

ALLA NATIONAL CONFERENCE

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ALLA Pre-Conference Workshops

The Australian Labour Law Association's 2010 National Conference will be held this year in Adelaide on 19–20 November. Details of the Conference are available at www.alloccasionsgroup.com/ALLA2010.

Prior to the formal commencement of the Conference, two workshops will be held at the University of Adelaide Law School, on **Thursday 18 November 2010**.

Academics and others interested in teaching and/or researching labour law are invited to attend one or both of these workshops. There is no charge, but registration is essential: see below.

The workshops are presented with the kind support of the University of Adelaide, the Centre for Employment and Labour Relations Law at the University of Melbourne, the Workplace and Corporate Law Research Group at Monash University, and the Sydney Law School Labour Law Cluster.

For any enquiries about the Teaching Workshop, please contact

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To register to attend, please e-mail
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Lunch will be provided after the conclusion of the Teaching Workshop at 1:30pm. Those attending only the second workshop are welcome to join us.

For any enquiries about the Empirical Research Workshop, please contact

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2010 Labour Law Teaching Workshop

When: Thursday 18 November, 11:30am – 1:30pm

Where: Moot Court, Level 1, Law School (Ligertwood Building), University of Adelaide

The Teaching Workshop will provide a forum for teachers of Australian labour law – broadly construed to include employment law and industrial law, and taught to law and/or non-law students – to come together in a collegial environment and discuss the challenging questions we face in our teaching, such as:

- What are the purposes of teaching Australian labour law?
- What are the core areas to be taught?
- How should I structure the syllabus?
- Which text best suits my students' learning needs and styles?
- What innovative forms of assessment have other teachers used?
- How can I best engage my students in current debates and issues?

Doing Empirical Research in Labour Law

When: Thursday 18 November, 2:15 – 5:30pm

Where: Moot Court, Level 1, Law School (Ligertwood Building), University of Adelaide

Australian labour law scholarship has significantly broadened its focus over the past fifteen years, but, apart from the field of health and safety at work, relatively few empirical studies have been conducted. Empirical research is about 'what happens in practice' and studying issues empirically – rather than purely conceptually or doctrinally – would greatly enrich labour law scholarship.

This workshop is designed as an introduction to empirical research for labour lawyers who are interested in undertaking this kind of research. It will include an introduction to socio-legal research and empirical research methods. There will be presentations by researchers who have completed empirical studies using a variety of empirical methods, followed by discussion. Participants will also receive a list of publications to consult in order to further develop a capacity to undertake empirical research.