

Private Law Work-in-Progress Seminar

1 March 2026

Melbourne Law School, Level 10 Woodward

Attendees (in no particular order):

- Birke Häcker (Bonn)
- Ying Khai Liew (MLS)
- Matthew Bell (MLS)
- Shuning Fu (MLS)
- Joshua Teng (MLS)
- Andrew Robertson (MLS)
- Michael Bryan (MLS)
- Katy Barnett (MLS)
- Allison Silink (UTS)
- Scott Donald (UNSW)
- Simone Degeling (UNSW)
- Tobias Barkley (La Trobe)
- Jamie Glister (Sydney)
- Marcus Roberts (Auckland)
- Joyman Lee (UNSW)
- May Cheong (UNSW)
- Andrew Fell (UQ)
- Moira Negline (MLS)
- Selina Li (MLS)
- Andrew Godwin (MLS)
- Debaranjan Goswami (MLS)

Programme	
9.00 – 9.40am	<i>Scott Donald</i> — A history of trustee ‘speculation’ in the Antipodes
9.40 – 10.20am	<i>Tobias Barkley (and Jing Hui)</i> — Is Settlor Control a Problem?
Morning Tea	
10.40 – 11.20am	<i>Joyman Lee</i> — Trusts and real securities in Asian civil law: constraining the owner's authority in Japan
11.20 – 12.00pm	<i>Shuning Fu</i> — Deconstructing Nominee Shareholding Relationships: Pathways from Actual Contributors to Registered Shareholder in China
Short break	
12.15 – 12.55pm	<i>Simone Degeling</i> — Enforcement
Lunch	
2.00 – 2.40pm	<i>Joshua Teng</i> — Proprietary and Third-party Effects in East Asian Trusts
2.40 – 3.20pm	<i>Katy Barnett</i> — An Extended Comparative Map of the Laws of Constructive and Resulting Trusts and The Associated Remedies in Australia and India
Afternoon Tea	
3.40 – 4.20pm	<i>May Fong (and Joseph Black)</i> — Reimagining Unconscionability: Unconscionability Through an Indigenous Lens
4.20 – 5.00pm	<i>Allison Silink</i> — Equitable Lien as a Source of Personal Obligation