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Note from ALLA's Secretary

Welcome to the August 2018 ALLA Newsletter.

Biennial Conference

Registrations are now open for the 9th Biennial ALLA Conference to be held 9 and 10 November 2018 at the Sofitel Broadbeach, on Queensland's beautiful Gold Coast.

You will find further information about the conference, programme, plenary and keynote speakers below.

For those on Twitter please use #auslabourlaw2018.

State Chapter Events

Our volunteer State Chapter Convenors have been busy, continuing to arrange an interesting array of

State Chapter Seminars. You will find an overview of recent events below.

ALLA Administration

Please remember to keep your contact details and memberships current! All enquiries may be directed to Renee Burns, ALLA Administrator via law-alla@unimelb.edu.au or on 03 9035 4344 Thursday each week between 10.00am and 2.00pm.

Best wishes and I look forward to seeing you all on the Gold Coast.

Dominique Allen
Secretary, ALLA

ALLA 9th Biennial Conference: Gold Coast, 9-10 November 2018

The 9th ALLA Biennial Conference will be held on Friday 9 and Saturday 10 November 2018, at Sofitel Broadbeach, Queensland. The theme of the conference will be 'Labour law: new frontiers, new challenges'.

Early bird registration pricing has been extended until 19 September 2018.

Registration and accommodation can be booked through the [conference website](#).

We are delighted to announce this year's national conference will include plenary presentations from Deputy President Ingrid Asbury, Fair Work Commission; Mark Bielecki, Registered Organisations Commissioner; Marie Boland, Chair of the Review of the Model WHS Laws; Peter Gahan, Professor of Management, University of Melbourne; David Peetz, Professor of Employment Relations, Griffith University; Andrew Stewart, John Bray Professor of

Law, University of Adelaide and Janine Webster, Chief Counsel with the Fair Work Ombudsman.

Key note presentations will be delivered by Katherine Moloney, Director of Research and Executive Officer, Anti-Slavery Taskforce, and Kate van Doore, Griffith University on Modern Slavery, and Anthony Forsyth, Professor of Law, RMIT University who will be leading the discussion on Labour Hire Licensing.

Plenary and concurrent sessions will be held from 8.45am to 5.15pm Friday 9 November, with the Conference dinner to commence at 6.30pm.

Saturday's programme of plenary and concurrent sessions will run from 9.00am to 3.00pm with the ALLA AGM to be held from 3.00pm to 4.00pm.

All events will be held at the Sofitel Broadbeach.

The conference organising committee is comprised of Ellie Bassingthwaight, Richard Johnstone, Amanda Coulthard and Vince Rogers.

Conference Teaching & Research Workshops

The Conference will be preceded by the academic teaching and research workshops on Thursday 8 November, 1:00pm to 4.30pm.

The 2018 Labour Law **Teaching Workshop** is sponsored by the Centre for Employment and Labour Relations Law and will provide a forum for teachers of Australian labour law subjects, broadly construed to include employment law, industrial law, discrimination law and occupational health and safety law (taught to both law and non-law students) to come together in a collegial environment and discuss the challenging questions we face in our teaching.

Professor Sean Cooney will chair a panel consisting of Professor Joo-Cheong Tham, Associate Professor Belinda Smith and Mr Cameron Roles exploring the normative purposes of teaching labour law and the role of such purposes in shaping course content.

Professor Joo-Cheong Tham will then chair a discussion of how Australian labour law teaching should engage with the global context. Panel participants will include Professor Sean Cooney, Professor Shae McCrystal and Ms Ingrid Landau.

The 2018 Labour Law Research Workshop will focus on **Empirical Research in Labour Law**.

Ms Ingrid Landau, Professor Carolyn Sutherland and Professor Richard Johnstone will introduce empirical legal research and will explain how qualitative and quantitative empirical research has been used in labour law. Empirical methods to be discussed include qualitative interviewing, participant observation, qualitative content analysis, surveys, behavioural economics experiments, quantitative content analysis and leximetrics. The presenters will also reflect on their own experiences of using these methods and the implications of these forms of research for the discipline of labour law. There will be half an hour for questions, comments and discussion.

Further information and registration details will be circulated closer to the date. The workshops will be followed by the Australian Journal of Labour Law AGM from 4.30pm to 6.00pm.

ALLA Prizes and Scholarships

The **Phillipa Weeks Prize** recognises the contribution of Professor Phillipa Weeks to Australian labour law scholarship and her unwavering support of young and upcoming scholars. For a tribute to Professor Weeks see [here](#).

The prize is awarded at each ALLA National Conference for the best paper presented by an early career academic or research higher degree scholar.

The **Dominica Whelan Prize** is named in honour of the late Dominica Whelan, who served for many years as a member of the Australian Industrial Relations Commission, Fair Work Australia and the Federal Circuit Court of Australia.

The prize is awarded at each ALLA National Conference for the best paper presented by a practitioner in the field or anyone else with a professional interest in labour law, other than a person who is primarily an academic or a research higher degree student.

Thank you to all those who submitted abstracts for consideration. Final papers should be submitted to alla-papers@unimelb.edu.au by COB Friday 12 October 2018.

We are pleased to announce **ALLA Research Degree Scholarships** have been awarded to Sayomi Ariyawansa, PhD Candidate and Research Fellow, University of Melbourne, who will be delivering the paper 'On the Backs of Migrant Workers – Imported Labour in the Australian Agriculture Sector', and Jonathan Sale, PhD Candidate and Sessional Academic, University of Newcastle, who will be delivering the paper 'Entangled Legal Histories and Varieties of Capitalism: Spanish-American Legal Transfers, Australian Parallels and Endogenous Developments in Philippine Labour Law'.

Further information about all ALLA Prizes and Scholarships is available [here](#).

Membership

Is your membership current? Settle outstanding fees now to stay in the loop with ALLA member events, discount conference pricing and online access to the Comparative Labor Law & Policy Journal.

Comparative Labor Law & Policy Journal

The Comparative Labor Law Journal was founded in 1976 to provide a venue for the very best scholarship in the comparative analysis of labour law, employment policy and social security issues. In 1997, the Journal moved to the University of Illinois where it was renamed Comparative Labor Law & Policy Journal and its Editorial Advisory Board broadened better to reflect its mission.

With an extensive world-wide circulation, the Journal has become a major international forum for research, theoretical and applied, in an area of growing importance to the developed and in the

developing world. It is a publication of the University of Illinois College of Law and the United States Branch of the International Society for Labor Law and Social Security.

Besides dealing with international and comparative issues, CLLPJ often includes perspectives on Australia.

ALLA members may read and download articles from the CLL&PJ through the [website](#) using the ALLA membership code: 'XXXXXX'.

State Chapter Developments

ALLA welcomes proposals and collaboration for State Chapter events, if you have an event you would be interested in organising or a proposal for a future seminar topic please get in touch with your state coordinator.

New South Wales

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Upcoming Events:

9 October 2018

The ALLA NSW Chapter invite you to **'Looking Beyond the Employer - Is the Enforcement of Employment Standards Entering a New Era?'** presented by Dr Tess Hardy. Further details coming soon.

Recent Events:

28 August 2018

The ALLA NSW Chapter presented the seminar **'Can Deeds of Release Prevent the Recovery of Underpayments by the FWO? - Lessons from Fair Work Ombudsman & Ors v Atkins Freight Services P/L'** presented by Kylie Nomchong SC.

3 July 2018

The NSW Chapter of the Australian Labour Law Association held a seminar on **'Termination of Enterprise Agreements and Final Offer Arbitration'** presented by Professor Shae McCrystal, University of Sydney Law School.

Queensland

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Professor Andrew Stewart, The University of Adelaide
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Recent Events:

27 February 2018

The SA Chapter and Adelaide Law School's Work and Employment Regulation research group hosted **"Tackling Australia's 'Gangmasters': the case for labour hire licensing"** presented by Professor Anthony Forsyth (School of Business and Law, RMIT University).

12 February 2018

The SA Chapter, Adelaide Law School's Work and Employment Regulation research group and Sport SA held **'Legal and Economic Issues Regarding Contract Breaches in Professional Sports Leagues'**, presented by visiting scholar Professor Stephen Ross.

Victoria

2018 Coordinator:

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Recent Events:

14 August 2018

The Victorian Chapter of the Australian Labour Law Association hosted **'Personal Liability of Managers under Workplace Laws'** presented by Dr Graham Smith, Clayton Utz. Dr Smith's presentation may be found [here](#).

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Linked-In



ALLA is Linked-In! Join us on linked in for Conference information, State Chapter Events and updates from the National Committee.

ISLSSL World Congress: Italy, September 2018

The International Society for Labour and Social Security Law will be hosting its 22nd World Congress in September 2018, in Italy.

Further Details, including submission deadlines are available at the [congress website](#).

ALERA Conference, October 2018

The Australian Labour and Employment Relations Association will host its 2018 National Conference at the Novotel Barossa Valley Resort, 18-20 October

2018. For further information please see the ALERA [website](#).

AIRAANZ Conference, February 2019

The Association of Industrial Relations Academics of Australia and New Zealand are now inviting submission for its conference at RMIT University. For further details please see the AIRAANZ [website](#).

growing disparities in the quality of jobs and from fragmentation of employment, especially in the context of the rapidly changing landscape of global capitalism, labour regulation, labour migration and labour movements.

The conference theme Global Work, Quality Work? invites us to consider the dilemmas arising from

LLRN Conference, June 2019

LLRN will hold its 4th Conference in Valparaíso, Chile from June 23-25, 2018. The first three such conferences – Barcelona 2013, Amsterdam 2015 and Toronto 2015 – were remarkably successful in drawing together scholars from around the world and have established a tradition of the LLRN Conference as the largest and most important focal point for global labour law scholarship.

LLRN are now calling for papers particularly addressing the following themes: The Goals of Labour Law; Labour Law's Means; Labour Law's Impact; Labour Law's Methodology. Further information can be found [here](#).