law School, based at Shanghai Jiao Tong University, and Fudan University Law School. This is the second year this short course has been offered to Chinese students. It will run again in 2016. Further details can be found at [page 11](#).

Finally, on the teaching front, we look forward to reporting on the experiences of our first group of 12 JD students who will spend a month living and working in Delhi in July later this year. We are indebted to the following organisations for hosting our students for the subject 'Law and Legal Practice in Asia' (India): Phoenix Legal; S & R Associates; Amarchand Mangaldas; Rajshekhar Rao Chambers; and the Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative.

To date, we have hosted two major conferences. The first took sport regulation in East Asia, particularly Korea, as its focus. Generously hosted by K&L Gates, Mr Hayden Opie (ALC Member since 2014) and Ms Stacey Steele (ALC Associate Director (Japan / Korea) jointly convened the conference. Details follow in this newsletter at [page 7](#).

In April, the Dean, Dr Farrah Ahmed, Professors Sarah Biddulph, Cheryl Saunders and I attended the first Oxford-National Law University Delhi-MLS conference, hosted by National Law University Delhi ('NLUD') in Delhi in April. Two days were spent reviewing early career researcher papers followed by a public conference on Indian Public Law. The very generous support of Mr Allan Myers AO QC and Mrs

Maria Myers AO made this meeting possible. Details follow in this newsletter at [page 11](#).

Each of these conferences broadened our knowledge of very particular areas of law. In each case, valuable connections were also made with colleagues based around the region. Hayden and Stacey hope to secure funding for a conference in 2017 on the Tokyo Olympics in 2020. Farrah and I commenced discussions with NLUD in 2014 and this relationship has already produced a conference, support for student interns in 2016 and the possibility that MLS students can join the NLUD negotiation competition in September of this year. Further, Professor Anup Surendranath of NLUD will visit MLS in early 2016 to talk about his ground-breaking death penalty research, which approached all internees on death row throughout India for interviews and elicited a socio-economic profile of inmates (for more information, see <http://www.deathpenaltyindia.com>). Together with Reprieve Australia, the ALC will host Professor Anup Surendranath to talk about death penalty litigation in India and the role of the NLUD clinic in defending those on death row.

There is obvious scope to escalate the regional conversation about the death penalty, particularly in light of Australians' involvement in death penalty litigation in Indonesia and elsewhere in the region. I would like particularly to note the extraordinary efforts of many Indonesian and Australian litigators who worked to try and save Myuran Sukumaran and Andrew Chan from execution in Indonesia in April 2015. The legal team for these two men has worked tirelessly over a very long period. The ALC's Professor Tim Lindsey, Director of the Centre for Indonesian Law, Islam and Society, has been a key voice explaining the litigation and its strategies publicly as he worked with the litigation team. See [page 3](#).

I hope you enjoy reading this digest of the first 6 months of ALC activity in 2015. Further, my colleagues and I at the ALC very much hope to welcome many of you to the ALC's 30th birthday celebrations slated for 17 August 2015.

Finally, the ALC has joined the tweeting community. You can follow us at [@alc_mls](#).

With very best wishes, as always.



Professor Pip Nicholson
Director, Asian Law Centre
Melbourne Law School

CONGRATULATIONS

Professor Tim Lindsey — Recognition of University Advocacy and Engagement in the Bali Nine Convictions Case

Professor Tim Lindsey has been recognised by the University for his advocacy and engagement in the Bali Nine convictions case.

The Vice-Chancellor stated to the Academic Board that 'Professor Tim Lindsey has been a powerful advocate both for the two men at the centre of the Bali Nine Conviction Case and the importance of Australians understanding Indonesian thinking and values. In the Bali Nine Convictions Case, Professor Lindsey has been a cogent and hard-working voice for public recognition of the issues at play, and has continued to work to secure a just outcome amid international tensions.'

ALC IN THE MEDIA

Professor Tim Lindsey on the Bali 9

Professor Tim Lindsey was widely interviewed by the media in April, during the time before the executions of Myuran Sukumaran and Andrew Chan. He also published a number of opinion articles on the topic.

For media items by Professor Lindsey and other items related to Indonesia, please see the [News section of the CILIS website](#).

Professor Tim Lindsey also recently presented a seminar on the issues surrounding the Bali 9. For further details about this seminar, including recordings, see [page 13](#).

Dr Amanda Whiting on Malaysia



Dr Amanda Whiting (Associate Director (Malaysia)) has recently published some articles about Malaysia, including:

[Anwar Ibrahim's Conviction Lowers the Bar on the Malaysian Legal System, East Asia Forum, 13 April 2015](#)

[Fortifying Authoritarian Rule in Malaysia, New Mandala, 20 April 2015](#)

[Strengthening Sedition, New Mandala, 21 April 2015](#)

[Strengthened Sedition, New Mandala, 22 April 2015](#)

Professor Pip Nicholson on the Death Penalty in Southeast Asia

Professor Pip Nicholson has had an article published in *The Conversation* on [The Death Penalty in SE Asia: Is there a Trend towards Abolition?](#)

Completion of PhD by Richard Powell

Richard Powell has recently passed his PhD with flying colours. His topic was on language use in Malaysian courts and the politics of de facto bilingualism (English-Malay) in a legal regime where Malay is the official language, but litigants often speak (only) a third or fourth language. Richard was co-supervised by Dr Amanda Whiting (Associate Director (Malaysia), ALC) and Professor Joseph Lo Bianco (Education / Linguistics),



NEW ALC MEMBERS

In early 2015, we welcomed two new ALC members to the team: Associate Professor Sunita Jogarajan and Professor Susan Kneebone. Please find below profiles of these new ALC members, together with the profile of a longstanding member of the ALC, Associate Professor Cally Jordan.

ALC Members are academic members of the Melbourne Law School who are active in teaching and research relating to Asian legal systems, and have significant international reputations in this area. Their work is linked to one or more of our programs, each of which is headed by an Associate Director. Click here to view profiles of ALC Members and Associates.

Associate Professor Sunita Jogarajan

Interviewed by Mr Joshua Quinn-Watson, Research Assistant, Asian Law Centre



Associate Professor Jogarajan has been involved in research in Asia for the length of her academic career.

A specialist in taxation law, her initial research interest was the tax regimes of developing countries, which led to a focus on the ASEAN grouping. She has written widely on the integration of tax regimes in ASEAN member countries. She has also undertaken specific research in India on international tax planning, which has been aided by contact with Indian tax officials through the Australia India Institute. Her Asian research has involved some collaboration with Asian academics, including Associate Professor Stephen Phua at the National University of Singapore.

Associate Professor Jogarajan continues to run advisory sessions for tax administrators from Asian countries, including India and China. One of the key challenges in this work is being conscious of the different 'playing space' in which tax officials in Asian countries operate. For instance, in comparison with Australia, where we have some half dozen people in our tax treaties division in the Treasury Department, she says, some Asian countries may have only a single person responsible for tax treaties. She sees her advisory work as a way to collaborate with Asian officials to formulate creative 'ideas and systems' that address a lack of physical, rather than technical capacity. She says that her advisory work is assisted by the respect held for Australian academics and this University in particular in the region.

She now combines her advisory work with research on the history of the tax treaty system, particularly the work of the League of Nations.

Associate Professor Cally Jordan

Interviewed by Mr Joshua Quinn-Watson, Research Assistant, Asian Law Centre



Associate Professor Cally Jordan brings two decades of professional and academic experience in Asia to Melbourne Law School and the ALC.

An expert in corporate governance, capital markets, and corporate law, Professor Jordan has been directly involved in Asia since 1995, when she was invited to Hong Kong to work on reform of Hong Kong's companies law. She was a resident of Hong Kong for three and a half years, eventually submitting her report in May 1997, just prior to Hong Kong's handover.

Subsequently, she spent fifteen years at the World Bank, where she worked as both consultant and advisor. At the World Bank, she continued to be involved with China, as well as other Asian countries, including Indonesia and Vietnam. In that role, she enjoyed considerable access to Asian policy makers, academics and other officials. Folders containing the research materials acquired in those years continue to line her office walls.

One of the great advantages Associate Professor Jordan brings to her work on Asia is her familiarity with European civil law systems. Associate Professor Jordan has degrees in both civil and common law. She notes that a great many Asian jurisdictions have based their legal systems, and especially their corporate laws, on the German civil law model first adopted by Japan.

Last year, Associate Professor Jordan published *International Capital Markets: Law and Institutions* with Oxford University Press UK. That work surveys a range of capital markets, including markets in Asia: China and Hong Kong, as well as 'niche markets' such as Malaysia and Singapore. Associate Professor Jordan expects that it will be a resource useful to academics, practitioners and policy makers in Asia.

Associate Professor Jordan enjoys her work in Asia, the barriers presented by language notwithstanding. She says that working, researching and living in Asia generates a deeper cultural understanding. Since the law, she says, is a 'cultural artefact', having that cultural understanding is key to giving sensitive and targeted, rather than 'top down', legal and policy advice.

Professor Susan Kneebone

Interviewed by Mr Joshua Quinn-Watson, Research Assistant, Asian Law Centre



Professor Kneebone, previously a Professor at Monash University, joins the Melbourne Law School and the Asian Law Centre after a long and distinguished involvement in Asia.

Her first trip abroad, to South East Asia, kindled a life-long fascination with the region. Her first graduate degree, an interdisciplinary Master of Arts Degree in Asian Studies undertaken in Hong Kong, gave that fascination a scholarly grounding, and its interdisciplinary approach continues to inform her work in the region. In her career as a legal academic, Professor Kneebone has worked and travelled extensively in Asia, as an initial focus on Australian refugee law broadened to include the region of which it is a part.

Professor Kneebone is an expert on forced migration issues, with a particular focus on South East Asia. She serves as the Secretary of the International Association for

the Study of Forced Migration, and is the founder of the Asia Pacific Forced Migration Connection (APFMC). APFMC, launched in London in 2013, serves as an international hub for scholars, policy makers, and NGOs on issues of refugee law, human trafficking, labour migration, and forced migration in the Asia Pacific region.

APFMC hosts regular workshops on developments in these areas. The most recent workshop, held late last year on 'Forced Migration and Human Rights Protections in the Asia-Pacific Region', was attended by academics, researchers, UN officials and representatives of NGOs. Professor Kneebone anticipates much activity on the horizon for APFMC, aided by its association with the ALC, which Professor Kneebone describes as unique amongst Australian universities.

At Melbourne, Professor Kneebone will also continue her research activities, particularly an ARC project on the regulation of international marriage migration.

She will also continue to travel and research in Asia. While collaboration with local academics in some countries is sometimes hampered because of political sensitivities associated with her research projects, she has been heartened by the fact she has been privately approached by researchers in the region to assist in her work.

Overall, she describes her time researching in Asia as both a pleasure and a privilege—a privilege, most of all, because of the access she has to the ordinary citizens and civil society groups in the countries she visits. The heartrending and personal insights they share with her inform and inspire her work.

TRAVEL BY ALC STAFF

Internships undertaken by Sarah Mercer

Sarah Mercer, Research Assistant for the Korea Program of the ALC, has recently been interning with the Australian Permanent Mission to the UN for the 28th Regular Session of the Human Rights Council in Geneva. She had the privilege to make a statement on behalf of Australia regarding our technical cooperation for inclusive and participatory development in our region. Sarah's speech is available at <http://m.webtv.un.org/meetings-events/watch/panel-discussion-on-technical-cooperation-in-human-rights-51st-meeting-28th-regular-session-of-human-rights-council/4133439582001> (after Algeria, around 58:40 minutes).

At the end of April, Sarah started interning with the Mladic Defense Team at the International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia for three months, after which she will return to the ALC.



AUSTRALIAN JOURNAL OF ASIAN LAW (VOLUME 15 NUMBER 2)

We are pleased to advise that the latest issue (volume 15 number 2) of the *Australian Journal of Asian Law* is now available on-line and contains the following articles:

1. Genders and Genetics: The Extradition of People Smugglers from Indonesia to Australia: Political and Legal Challenges – Antje Missbach
2. China's Death Penalty Practice Undermines the Integrity of the Death Penalty as a Sentencing Option – Chenjie Ma
3. A Human Right to Water: Challenges and Opportunities for Ensuring this Right in Bangladesh – Mohammad Sohiful Islam
4. Horizontal Accountability in a Polarised New Democracy: The Case of Post-Democratisation Taiwan – Weitseng Chen and Jimmy Chiashin Hsu
5. Succession to Muslim Estates in Singapore: Sources of Law and Choice of Law – MB Hooker
6. Book Review: Rule of Law Dynamics – Samantha Hinderling and Pip Nicholson
7. Book Review: The Constitution of China – Sarah Biddulph
8. Book Review: A Selective Approach to Establishing a Human Rights Mechanism in Southeast Asia – Alice de Jonge

Information about the *Australian Journal of Asian Law* is available at: <http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/ajal/about>

The articles can be accessed through SSRN: http://papers.ssrn.com/sol3/JELJOUR_Results.cfm?form_name=journalbrowse&journal_id=2020682

RECENT EVENTS (SELECTION)

Chuo Summer School 23 February - 6 March, 2015



The ALC welcomed students from Chuo Law School to the ALC, together with Professor Dan Rosen and Professor Chuck Ito, from 23 February to 6 March, 2015.

2015 marks the 10th anniversary of the Chuo Summer School, in which students study Australian law and attend seminars taught by Melbourne Law School lecturers on a variety of legal topics. The Summer School continues the relationship with Chuo Law School that was developed by the late Professor Malcolm Smith.

Sports Law and Integrity Workshop: 2015 AFC Asian Cup and 2018 Winter Olympic Games 27 February, 2015

Report prepared by Stacey Steele (Associate Director (Japan / Korea), ALC) and Sarah Yang (Research Assistant, ALC)

On 27 February 2015, the Sports Law Program and the ALC co-hosted a Sports Law and Integrity Workshop at K&L Gates. This article provides a summary of the event, including a key presentation by Mr Andrew Menz from Betfair Australia, who has qualified for Melbourne Law School's Graduate Diploma in Sports Law.

Match-fixing in Asia

The Workshop focused on match-fixing in Australia and South Korea, in light of the recent AFC Asian Cup (Australia) and the upcoming Winter Olympic Games (PyeongChang, South Korea).

Match-fixing is a greater potential long-term threat to the integrity of sport than doping, particularly when internet gambling is considered. No country is immune, as recent events demonstrate: for example, the imprisonment of former Korean Basketball League head coach, Kang Dong Hee, for match-fixing (2013), the match-fixing scandal of the Japan Sumo Association (2011) and the case involving the Victoria Premier League (football) (2013).

Participants from overseas and across Australia joined to discuss processes of integration and co-operation on the issue of match-fixing in our region. From Korea, the key presenters were:

- Professor Kee Young Yeun (Dongguk University, Seoul, Korea)
- Professor Young Ryuel Chung (Department of Sports Sociology, Korea University)
- Mr Ji Hoon Park (Attorney at Law, DR &AJU, Seoul, Korea)
- Mr Jun Sung Bang (Prosecutor, Supreme Prosecutors' Office, Korea)

Professor Keiji Kawai (Faculty of Policy Studies, Doshisha University, Kyoto, Japan) was the main presenter from Japan.

From Australia, presenters included representatives from Football Federation Australia, FIFPro, National Integrity of Sport Unit, Australian Federal Police, Victoria Police and Betfair Australia.

Betfair Australia

In a key address, Mr Andrew Menz, Director of Legal and Corporate Affairs of Betfair Australia, reflected on Australia's approach to maintaining integrity in the face of illegal internet gambling.

Betfair Australia operates Australia's only licensed betting exchange. Unlike traditional wagering operators, customers effectively bet against one another at odds of their own choosing, with Betfair acting only as a facilitator.



Prior to the Workshop, our international visitors attended a demonstration of Betfair's computer technology used to detect suspicious gambling activity. Betfair dedicates two full-time employees to maintain the integrity of its betting markets and the sporting events on which it operates. Unlike in retail outlets, customers are required to verify their identity and financial details with Betfair such that all bets can be directly linked back to the particular customer and their end bank account to ensure transparency and facilitate reviews and investigations if necessary. Partnerships through Memoranda of Understandings enable Betfair to share personal and wagering data with major Australian racing and sporting bodies.

Betfair's focus on transparency is a leading global example of steps being taken to guard against corruption in sport.

Future Collaborations

The Sports Law and Integrity Workshop provided key stakeholders with the opportunity to exchange information and initiate dialogue across international borders. Mr Hayden Opie, Director of Sports Law at Melbourne Law School, said that, 'the ultimate goal is for the development of an internationally harmonious and coordinated response to combat match-fixing in our region'. Mr Hayden Opie and Ms Stacey Steele, Associate Director (Japan) of the ALC organised the Workshop and plan to co-edit a book on comparative approaches to match-fixing in Australia, Japan and South Korea.

Support for the Workshop

The Sports Law and Integrity Workshop: The 2015 Asian Cup and the 2018 Winter Olympic Games was supported by the Australian Government through the Australia-Korea Foundation of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade. The Workshop would also not have been possible without additional financial support from Melbourne Law School – Asia Research Collaboration Grant, and the generosity of the host, K&L Gates.



ALC Brown Bag Seminar — Life of a Judge 2 March 2015

Report prepared by Sarah Yang, Research Assistant, Asian Law Centre

Judge In Deok Seo, Judge of the Daegu District Court in Korea and currently a Visiting Research Scholar at the ALC, spoke about the Korean judicial system and the legal education reforms at a Brown Bag Seminar hosted by the ALC on 2 March 2015. Judge Seo's precis of his presentation appears below:

Korean Judicial System

The Korean court system is made up of three tiers: District, High and Supreme Courts. Certain matters are tried by a single-judge District Court, which can then usually be appealed to the three-judge Appellate Division of the District Court and finally to the Supreme Court (the highest court in South Korea). Other matters are heard initially by a three-judge District Court, which can then be appealed to the High Court and finally to the Supreme Court.

High Courts are situated in the main cities, Seoul, Busan, Daegu, Gwangju and Daejeon. District Courts are widely distributed throughout Korea. In Seoul, there are 5 district courts, reflecting the large population and high number of cases.

Specialised Family, Patent and Administrative Courts also exist. The Patent Court is on the same level of authority as the High Courts, while the Family and Administrative Courts are on the same level of authority as the District Courts.

As of September 2011, there were a total of 2,613 judges in Korea.

A New Legal Education System from 2009

Until 2009, the only mechanism for becoming legally qualified was through the National Judicial Examination (NJE). Under the NJE, 5% of candidates pass and they are then required to complete two years of training at the Judicial Research and Training Institute (JRTI) run by the Korean Supreme Court. Graduates of the JRTI are qualified to become judges, prosecutors and private practitioners.

In 2009, 25 Korean universities were authorised to establish new postgraduate law schools by the Ministry of Education. Under this new system, students must complete three years of law school and then sit the Korean Bar Examination (KBE). In 2012, the pass rate for the first KBE was 87.1%. This decreased to 75.2% in 2013, 67.6% in 2014 and 61.1% in 2015.

Successful candidates will then be admitted to legal practice and no longer required to attend the JRTI. Instead, law school graduates from 2013-2017 will be required to have at least 3 years of legal experience (for example, as an attorney or prosecutor) before becoming eligible to be appointed as a judge. Graduates from 2018-2019 will require at least 5 years of legal experience, graduates from 2020-2021 at least 7 years of legal experience, and graduates from 2020 onwards at least 10 years of legal experience.

These two systems will run in parallel until 2017, when the NJE will be terminated. The number of people passing the NJE will be gradually reduced to 150 in 2015, 100 in 2016 and 50 in 2017.

The reform to the Korean legal system will significantly change the way lawyers, including judges, are educated and employed. As the new wave of lawyers under this system enters the work force, the effect of these reforms will be better understood.



Oxford/NUS/MLS China Common Law Program 15-22 March, 2015

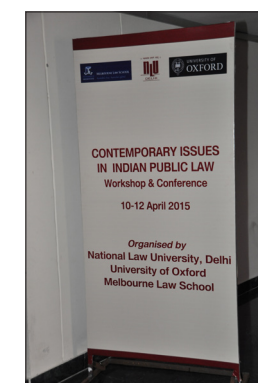
In March 2015, the Law Faculties of the University of Melbourne, the National University of Singapore, and the University of Oxford offered a program delivering lectures on the common law to four universities in China: Shanghai Jiaotong (Shanghai), Fudan (Shanghai), Tsinghua University (Beijing) and Peking University (Beijing).

This is the second year that the program has been offered, which is administered by the ALC. The program is supported by Mr Allan Myers AO QC and Mrs Maria Myers AO.

'Contemporary Issues in Indian Public Law' Workshop and Conference 10-12 April, 2015

The Faculty of Law, University of Oxford, Melbourne Law School, University of Melbourne and National Law University, Delhi hosted a workshop and conference on 10-12 April, 2015 at National Law University, Delhi, India. B The very generous support of Mr Allan Myers AO QC and Mrs Maria Myers AO made these events possible. The co-convenors were Associate Professor Tarunabh Khaitan (Oxford), Dr Farrah Ahmed (Melbourne) and Dr Anup Surendranath (National Law University, Delhi).

The two-day workshop on 'Contemporary Issues in Indian Public Law' provided an opportunity for early career researchers to present an original unpublished paper to a small group of participants. After a short presentation, the researchers obtained valuable feedback from selected international experts from Oxford (Nicholas Bamforth, Paul Craig, Tarunabh Khaitan and Alison Young), Melbourne (Farrah Ahmed, Sarah Biddulph, Carolyn Evans, Pip Nicholson and Cheryl Saunders), India (Sudhir Krishnaswamy, M.P. Singh and Anup Surendranath), Singapore (Arun Thiruvengadam) and Birmingham (Jane Norton).



Workshop papers covered topics relating to Indian constitutional law, including Indian discrimination jurisprudence, media coverage of the Indian Supreme Court, the salience of constitutional cases, conflicts with the right to education and the role of republicanism, constitutional issues in the first year of the Modi government, judicial review in Indian environmental law, and mercy and the death penalty.

The international conference held on 12 April discussed 'Contemporary Issues in Indian Public Law: Transnational Perspectives'. It was held in conjunction with the International Association of Constitutional Law as a Roundtable. International scholars from among the group listed above presented on topics including transnational engagement with the Indian Constitution, separation of powers (focussing on institutions and inter-institutional dialogue), human rights and religious freedom, and human rights and the death penalty. The conference was attended by more than 60 people, including students, academics, lawyers and the general community interested in law in India.

We thank the National Law University, Delhi for their generous hospitality during the conference and workshop, which brought together a diverse range of scholars from around the world.

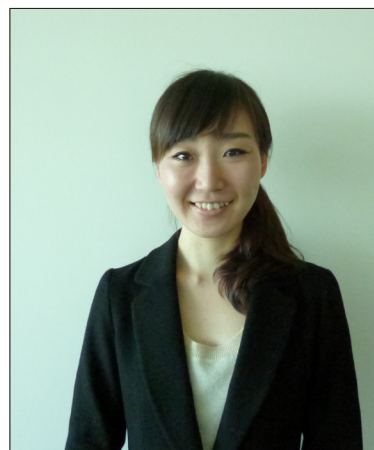
Selected photos from the Workshop and Conference are available on Twitter [@alc_mls](https://twitter.com/alc_mls).

RECENT VISITORS (SELECTION)

Q & A with ALC's Visiting Japanese Judge, Judge Aya Kobayashi

Ms Stacey Steele, Associate Director (Japan) at the ALC, spoke with the Centre's 12th Japanese Judge-in-Residence after a recent presentation at Melbourne Law School. Judge Kobayashi shares her views about her life in Australia and her preliminary thoughts about Australian class actions.

The interview is available at: <http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/melbourne-law-school/news-and-events/news-and-events-details/diaryid/8811>



Judge Asuka Homma



The ALC hosted Judge Asuka Homma of the Takamatsu District Court, Japan from 2-10 March 2015. Judge Homma's visit focused on legal education in Victoria and she met with Mr Andrew Godwin to discuss the Transactional Law Initiative at Melbourne Law School. The ALC also arranged for Judge Homma to visit a number of organisations downtown to discuss their approach to legal education, including Ashurst, the Judicial College of Victoria, Leo Cussens, the Bar Council and Readers' Course, as well as the Federal Court of Australia and the Supreme Court of Victoria.

Supreme Court of Japan's General Secretariat Family Bureau

The ALC hosted two prominent visitors from the Supreme Court of Japan's General Secretariat Family Bureau at the beginning of February.

While in Melbourne, Judge Kentaro Oono and Mr Koji Tobisawa of the General Secretariat, Supreme Court of Japan met with more than 20 members of the Melbourne legal fraternity, including many Melbourne Law School alumni practising in the area of family law.

The visit demonstrates the strong international ties that Melbourne Law School has with institutions such as the Supreme Court of Japan. Interest in the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction has increased in Japan since it became effective there last year. Our Japanese visitors wanted to learn more about Australia's experience with the Convention and they were not disappointed.

Stacey Steele, Associate Director (Japan) at the ALC said that the visit highlights the co-operation between Melbourne Law School, the Supreme Court of Japan and the Family Court of Australia.

"We are extremely grateful to Chief Justice Diana Bryant and The Hon Justice Victoria Bennett, both Hague Network Judges, for their support of this visit", said Ms Steele.

A highlight of the visit was a farewell event hosted by the Chief Justice at the Family Court. Justice Bennett noted that the visit "provided a wonderful opportunity to bring together practitioners working on Hague Convention matters in Melbourne for the first time".

We are hopeful that the visit will be reciprocated with members of the Melbourne network travelling to Japan in June 2015 on a multi-disciplinary study tour, including lawyers and social scientists, with support from the Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department.

If you are interested in meeting with any of our visitors, please contact the ALC. A full list of current and forthcoming ALC visitors can be found at <http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/alc/people/visitors/current-and-forthcoming-visitors>

RECENT ACTIVITIES OF THE CENTRE FOR INDONESIAN LAW, ISLAM AND SOCIETY (CILIS)

Death, Drugs and the Bali 9 21 April, 2015

Professor Tim Lindsey provided an overview of legal and constitutional issues involved in the case of the two Australians who were (at that time) facing execution in Indonesia for serious drugs offences, Myuran Sukumaran and Andrew Chan. Tim also explored the implications for the future of reform in Indonesia, and its bilateral relationship with Australia.

The event was recorded:

[Live Tweeting by Indonesia Forum](#)

[Podcast \(.mp3\)](#)



What's Happening to the Jokowi Presidency? 5 May, 2015



President Joko 'Jokowi' Widodo was sworn in last year in a wave of optimism and hope. He was seen as an effective technocratic administrator committed to anti-corruption reform, who would support small business and cut red tape. Six months into his five-year term, many who voted for him already feel disappointed. Police attacks on the Anti-Corruption Commission, his selection of a lacklustre cabinet, an obstructionist legislature, and his apparent inability to resist the growing power of his party chair, former president Megawati Soekarnoputri, are all causing his supporters growing concern.

Some say Jokowi has been 'captured' by the old political elite, others say that he is simply naïve and inexperienced, a provincial official out of his depth in cut-throat national politics. Optimists suggest he is biding his time and playing a 'long game'. Pessimists speculate that he may face impeachment. At this seminar five

prominent observers of Indonesia explore how Jokowi's administration has fared so far, the challenges he currently faces, and what is likely to happen next.

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The event was recorded:

Live Tweeting by Indonesia Forum

Video Recording

Media articles were also published about the event in *Bahasa Indonesia*:

<http://www.radioaustralia.net.au/indonesian/2015-05-06/kinerja-enam-bulan-pemerintahan-jokowi-dibahas-di-australia/1444124>

<http://internasional.kompas.com/read/2015/05/06/13180271/Kinerja.Pemerintahan.Jokowi.Dibahas.di.Australia>

Further information on CILIS can be obtained at <http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/cilis>.

FORTHCOMING ALC EVENTS FOR THE DIARY

Please register for these events on the ALC website (registrations open 2-3 weeks before each event): <http://law.unimelb.edu.au/alc/news-and-events/forthcoming-events>

Date	Event Type	Title	Speaker(s)
30 June 2015	CILIS Public Lecture	Indonesia Law Reform from the Coalface: A Donor Perspective	Mr Craig Ewers
21 July 2015	ALC Brown Bag Seminar	Insolvency Proceedings in Japan	Judge Takashi Sonoo
28 July 2015	ALC Brown Bag Seminar	Chinese Refugee Law and Policy	Dr Lili Song
11 August 2015	MLS Asian Law Lecture Series	Death Penalty Issues in Indonesia	Professor Jimly Asshiddiqie
17 August 2015	ALC Public Lecture	Tolerance and Rights in Asia	Mr Antony Dapiran and Professor Jiunn-rong Yeh
17 August 2015	ALC Dinner	ALC 30th Birthday Dinner	
25 August 2015	CILIS Public Lecture	The Future of the Death Penalty in Indonesia: Moratorium or Abolition?	Dr Todung Mulya Lubis
28-29 August 2015	ALC Conference (with Monash University, Hong Kong University and Chinese University of Hong Kong)	What is Socialist about Socialist Law?: Exploring Epistemic and Institutional Change in Socialist Asia	
24-25 November 2015	CILIS Conference	CILIS Islamic Studies Postgraduate Conference	

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Date	Visitor	Institution
11 June 2015 - 1 June 2016	Judge Satoshi Matsumoto	Osaka District Court, Japan
16 June - 7 July 2015	Assistant Professor Michael Ng	University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong
20-26 July 2015	Judge Takashi Sonoo	Tokyo High Court, Japan
17 August 2015 - 24 June 2016	Judge Kwonwon Yun	Anyang Branch Court of Suwon District Court, Republic of Korea
10 August 2015 - 9 August 2016	Prosecutor Seung Jin Ho	Daegu District Prosecutors' Office, Republic of Korea
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