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# **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

# **Director's Report**

In 2014, the ALC welcomed three new Associate Members of the Melbourne Law School: Associate Professor Jürgen Kurtz; Mr Hayden Opie and Professor Mark Williams. As the ALC approaches its thirtieth year of operation, it is clear that the study of legal systems within and across Asia has changed and, in many ways, become significant in the work of many of our MLS colleagues. The ALC works closely with a range of academic colleagues on research and teaching programs. The appointment of these three faculty members as Associates recognises the ways in which their work is of vital and significant impact in understanding the dynamics of the region. The ALC has worked closely with Jürgen Kurtz on international and regional trade issues, most recently working with him to host a group of Vietnamese Ministry of Justice and Ministry of Trade officials to MLS for a two week training course in mid-2013. In 2015, Stacey Steele and Hayden Opie will jointly host a sports law conference focussing on Korea. Mark Williams joined the Law School in 2014, and is a Hong Kong-based competition law expert, who has already contributed to the teaching and research in Asia-focussed competition law regionally, particularly in the PRC. We are delighted to welcome these colleagues as Associates of the ALC.

Further, in 2014 the ALC undertook several new regional initiatives. First, Dr Farrah Ahmed and I visited Delhi for a week to develop relationships with law schools and other legal organisations to build a program for 2015, involving both teaching and research. We were generously hosted by two Delhi-based Law Schools and also met with 6 firms, 3 NGOs and a prominent litigator. These counterparts have been instrumental in enabling the design of 'Law and Legal Practice in Asia', a JD subject, which will run in semester 1, 2015 and see 12 – 15 students placed in host organisations in Delhi for 1 month full-time work. Together with Oxford University and MLS, National Law University Delhi ('NLUD') will host a joint conference on public law in 2015. Further, we have secured funding to bring Professor Anup Surendranath of NLUD to MLS in 2016. Dr Surendranath will work on a comparative project involving a discussion of death penalty practice in Vietnam, Indonesia and India.

Secondly, we hosted two post-doctoral fora this year. In October, Sarah Biddulph and I travelled to Hong Kong University Law School ('HKULS') for the inaugural doctoral forum convened by MLS and HKULS. Put briefly, 7 students from the PRC mainland joined an MLS student and 7 students from HKULS to explain their research and receive peer and academic comments. This afforded great insight into China-law scholarship. It is anticipated that this program will be re-run in 2016 in mainland China.

In June, we co-hosted the regular doctoral forum on Vietnamese laws and institutions with Monash University's Department of Business Law and Taxation. Postgraduate students from Australia and New Zealand were welcomed to explain their doctoral research, to which academics and peers responded. Topics ranged from the death penalty in Vietnam to labour law, human trafficking, land disputes, arbitration involving the state, and civil dispute resolution at the local level. We were lucky to be joined by Dr Bui Ngoc Son, post-doctoral fellow at the National University of Singapore this year.

At the ALC during 2014, we have been privileged to hear from a range of speakers including: Dr Jamhari Makruf (on 'Radicalism and Moderation in Indonesia's Islamic Education System'); Dr Bui Ngoc Son (on evolving popular constitutionalism in Vietnam); Dr Benjamin Van Rooij (on Chinese citizens and their experience of regulatory responses to environmental hazards); Judge Kida and Ms Kaoru Ishihara (on family court procedures and personnel in Japan); Dr Jothie Rajah, American Bar Foundation (on 'Law and Justice: Images and Absences in the Killing of Osama bin Laden'); Associate Professor Chien-Chang Huang, National Taipei University (on the real estate registration systems in Taiwan); Associate Professor Michael Ng, HKULS (on 'Transplanting Indigenous Legal Practices to a Transplanted Legal System? An Archival Study of the Beijing Criminal Court in Early Republican China (1910s)'); Professor Kota Fukui, Osaka University (on 'The Diversification and Formalisation of Alternative Dispute Resolution in Japan'); Jairo Acuna-Alfaro, UNDP, Hanoi (on developments to reporting and evaluation methods when monitoring governance and public administration in Viet Nam); Professor Mark Williams and Dr Wendy Ng, University of Adelaide (on 'Competition Law in China & Hong Kong'); and Nguyen Hung Quang, NHQuang&Associates (on the rights to counsel in Vietnamese drug trails). Details of these events are included in this report from page 40.

We also secured funding, together with CCCS, for the Law School's first Melbourne Asian Visiting Fellow, Professor Jiunn-rong Yeh. This program is funded by the University to support Asia-focussed collaborations. Professor Yeh also analysed Taiwanese students' activism, provoked by the Taiwan Government's signing of a services agreement with the PRC. Professor Yeh gave a keynote address on Asian Constitutionalism, where he argued there is not 'an' Asian constitutional phenomenon. Professor Yeh noted that Asian constitutional law comprises diversity and difference, and must avoid categories that better reflect an 'othering' of Asia rather than having any intrinsic intellectual merit. We look forward to a further visit by Professor Yeh in 2015.

As always, the ALC has received extraordinary support from sponsors and those who give generously of their expertise. For example, members of the profession (barristers and solicitors), the Federation of Community Legal Centres, Legal Aid and the Bar Council and Law Institute all generously donated their time to inform Legal Aid Vietnam about the operations of legal aid in Australia. We were very grateful for this support when we hosted a Vietnamese delegation from the Ministry of Justice, led by Vice Minister, Nguyen Thuy Hien, in November. We are indebted also to Mr Allan Myers AO QC and Mrs Maria Myers AO for their support of a range of ALC activities, including the visit by Dr Bui Ngoc Son and the forthcoming Oxford, NLUS, MLS public law workshop in Delhi.

Professor Pip Nicholson Director, Asian Law Centre

# ABOUT THE ALC

# About the Asian Law Centre

The Asian Law Centre (ALC) commenced activities in 1985 and is the first and largest Australian centre devoted to the development of our understanding of Asian law and legal systems.

The Centre has pioneered extensive programs of teaching and research on the laws and legal systems of Japan, China, Indonesia, Vietnam, Taiwan, Malaysia, Islamic law, East Timor and the Philippines. It is now developing a new program on India. The Centre has also worked on Korea, Thailand, Laos and on traditional and customary law in Australia's region.

# **Objectives**

The Centre's objectives are to:

- · improve knowledge and understanding of the laws of our region
- support the rule of law in Asia
- · promote teaching and research on Asian legal systems in Australia, Asia and elsewhere
- promote the development of Asian studies and Asian languages in other disciplines, and to encourage links with legal studies
- · promote the importance of comparative law in Asian legal studies and research
- promote knowledge exchange of staff and students between the Melbourne Law School and Asian universities and institutions
- provide networking opportunities between the Melbourne Law School and Asian Universities

# **Finances**

The Centre receives administrative support from the University of Melbourne of \$5,000, in addition to the paid salaries of 1.6 FTE professional staff positions. The salaries of academic staff members of the Centre are borne by the Faculty, as members undertake teaching obligations in the Faculty.

The Asian Law Centre's research activities in 2014, including salaries of research assistants, were therefore funded largely from research grants and donations to specific projects.

# **Funded Visiting Scholar Programs**

The Japan and Korea programs both manage funded visiting scholar programs. These activities are significant bridges between professionals in Japan, Korea and Australia. The funding also provides some support for the broader activities conducted by the Japan and Korea programs in the Asian Law Centre.

# Supreme Court of Japan Overseas Training and Research Program

Each year since 2003, the Asian Law Centre has hosted a Judge from Japan as part of the Overseas Training and Research Program of the Supreme Court of Japan. The Program enables Judges from Japan to experience life in a jurisdiction outside Japan for a twelve-month period and provides them with a valuable opportunity to study Australian law courses, use University resources (including the library) and undertake research and training activities, including visits to Victorian courts and meetings with court personnel.

In 2014, the visiting judges were:

• 2014-2015 - Judge Aya Kobayashi, Tokyo District Court

Judge Kobayashi is an Assistant Judge from the Tokyo District Court, Japan. Judge Kobayashi aims to conduct research on the systems in place for the protection of elderly people in Australia. She will also be researching class actions and their operation in practice.

### • 2013-2014 - Judge Kaoto Kida, Yokohama Family and District Court

Judge Kaoto Kida is an assistant judge from Yokohama Family and District Court. Judge Kida researched matters related to juvenile delinquency and related diversion programs. In addition, he conducted research into Australia's lawsuit management through different alternate dispute resolution methods and the adversarial system used in Australia.

# Supreme Court of Korea Overseas Research and Study Program

Each year since 2006, the Asian Law Centre has hosted a Judge from Korea as part of the Overseas Research and Study Program of the Supreme Court of Korea. The Program enables Judges from Korea to experience life in a jurisdiction outside Korea for a 6-12 month period and provides them with a valuable opportunity to study Australian law courses, access University resources and undertake research and training activities, including visits to Victorian courts and meetings with court personnel.

In 2009, the Supreme Court of Korea Overseas Research and Study Program was extended to include Clerks of Court.

In 2014, the participants in this program included:

### • 2014-2015 - Mr Gun Ho Cho, Court Officer, Pusan District Court

Mr Cho's interests include environmental law and legislation in Queensland, with a focus on the Government's Reef Water Quality Protection Plan for the Great Barrier Reef. The research focussed on the coral reef conservation program. In addition, he looked at ways to improve and recover the coastal development and the quality of water.

### • 2014-2015 - Prosecutor Se-Hyun Kang, Prosecutor, Ulsan Prosecutor's Office

Mr Kang plans to learn about the criminal procedure, and about the police system in Australia, with a focus on the relationship between prosecutors and police. In addition, he will be conducting research into defamation law, looking at processes and punishment of defamation cases.

#### • 2014-2015 - Judge In Deok Seo, Judge, Daegu District Court

Judge Seo has an extensive experience as a judge, managing various criminal and civil cases. Judge Seo's research interests include dispute resolution and, in particular, the area of class actions and the involvement of the Victorian Civil and Administrative Tribunal in Australia.

#### • 2013-2014 - Judge In Soo Nam, Judge, Yeondeok Branch of Daegu District Court

Judge Nam's research interests included punitive damages and in particular, in the areas of stealing technology of small business and the unfair cuts of delivery unit prices by large businesses in Australia.

#### 2013-2014 - Mr Sang-hyun Lee, Prosecutor, Seoul Central District Prosecutors' Office

Mr Lee has extensive experience as a public prosecutor, having represented various criminal and public security matters. During his time at the Melbourne Law School, Mr Lee researched the Australian electoral system, with a particular focus on the violation of election laws. He is interested in how the voting system works for residents who are overseas, and how violation of those related crimes are investigated.

ALC Member(s)	Year(s)	Type of Grant	Title	Collaborator	Amount
Farrah Ahmed	2013-2014	Allan Myers Conference Grant	Contemporary Issues in Indian Public Law		A\$60,000
Farrah Ahmed	2013-2014	Interdisciplinary Seed Grant, Melbourne Social Equity Institute	Imagining Muslim Women: Examining the Effects of Images in Women's Human Rights Campaigns		A\$15,000
Farrah Ahmed Pip Nicholson	2013-2014	Teaching and Learning (Asia Capabilities Initiatives) Grant	'Implementation of Melbourne Law School Asia Strategy - Scoping Visit to India'		A\$7,660
Sarah Biddulph	2013-2017	ARC Future Fellowship	'Administrative Justice in China: Harnessing the Rule of Law to Deal with Citizen Complaints against Official Misconduct'		A\$744,850
Sarah Biddulph	2009-current	Major Collaborative Research Initiative (MCRI) funded by the Canadian Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC)	'Asia Pacific Dispute Resolution: Understanding Coordinated Compliance with International Trade and Human Rights Standards in Comparative Perspective' (Head of China team)	Pitman Potter (UBC)	CA\$2.5 million (for entire project)

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Andrew Godwin	2013-2014	Centre for International Finance & Regulation (CIFR) Grant	'Financial System Regulation – Is Australia's "Twin Peaks" Approach a Model for China?'	lan Ramsay (MLS), Li Guo (Peking University Law School)	A\$57,548
Andrew Godwin	2014	University of Hong Kong Teaching Development Grant	'Experiential Learning in HKU Law Faculty by Strengthening Clinical and Transactional Law Education through Adopting Effective Practices from Australian Law Schools'	Dr Richard Wu (Hong Kong University), Ms Julienne Jen (Hong Kong University) and Professor Adrian Evans (Monash University)	
Tim Lindsey Pip Nicholson	2010-2014	ARC Discovery Grant	'Drugs, Law and Criminal Procedure in Southeast Asia: A Comparative Analysis'		A\$281,000
Pip Nicholson	2014	Collier Charitable Fund	'Rule of Law Online'		A\$28,500
Pip Nicholson	2014	Folke Bernadotte Academy (Sweden) Research Grant Scheme	'Post-conflict Rule of Law: The Local Experience in Timor Leste'		SEK 207,909 (A\$34,964)
Pip Nicholson Sarah Biddulph	2014	International Research and Research Training Fund (IRRTF)	China Law Doctoral Workshop	Professor Michael Tilbury (Hong Kong University Law School)	A\$15,000 (co-funded by \$15,000 from HKULS)
Pip Nicholson	2014	Melbourne-Asian Century Visiting Fellowships Program	Visit by Professor Jiunn-rong Yeh	Professor Cheryl Saunders	A\$10,475
Pip Nicholson	2014	MLS-Asia Research Collaboration	'Vietnamese Constitutional Activism: State Resistance to Legal Activism'	Professor Adrienne Stone, Dr Bui Ngoc Son (HCMC Economics University, Faculty of Law)	A\$8,360

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Stacey Steele	2014-2015	Australia-Korea Foundation Grant	'Sports Law and Integrity Workshop: The 2015 Asian Cup and the 2018 Winter Olympic Games'	Mr Hayden Opie	A\$7,000
Stacey Steele	2014-2015	MLS-Asia Research Collaboration	'Sports Law and Integrity Workshop: The 2015 Asian Cup and the 2018 Winter Olympic Games'	Mr Hayden Opie	A\$9,080
Stacey Steele	2014-2015	NUS Law - MLS Research Partnership	'Disciplining Insolvency Practitioners in Australia and Singapore: Legal and Policy Trends'	Professor Ian Ramsay, Assistant Professor Meng Seng Wee (Faculty of Law, National University of Singapore)	A\$10,000 (co-funded by \$10,000 from NUS)

# ADVISORY BOARD

# **Advisory Board**

Following a recommendation at the ALC's 5-year international review, the Advisory Board of the Centre was reconstituted in 2014. This recommendation arose as a result of the escalating recognition of the significance of Asia to Australia. In consequence, it is vitally important for the ALC to consult a body comprising a diverse Australian membership who are expert in the issues in Asia and their relevance to Australia.

The Advisory Board of the Centre reflects knowledge of the new dynamics in regional legal practice and reform, and contemporary policy issues in twenty-first century Asia.

#### The Hon. Justice Susan Kenny (Chair)

Judge, Federal Court of Australia

#### Mr Nathan Butler

General Counsel, Governance, Corporate and Enterprise, National Australia Bank Limited

#### Mr Rowan Callick OBE

Asia Pacific Editor, The Australian

#### Mr Peter Gray QC

Barrister, Owen Dixon Chambers West

#### Mr Justin Hanney

Lead Deputy Secretary, Economic Development, Employment and Innovation, Department of Economic Development, Employment and Innovation

#### Ms Serena Lillywhite

Mining Advocacy Coordinator, Oxfam

#### Mr Cheng Lim

Partner, King & Wood Mallesons

# DIRECTOR

# Asian Law Centre Staff

# **Director and Associate Directors**



# Director, Asian Law Centre Associate Director (Vietnam) Director (Comparative Legal Studies Program)

# Professor Penelope (Pip) Nicholson

Professor Pip Nicholson was appointed Director of the Asian Law Centre in 2013. She is also Associate Director (Vietnam) and Director of the Comparative Legal Studies Program at the Asian Law Centre. Her teaching and research are in dispute resolution, comparative legal studies, law and reform in Asia and law and society in Asia. Pip has degrees in Arts and Law from MLS, a Masters in Public Policy from the ANU and a doctorate from the MLS. Pip was admitted to practice and was a barrister and solicitor of the Supreme Court of Victoria (1990-1992).

Pip's publications include: Asian Socialism and Legal Change: The Dynamics of Vietnamese and Chinese Reform (Asia Pacific Press and ANU E Press. 2012) (co-edited with John Gillespie); Borrowing Court Systems: the Experience of Socialist Vietnam (Martinus Nijhoff, 2007); Examining Practice, Interrogating Theory: Comparative Legal Studies in Asia (Martinus Nijhoff, 2008) (co-edited with Sarah Biddulph); New Courts in Asia (Routledge, 2009), co-edited with Professor Andrew Harding (Routledge, 2009); and Law and Development and the Global Discourses of Legal Transfers (Cambridge University Press, 2012) (co-edited with John Gillespie).

She holds an ARC grant with Tim Lindsey to analyse *Drugs, Law and Criminal Procedure in Southeast Asia.* 

Her current research interests include law and legal change (including court reform) in transitional countries, drug trials in Asia and the cross-cultural legal research and development. Pip has spoken on these issues in the USA, Canada, Japan, Vietnam, France, Thailand, Hong Kong, Sweden, UK and the Netherlands. Pip is an internationally recognised expert in courts and legal reform (particularly within socialist states). She has consulted widely on these issues.



# Associate Director (India)

#### Dr Farrah Ahmed

Farrah joined the Melbourne Law School in July 2012 and was made Associate Director of the India Program at the Asian Law Centre in 2013. Prior to this appointment, she was a Lecturer in Law at the Queen's College, University of Oxford. Farrah's areas of interest are South Asian Law, Legal Theory, Law and Religion, Public Law and Family Law. Her educational history includes an LLB from the University of Delhi, a Bachelor of Civil Law, an MPhil in law and a DPhil in law from the University of Oxford.

Farrah is currently working on a project on the accommodation of religious norms in Indian family law. Her publications include: 'The Coherence of the Doctrine of Legitimate Expectations', *Cambridge Law Journal* (forthcoming, with Adam Perry); 'Expertise and the Duty to Give Reasons', *Public Law* (2012) 2: 221 (with Adam Perry); 'Religious Tribunals, Religious Freedom and Concern for Vulnerable Women', *Child and Family Law Quarterly* (2012) 363 (with Jane Norton); 'Religious Norms in Family Law: Implications for Group and Personal Autonomy' in John Eekelaar and Mavis Maclean (ed.), Managing Family Justice in Diverse Societies (Hart, 2013); 'How Religious Arbitration Could Enhance Personal Autonomy', *Oxford Journal of Law and Religion* (2012) 2:1 (with S. Luk); 'Personal Autonomy and the Option of Religious Law', *International Journal of Law, Policy and the Family* (2010) 24 (2): 222; 'The Value of Faith', *Religion, State and Society* (2010) 38 (2):169; and 'Religious Arbitration: A Study of Legal Safeguards', *Arbitration* (August 2011) (with S. Luk).

# ASSOCIATE DIRECTORS

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# **Associate Director (China)**

#### **Professor Sarah Biddulph**

Professor Sarah Biddulph joined the Centre in 1989 and was appointed to a lectureship in the Law School in 1992. She is a graduate of Sydney University in Law and Chinese Studies and studied in Shanghai as one of the Attorney-General's representatives under an exchange agreement with the PRC Ministry of Justice. She worked as a lawyer in Shanghai with the Australian law firm Blake Dawson Waldron between 1998 and 2001 and has near-native fluency in Mandarin.

Sarah's research focuses on the Chinese legal system with a particular emphasis on legal policy, law making and enforcement as they affect the administration of justice in China. Her particular areas of research are contemporary Chinese administrative law, criminal procedure, labour, comparative law, and the law regulating social and economic rights. Sarah completed her PhD in 2004, entitled *The Legal Field of Policing in China: Administrative Detention and Law Reform*.

Sarah's recent publications include: Legal Reform and Administrative Detention Powers in China (2007) CUP; Examining Practice, Interrogating Theory: Comparative Legal Studies in Asia, coedited with Pip Nicholson (Brill, 2008); Law and Fair Work in China: Making and Enforcing Labour Standards in the PRC, co-authored with Sean Cooney and Ying Zhu (Routledge, 2013); The Politics of Law and Stability in China, co-edited with Susan Trevaskes, Elisa Nesossi and Flora Sapio (Edward Elgar, 2014); and The Stability Imperative: Human Rights and Law in China (UBC Press, 2015).

Sarah is co-chair for the China team in the five country comparative project: Asia-Pacific Dispute Resolution Program: Understanding Integrated Compliance with International Trade and Human Rights Standards in Comparative Perspective, headed by Professor Pitman Potter at the University of British Columbia. Sarah has recently completed a research fellowship from the Australian Research Council looking at recent reforms to the legal regulation of police administrative detention powers in China. This project included an examination of reforms to measures for compulsory detention for treatment of drug dependent people.



# **Associate Director**

# Professor Sean Cooney (on leave as Labour Law Specialist at the International Labour Organisation, Geneva)

Professor Sean Cooney joined the Centre in 1992 after four years in legal practice and completed his LLM in Asian law in that year. He joined the Melbourne Law School in 1995 and completed his doctoral studies at Columbia University in 2005.

Sean's research interests include East Asian employment and labour law, international labour regulation, democratic transitions, comparative law, and regulatory theory, particularly in relation to enforcement. He researches and teaches in Chinese and is fluent in French and German. He has published in English and Chinese in a wide variety of domestic international law journals. His books include *Law and Fair Work in China* (with Sarah Biddulph and Ying Zhu, Routledge, 2013) and *Law and Labour Market Regulation in East Asia* (with Tim Lindsey, Richard Mitchell and Ying Zhu, Routledge, 2002).

Sean has consulted for the International Labour Organisation, the International Labour Rights Fund, the Fair Work Ombudsman, the Brotherhood of Saint Lawrence, the Australian Council of Trade Unions and the Uniting Church. He is currently engaged in a number of international collaborative research projects, including the examination of informal labour regulation in several Asian countries and the development of sectoral bargaining in China.

# ASSOCIATE DIRECTORS



# Associate Director (Asian Commercial Law)

#### **Mr Andrew Godwin**

Mr Andrew Godwin joined the Centre as an Associate Director in late 2006, after being appointed as an Associate of the Centre in early 2006. He was appointed Senior Lecturer in the Law School in early 2008.

Andrew holds a number of senior positions at Melbourne Law School, including Director of Transactional Law and Director of the Graduate Program in Banking and Finance Law.

Andrew spent over 15 years in private practice, 10 of which were spent in Shanghai where he was a partner and chief representative of the international law firm, Linklaters. During his time in practice, Andrew acted for commercial and investment banks in a wide range of finance transactions and was also actively involved with financial institutions and multinational companies in the area of cross-border merger and acquisition projects.

Andrew's teaching and research interests include transactional law subjects, securities regulation (risk disclosure), Chinese law, property law, finance and insolvency law and professional regulation and training. Andrew also trains lawyers in the area of contract drafting and negotiation. A fluent Mandarin speaker, Andrew has published extensively in professional and academic journals and contributes a regular bilingual column called 'Lexicon' to the *China Business Law Journal*.

Andrew is a well-known and highly regarded specialist on Chinese law and legal practice in Australia and greater China.



# **Associate Director (Indonesia)**

### **Professor Tim Lindsey**

Professor Tim Lindsey joined the Centre in 1990 and was appointed to the Law School in 1994. His appointments include Malcolm Smith Professor of Asian Law (2006), ARC Federation Fellow (2006-2012), Director of the Asian Law Centre (2000-2012), Associate Dean (International) in the Faculty of Law (2002-2006), Director of the Centre for Islamic Law and Society (2005-2012) and Director of the Centre for Indonesian Law, Islam and Society (2013-current).

Agraduate of the University of Melbourne Law School, Tim completed his doctoral thesis in Indonesian studies. His research interests are in the areas of Islamic Iaw, Indonesian Iaw, constitutional Iaw, comparative Iaw, Iaw reform in developing countries and 'rule of Iaw'. His Federation Fellowship *Islam and Modernity: Syari'ah, Terrorism and Governance in South-East Asia* dealt with all these themes. Tim researches and teaches in *bahasa Indonesia* and is a long-serving member and now Chair of the Australia-Indonesia Institute in the Department of Foreign Affairs. He is an Associate Member of the Academie Internationale de Droit Comparé and of the International Council of the Asia Society. Tim worked previously at Mallesons Stephen Jaques and has been a practising member of the Victorian Bar since 1990, now specialising in Indonesian matters. He has nearnative fluency in *bahasa Indonesia* and is a Visiting Professor at Syarif Hidayatullah State Islamic University in Jakarta.

Tim's publications include *Indonesia: Law & Society* (now in its second edition); *Indonesia: Bankruptcy, Law Reform and the Commercial Court; Corruption in Asia: Rethinking the Governance Paradigm* (with Howard Dick); *Indonesia After Soeharto: Prospects for Reform; Law and Labour Market Regulation in East Asia* (with Sean Cooney, Richard Mitchell and Ying Zhu); *Chinese Indonesians: Remembering, Distorting, Forgetting* (with Helen Pausacker, also in its second edition); *Law Reform in Developing and Transitional States*; and *The Constitution of Indonesia* (with Simon Butt). He recently published three major monographs on (i) Islamic laws in Indonesia, (ii) Malaysia and Brunei (with Kerstin Steiner), and (3) Singapore (with Kerstin Steiner). Tim is a Founder and Editor of *The Australian Journal of Asian Law*.

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# **Associate Director (Japan)**

#### **Ms Stacey Steele**

Ms Stacey Steele joined the Centre in 1997 as a research associate and was appointed Associate Director (Japan) in January 2002. Born in Brisbane, Stacey holds degrees from the University of Queensland (BA (Jap)), Monash University (MA (Jap)) and the University of Melbourne (LLB (Hons) and LLM (by thesis)). Stacey commenced articles in March 2000 at a leading Australian commercial law firm and worked as a senior associate in its financial services group, focusing on project/infrastructure and corporate finance.

In October 2007, Stacey joined Standard and Poor's Melbourne office as Associate General Counsel with responsibilities for the Asia-Pacific. Stacey has taught Insolvency Law and Corporate Banking and Finance Law, as well as Issues in Japanese Law and in graduate subjects offered by the Centre. She recently co-edited *Legal Education in Asia: Globalization, Change and Contexts* (Routledge, 2010) with Kathryn Taylor.

Her research interests include Japanese insolvency law, law reform, the Japanese legal system and banking law. Stacey practices *Chanoyu* (The Way of Tea) and is a member of the Urasenke Melbourne Chapter. She is fluent in Japanese.



# Associate Director (Malaysia)

### Dr Amanda Whiting

Dr Amanda Whiting joined the Faculty of Law at The University of Melbourne as a Lecturer in 2004. She has been a member of the Asian Law Centre since 1999. Her research is in the area of human rights institutions and practices in the Asia-Pacific Region, gender and religion, and Malaysian legal history. She is Associate Director (Malaysia) of the Asian Law Centre.

Amanda completed her honours degree in Arts at the University of Melbourne in 1981 and then taught seventeenth and eighteenth century history at the University's History Department over the next decade. She also has a Diploma of Education (1988) and a Graduate Diploma of Indonesian (1995), which was partly undertaken at Universitas Kristen Satya Wacana, Indonesia. She completed her LLB with First Class Honours in 2001. In 2007, she completed her doctorate - a feminist analysis of mid-seventeenth century English legal and political history. Her book *Deference, Difference and Dissent: Women and Petitioning in the Seventeenth-Century English Revolution* will be published by Brepols in 2014.

She is the author of several articles and book chapters about contemporary Malaysia, dealing with: human rights, gender relations, political Islam and Islamic law and the legal profession, and she is the co-editor (with Carolyn Evans) of *Mixed Blessings: Laws, Religions and Women's Rights in the Asia Pacific Region* (Leiden: Martinus Nijhoff, 2006); and (with Andrew Kenyon and Tim Marjoribanks) of *Democracy, Media and Law in Malaysia and Singapore: A Space for Speech* (Routledge, forthcoming).

Amanda is currently writing about the colliding and conflicting understandings of secular and religious law in Malaysia (particularly as they affect women and children); and she is preparing to write a history of the legal profession in Malaysia, using oral history accounts and focussing on its role as an agent of civil society.

Amanda has been involved with *The Australian Journal of Asian Law* since its inaugural issue in 1999 and has been an editor since 2002. With Professor Tim Lindsey, she edited and contributed to *Doing Business in Indonesia* (Singapore, CCH: 2000).

# PROFESSIONAL STAFF

# **Professional Staff**



# **Centre Manager**

# **Ms Kathryn Taylor**

Ms Kathryn Taylor joined the Centre in 1998 as the Administrator. In 2005, she was appointed Manager of the Asian Law Centre and Manager of the Centre for Indonesian Law, Islam and Society (formerly, Centre for Islamic Law and Society). Kathryn was the Project Manager of Professor Tim Lindsey's ARC Federation Fellowship from 2006 to 2012, and is Project Manager of *Asian Law Online*, the largest bibliographic database of English-language materials on Asian legal systems in the world.

Kathryn completed her Arts degree with Honours in Chinese from the University of Melbourne in 1999, after spending 16 months studying Mandarin at National Cheng Kung University, Taiwan R.O.C. She completed a Master of Management (International Business) at Monash University in 2001. As part of this degree, Kathryn also completed a Winter Semester in Chinese Law at the East China University of Politics and Law. Kathryn's research interests include the Chinese language and culture, Asian legal systems (particularly the legal systems of China and Taiwan), international business, the current state of China-Taiwan relations and Islam in China. Kathryn is able to communicate in Mandarin. She has co-edited a monograph with Stacey Steele, titled *Legal Education in Asia: Globalization, Change and Contexts* (Routledge, 2010).



# **Centre Coordinator**

#### Ms Tessa Shaw

Tessa joined the Asian Law Centre in 2009. She is the Coordinator of the Asian Law Centre and the Centre for Indonesian Law, Islam and Society (formerly, Centre for Islamic Law and Society). She assisted with Professor Tim Lindsey's ARC Federation Fellowship from 2009 to 2012.

Tessa moved to Australia from Singapore in 2002. She graduated with an Arts degree, majoring in English Language, from the University of Melbourne in 2005. She also completed a postgraduate certificate in Editing and Communications at the University that year. Thereafter, she worked extensively in events management. She has also written for various publications in Australia, and later, in Singapore.

Returning to Australia to work at the University, Tessa is hoping to further develop her skills in communications, as well as in events and project management, especially within a diverse and internationally-recognised organisation.

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# HONORARY FELLOWS



# **Administrator (Centre Operations)**

#### Ms Vicky Aikman

Ms Vicky Aikman joined the Asian Law Centre in December 2011 (while Kathryn Taylor was on maternity leave). Vicky is the Administrator (Centre Operations) for the Asian Law Centre and Centre for Indonesian Law, Islam and Society (formerly, Centre for Islamic Law and Society). She has rejoined the staff of the University of Melbourne after time away to assume family responsibilities and part-time study commitments.

She previously held departmental manager roles in the Schools of Languages and Earth Sciences. She has also worked in the central administration of the University managing the examination and graduation processes, and in the Faculty of Science administering research and graduate studies. Vicky holds a Bachelor of Arts with majors in history and politics from the University of Melbourne. She is a qualified horticulturalist and is currently studying applied landscape design.

# **Honorary Fellows**



### **Professor Dr Iur Adnan Buyung Nasution**

Professor Dr Iur Adnan Buyung Nasution is widely regarded as Indonesia's leading advocate and trial lawyer. One of the founders of Indonesia's Legal Aid Institute, he is a pioneer of legal aid and law reform, as well as being a key figure in the development of human rights law and constitutionalism in Indonesia. A former member of Indonesia's prestigious Presidential Advisory Council, he was also Deputy Chair of Indonesia's Electoral Commission.

In 2010, he was appointed as Honorary Professorial Fellow in the Melbourne Law School, in recognition of his huge contribution to constitutional studies and scholarship on Indonesian law, and his commitment to building the rule of law in his home country.



### **Professor Carolyn S. Stevens**

Professor Carolyn S Stevens currently teaches in the School of Languages, Cultures and Linguistics at Monash University. She is also Professor of Japanese Studies at that University, and the Director of the Japanese Studies Centre.

Professor Stevens began her appointment in July 2012 after moving from the position of Associate Professor in Japanese Studies at the University of Melbourne. She is currently involved with teaching in the Asian Studies and International Studies programs, and is conducting research on disability and social problems in Japan, as well as projects on popular music and consumerism in postwar Japan. Her AB (magna cum laude) from Harvard College is in social anthropology, and her PhD in cultural anthropology is from Columbia University. Her main area of expertise with regard to Japanese law is in the field of social welfare.

# **MEMBERS**

# **Members**

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 the Centre's programs, each of which is headed by an Associate Director.



### **Professor Richard Garnett**

Richard Garnett has an LLM from Harvard University where he was a Fulbright and Lionel Murphy scholar. Prior to his appointment at the University of Melbourne in 2001, Richard was a senior lecturer at Monash University and before that, a solicitor practising commercial litigation and arbitration at Linklaters in London. Richard's major research interests are in the areas of conflict of laws, international dispute resolution and cross-border online conduct. He has published books and articles in major international journals in these fields, a number of which have been cited by leading international tribunals such as the European Court of Human Rights and US federal courts. Richard has also acted as legal adviser and counsel in private international law and international commercial arbitration matters before Australian and international tribunals, including the High Court of Australia. He is currently a consultant to the law firm Freehills.

In 2012, Richard's monograph *Substance and Procedure in Private International Law* was published in the prestigious *Oxford Private International Law Series* of Oxford University Press. This work was described in the foreword by the former Chief Justice of Australia, the Hon Sir Anthony Mason, as 'not just an admirable statement of the law as it currently stands [but one which] identifies and engages with deeper underlying issues and offers persuasive solutions to them. In addition, it presents a penetrating analysis of the existing rules and the decided cases.'

Other positions Richard has held include: Member of the Australian Government delegation of experts to the Hague Conference on Private International Law (Jurisdiction and Judgments Convention), Director of the Australian Centre for International Commercial Arbitration, Adviser to the American Law Institute in its project on transnational intellectual property adjudication, co-rapporteur on the International Law Association (ILA) project on transnational group actions, Consultant to the Australian Law Reform Commission on the Commonwealth Judiciary Act and Consultant to the European Commission on private international law and electronic commerce.



#### Associate Professor Cally Jordan

Cally Jordan has degrees in both civil law and common law (LL.B/B.C.L. McGill University; D.E.A., Université de Paris I (Panthéon-Sorbonne)) which she obtained after a B.A., with distinction (Carleton) and a M.A. (University of Toronto). For her graduate work in Paris, she studied with Professors Jacques Ghestin, Genevieve Viney and Paul Lagarde. She has practised law in Canada, New York, California and Hong Kong and spent several years in the New York office of Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen & Hamilton working in the area of international finance.

Cally has spent over fifteen years with the World Bank, both as a consultant and as a full-time advisor, on commercial, financial, corporate governance and corporate law in numerous countries (Indonesia, Vietnam, Tunisia, China, Chile, Korea, Slovakia, Armenia, Macedonia, Lithuania, Egypt, Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania, Bahrain, Mauritius, Cambodia).

Between 1991 and 1996, she was an Associate Professor at the Faculty of Law at McGill University and member of the Institute of Comparative and Private Law. More recently, she spent 2010 as a Visiting Professor at Duke Law School, Durham, North Carolina and taught for a semester in 2011 at Georgetown's Center for Transnational Legal Studies in London. Since then she has been a visiting fellow at the Max Planck Institute for International and Comparative Law in Hamburg (2012), the London School of Economics (2013), the British Institute for International and Comparative Law (2013) and the inaugural P.R.I.M.E Finance Fellow at the Netherlands Institute for Advanced Studies outside The Hague (2013). In 2014, she will be a Dean's Visiting Scholar at Georgetown Law Center in Washington, DC.

She is a frequent speaker on corporate governance, capital markets and corporate law. She is the author of proposals for the reform of Hong Kong companies law and spent nearly five years living in Asia.

# **MEMBERS**

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### Associate Professor Jürgen Kurtz

Jürgen Kurtz is an Associate Professor and Director of Studies of the International Economic Law Program at the University of Melbourne, Australia. He researches and teaches in the various strands of international economic law including the jurisprudence of the World Trade Organization and that of investor-state arbitral tribunals.

Jürgen's work has been published in a range of leading international law journals and has been cited by law reform institutions as well as international tribunals in adjudication. He teaches annually or biennially in the Academy of International Trade and Investment Law in Macau, the Master of Laws in a European and Global Context at Universidade Catolica in Portugal, the Master of Laws in International Economic Law and Policy at the University of Barcelona and the Singapore International Arbitration Academy at the National University of Singapore.

Jürgen has held the Fernand Braudel Senior Fellowship at the European University Institute in Florence, Emile Noël Fellowship at New York University, Grotius Fellowship at the University of Michigan as well as a research fellowship at The Hague Academy of International Law. He has advised the governments of a number of OECD and developing countries and served as a consultant to leading regional and multilateral agencies involved in trade, investment and development. He currently serves on the editorial board of the *Journal of World Investment and Trade*.



### Mr Hayden Opie

Hayden Opie had the insight to press for the Law School to focus on sports law over 25 years ago. He has since built the Sports Law Program into one of the most successful in the world. He teaches and researches in all areas of sports law: in particular onsports integrity, labour market regulation and medico-legal questions, including injury liability and anti-doping. Hayden initiated the founding of the Australian and New Zealand Sports Law Association and is a member of the Australian Government's Anti-Doping Rule Violation Panel and the National Basketball League's Appeal Tribunal. He is also a member of various international and national sports law associations and advisory bodies.

The Sports Law Program features 13 graduate level subjects which may be taken for continuing education or towards a Graduate Diploma in Sports Law or one of a number of degrees at the Masters level. Hayden has been largely responsible for the development of most of the subjects and teaches in seven of them. He also teaches two sports law subjects in the JD program. Hayden has taught sports law subjects at The University of Sydney, The University of Adelaide and Marquette University, USA. He also supervises Research Higher Degree students.

A graduate of this law school, he undertook higher study in sports law at The University of Toronto in the mid-1980s. Since then he has established and developed the Melbourne Sports Law Program, initiated the founding of the Australian and New Zealand Sports Law Association Inc, and served as the Association's President for its first eight years. In 2000, he was made the Association's first Life Member.

In 1995, he conducted an independent inquiry on behalf of the Federal Minister for Sport into the Australian Institute of Sport's women's artistic gymnastics program. The inquiry's report was tabled in the Australian Parliament in November 1995. Also, he has conducted investigations and hearings into a variety of disputes for Australian sport governing bodies.

In recent years, he has spoken on sports law issues at conferences in Asia, Europe, South Africa and the United States of America including a number of appearances at arguably the world's most important sports conference, the SportAccord Convention (the annual conference of international sports federations). His publications on sports law cover a wide range of topics and have appeared in Australian, European, New Zealand, South American and United States journals and books.

In 2009, Hayden received the ANZSLA Contribution to Sport Award and in July 2010 he was appointed by the Federal Minister of Sport as the sports law member of the Anti-Doping Rule Violation Panel estabilished under the Australian Sports Anti-Doping Authority Act 2006 (Cth).

Hayden has developed links with sports law interested academics and legal practitioners in China, India, Japan, Malaysia, Korea Republic, Singapore and Sri Lanka and has hosted visits by academics from Japan and Malaysia over the past few years. Recently the Sports Law Program collaborated with the Asian Law Centre on a commissioned research project investigating antimatch fixing laws and sports regulations in Australia, China, India and New Zealand with particular emphasis on links to gambling. In early 2015, with the support of the Australia Korea Council, the Centre and Program will co-operate in staging a workshop on anti-matching fixing measures in Australia and Korea Republic.



### **Professor Ian Ramsay**

Professor Ian Ramsay is the Harold Ford Professor of Commercial Law. He is also Director of the Law School's Centre for Corporate Law and Securities Regulation. Ian practised law in New York and Sydney and is a member of the Corporations Law Committee of the Law Council of Australia. He was the Head of the Federal Government inquiry on auditor independence and is a past member of the Australian Securities and Investments Commission External Advisory Panel, the Corporations and Markets Advisory Committee, the Auditors and Liquidators Disciplinary Board, the Takeovers Panel, the Audit Quality Review Board, the Law Committee of the Australian Institute of Company Directors and the International Federation of Accountants taskforce on rebuilding confidence in financial reporting. Ian has published extensively on corporate law and corporate governance issues both internationally and in Australia.



#### **Professor Mark Williams**

Professor Mark Williams read law at the University of Bristol, UK. He obtained an LLM with Merit and a PhD degree from King's College, University of London. He was admitted as a Solicitor in England and practiced law for 5 years before switching to an academic career in 1990. He joined the Hong Kong Polytechnic University in 1998 and in the same year was admitted as a Solicitor in Hong Kong.

Mark publishes in leading law journals including the *Journal of Business Law*, *The Competition Review*, *The Antitrust Bulletin* and the *Competition Policy International* and edited collections. Monographs include: *Competition Policy and Law in China*, *Hong Kong and Taiwan*, 2005; *Secured Finance Law in China and Hong Kong*, 2010; and *The Political Economy of Competition in Asia* 2013.

Mark also consults in the competition law field for the Japanese and Chinese governments as well as leading law firms. He is a regular speaker at ASEAN, APEC and the United Nations on competition issues.

Mark actively promotes competition policy and law in Hong Kong, China and the wider Asian region. He was the founder of the Asian Competition Forum, a non-profit organization with a membership of over 300 that brings together academics, government officials, lawyers, business and consumer leaders to discuss competition-related issues and to promote research into competition law and policy issues.

Professor Williams is currently a Professor of Law at the University of Melbourne Law School and teaches competition law, company/commercial law, corporate governance, corporate social responsibility and PRC economic law. His ongoing research projects focus on competition law and policy, company-commercial law and corporate governance issues.

He is actively involved with Hong Kong professional organizations such as the Institute of Company Secretaries and the Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

# Associates

ALC Associates are academic members from institutions external to the Melbourne Law School. They are renowned scholars in the fields of Asian Legal Systems and Asian Studies.



# **Professor Kent Anderson**

Kent Anderson is a comparative lawyer specialising in Asia. He joined the University of Adelaide in 2012 as Pro Vice-Chancellor (International) and Professor of Law in the Adelaide Law School. He has an eclectic background, doing tertiary studies in Japan, US, and UK in Law, Politics, Economics, and Asian Studies. Kent first worked as a marketing manager with a US regional airline in Alaska, then as a practicing commercial lawyer in Hawaii, and subsequently joining academia as associate professor at Hokkaido University School of Law. For the decade before joining the University of Adelaide, Kent held a joint appointment at the Australian National University College of Law and Faculty of Asian Studies, where he was Director from 2007-2011. He was the Foundation Director of the School of Culture, History and Language in the ANU's College of Asia and the Pacific.

His research and teaching are focused on insolvency, private international law, and recently the introduction of Japan's new quasi-jury system (*saiban-in seido*). He is editor of the *Journal of Japanese Law*, on the editorial board of the *Australian Year Book of International Law*, and on the editorial advisory board of *The Australian Journal of Asian Law*.



#### **Associate Professor Gary Bell**

After an undergraduate degree in theology (BTh) at the Universite Laval (Quebec City), Gary F. Bell obtained degrees in both common law (LLB) and the civil law (CLB) at McGill University in Montreal and an LLM at Columbia University in New York City.

He was Editor in Chief of the *McGill Law Journal*, clerked for Justice Stevenson of the Supreme Court of Canada and taught at McGill University. teaching comparative law. He does most of his research on Indonesian Law and on the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods. He is a Director of the Asian Law Institute.



### **Associate Professor Simon Butt**

Simon Butt is a current ARC Australian Postdoctoral Research Fellow and Associate Director (Indonesia) for the Centre for Asian and Pacific Law at The University of Sydney, where he teaches Indonesian law.

Prior to joining the faculty as Senior Lecturer, Simon worked as a consultant on the Indonesian legal system to the Australian government, the private sector and international organisations, including the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the International Commission of Jurists (ICJ). He has taught in over 70 law courses in Indonesia on a diverse range of topics, including intellectual property, Indonesian criminal law, Indonesian terrorism law and legislative drafting. He is fluent in Indonesian.

In 2008, Simon's thesis titled *Judicial Review in Indonesia: Between Civil Law and Accountability?* A Study of Constitutional Court Decisions 2003-2005 was awarded the University of Melbourne Chancellor's Prize for Excellence in the PhD Thesis.

Simon has written widely on aspects of Indonesian law, including two recent books: *Corruption and Law in Indonesia* (Routledge 2012) and *The Constitution of Indonesia: A Contextual Analysis* (Hart, 2012, with Tim Lindsey).



### **Professor Camille Cameron**

Camille Cameron is Dean of the University of Windsor Law School, Canada. She was previously a Professor at the Melbourne Law School, and served a term as Associate Dean (Undergraduate) and as Director of the Civil Justice Research Group.

Camille obtained degrees in Arts and Law in Canada. She began her career in private practice in a large commercial law firm in Halifax, Nova Scotia where she specialised in civil litigation. While in practice, she was a frequent presenter at continuing legal education seminars and bar admissions courses, and taught Civil Trial Practice and Civil Procedure as a sessional lecturer. After obtaining her LLM at the University of Cambridge, she taught law in Hong Kong.

She was a founding member of the Advocacy Institute of Hong Kong and a member of its first Board of Governors and Board of Studies.

Camille's areas of research and teaching interest include the administration of civil justice, class actions, civil procedure, dispute resolution, comparative law and law reform in transitional legal systems. She has published articles on civil procedure and is the co-author of *The Principles and Practice of Civil Procedure in Hong Kong* (2001, Sweet and Maxwell Asia) and *Litigation: Evidence and Procedure* (7th edition, 2005, Lexis Nexis Butterworths, Australia).

Camille has worked as a consultant on international development projects in various countries, including Cambodia, Vietnam, Laos, Mongolia, China, Thailand and Indonesia.



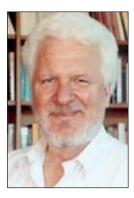
### Mr Neri Colmenares

Neri Javier Colmenares joined the Centre in 2002 as a research assistant and was appointed as an Associate of the Centre in 2003. He is currently undertaking his Ph.D. on "The Writ of Amparo as a Legal Tool in Identifying Perpetrators of Extra Judicial Killings and Enforced Disappearances: The Case of Manalo, Cadapan and Balao". His research interests include human rights, election law, the process of constitutional amendments, the anti terrorism law, amnesty and the writ of amparo and habeas data and has published articles on these topics.

Neri gives lectures or briefings to congressional committees, university forums and the Supreme Court sponsored Legal Education for Lawyers. He has appeared on Oral Arguments before the Supreme Court regarding *President Gloria Arroyo's Executive Order 464* prohibiting her executive subordinates from testifying in Congress (2005), *President Arroyo's CPR Policy to Violently Disperse Rallies Without Permits* (2006), *Amending the Constitution through President Arroyo's Initiative* (2007) and the *US-Philippine Visiting Forces Treaty* (2008). He also argued before the Supreme Court against the discriminatory rule which deprived him of his seat in the legislature despite valid votes during the 2007 congressional elections. The Supreme Court ruled in his favor and he now sits in the House of Representatives.

Neri is also an electoral lawyer and was lead counsel in a Supreme Court petition which resulted in the disqualification of all major political parties from participating in the Philippine party list elections. He appeared before the US District Court as one of the 10,000 martial law victims in the class suit against President Ferdinand Marcos, where the court granted a total of US \$2.1 Billion in damages, one of the largest ever awarded.

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# Associate Professor Charles Coppel

After graduating in Law at the University of Melbourne, Charles Coppel practised as a barrister for five years, but developed a more enduring fascination for the modern history of Indonesia and its ethnic Chinese minority. His Monash PhD was published as *Indonesian Chinese in Crisis* (Oxford UP, 1983) and as *Tionghoa Indonesia Dalam Krisis* (Pustaka Sinar Harapan, 1994). His publications have covered such diverse areas as ethnic and race relations, ethnic identity, Confucian religion, language usage, colloquial Malay fictional and historical narratives, multiple migration, and the transformation of everyday life in colonial Java. These interests are reflected in his collected volume *Studying Ethnic Chinese in Indonesia* (Singapore Society of Asian Studies, 2002). He taught at Monash University and, from 1973 to 2002, at the University of Melbourne, and was a Fellow-in-Residence of the Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities and Social Sciences in 1995-1996. Since his 'retirement' in 2002 he has continued to publish on the Chinese in Indonesia and edited *Violent Conflicts in Indonesia: Analysis, Representation, Resolution* (Routledge, 2006). His work was honoured in the volume *Chinese Indonesia: Remembering, Distorting, Forgetting*, edited by Tim Lindsey and Helen Pausacker (Institute of Southeast Asian Studies, Singapore and Monash Asia Institute, 2005).



#### Mr Hop Dang

Mr Hop Dang is a graduate of the Hanoi National University in languages and was the first Vietnamese national to graduate with an undergraduate law degree from an Australian university. He completed his DPhil at the University of Oxford in the area of international investment law. Hop completed articles in Australia in 2001 and was also Associate to Justice Chernov of the Court of Appeal, Supreme Court of Victoria.

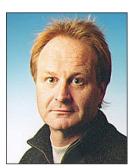
Hop has over ten years of practical experience, specialising in large-scale infrastructure projects, international, commercial arbitration and general corporate matters.

Hop practises mainly in Vietnam, and is now a Partner with Allens Linklaters in Hanoi, where he has acted on some of the most significant infrastructure projects including the Nam Con Son Gas project and the Phu My 3 BOT power project. He also negotiated the EPC Contract for Vietnam's first refinery, Dung Quat. Currently he is advising Vietnam's second refinery, Nghi Son Refinery, and Vung Ang II BOT power project on key aspects of the projects ranging from investment and construction to financing issues.



#### **Professor Howard Dick**

Professor Howard Dick is an internationally-known Asia specialist working primarily on Indonesia and Southeast Asia. His interests include applied economics, economic history, international business and the Asian business environment. His current research focuses on corruption and governance and the difficulties of driving institutional change by formal legal reform. He has written extensively on state expansion, development and economic integration in Indonesia and Southeast Asia. He is Editor of the Asian Studies Association of Australia (ASAA) Southeast Asia Publications Series with NUS Press, and an occasional media commentator on Australia-Asia relations.



#### **Professor Michael Dutton**

Professor Michael Dutton has studied in both Australia and China and was awarded his PhD from Griffith University in 1991. Michael is a Professor of Politics in the Department of Politics at Goldsmiths College, the University of London. He has previously taught at The University of Melbourne (Political Science), the University of Adelaide (Asian Studies) and at Griffith University (School of Humanities). He will be a visiting research professor at Griffith University from December 2007.

Michael's research interests generally revolve around China. He has a long standing interest in the political history of socialist policing and control in China. His current interests include an investigation of the politics of the gift, a study of the friend/enemy distinction, and an appreciation of the importance of everyday life and the consequent politics. In 2007, he was awarded the Levenson Prize by the American Asian Studies Association for the best book on post-1900 China.



### **Mr Stewart Fenwick**

Stewart Fenwick has been a consultant on legal reform initiatives for several years, and between 2004-2008 managed Australia's legal and human rights reform program in Jakarta. He is currently the Manager of the Chief Judge's Chambers at the Federal Circuit Court of Australia. Stewart has experience as a legal practitioner in both the private and public sector, and served with the UNHCR in Mongolia, where he also taught at the National University between 2000-2001. Stewart currently works in judicial administration and is undertaking a PhD at Melbourne in Indonesian and Islamic law. He holds undergraduate degrees from Melbourne (Arts/Law) and an LLM (International Law) from the Australian National University.



### **Professor Hualing Fu**

Professor Fu's research interest includes constitutional law and human rights, with a special focus on criminal justice system and media law in China. His recent work include *National Security and Fundamental Freedoms: Hong Kong's Article 23 Under Scrutiny* (Hong Kong University Press, 2005) (co-edited with Carole Petersen and Simon Young) and *The Struggle for Coherence: Constitutional Interpretation in Hong Kong* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2008) (co-edited with Lison Harris and Simon Young). He teaches Corruption, Human Rights in China, and Legal Relations between Hong Kong and Mainland China.



#### **Professor Andrew Harding**

Professor Harding is the Director for the Centre for Asian Legal Studies at the National University of Singapore. He received his MA (Oxon) in 1974, his LLM (Singapore) in 1984, and his PhD (Monash) in 1987.

Professor Harding is a leading scholar in the fields of Asian legal studies and comparative constitutional law. He commenced his academic career at NUS before moving to SOAS, University of London, where he became Head of the Law School and Director of the Centre for South East Asian Studies. He joined NUS, as Director of the Centre for Asian Legal Studies and Director of the Asian Law Institute, from the University of Victoria, BC Canada, where he was Professor of Asia-Pacific Legal Relations and Director of the Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives. Professor Harding has worked extensively on constitutional law in Malaysia and Thailand, and has made extensive contributions to scholarship in comparative law, and law and development, having published nine books as author or editor. He is co-founding-editor of Hart Publishing's book series 'Constitutional Systems of the World', a major resource for constitutional law in context, and has authored the books on Malaysia and Thailand in that series (2011, 2012).



#### Dr Gitte Heij

Dr Gitte Heij has a Masters Degree in Tax Law from the University of Groningen, and a PhD in Law from the same university in The Netherlands. Gitte worked at the Asia Research Centre at Murdoch University from 1993 to 2001, where she completed a variety of publications on tax and investment topics in Southeast Asia. In addition to her work as a researcher, she worked as an international/Asian tax advisor to Australian and European companies. Over the last 15 years she has been involved in various multi- and bi-lateral aid projects. She is a company director of several companies in Western Australia. She teaches an intensive course in Asian Comparative Tax Laws in the University of Melbourne's Tax Law program and she is a senior Adjunct at Murdoch University where she teaches an intensive course in development studies.

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### Professor M.B. Hooker

Professor M.B. Hooker is Adjunct Professor of the Faculty of Law at Australian National University and was previously Professor of Comparative Law at the University of Kent at Canterbury. He is regarded as a leading world authority on Islamic law and traditional customary law in Southeast Asia and is a Founder and Co-editor of *The Australian Journal of Asian Law*. Notable recent publications include *Indonesian Syariah: Defining a National Islamic Law* (ISEAS Singapore, 2008).



#### Associate Professor David Linnan

David Linnan is a scholar of comparative, economic and public international law with a special interest in Asian law. He studied humanities at Emory University (BA 1976) and law at the University of Chicago (JD 1979), where he was comment editor of the law review. He was in private law practice for six years in Los Angeles and has held research or teaching appointments elsewhere at the University of South Carolina, the University of Washington in Seattle, the Australian National University in Canberra (RSPAS & Faculty of Law), the University of Melbourne, the University of Indonesia Faculty of Law and Graduate Law Program in Jakarta (separately), and the Max-Planck-Institut (Strafrecht), Freiburg i.Br., Germany.

Since 2000 he has been the Program Director for the *Law & Finance Institutional Partnership*, a legal and financial sector reform project run from Jakarta as an academic consortium of Indonesian and foreign universities.



#### **Professor Vera Mackie**

Vera Mackie is Senior Professor of Asian Studies in the Faculty of Law, Humanities and the Arts at the University of Wollongong. Her research interests include the history of feminism in Japan, gender and the law in Japan and gender and social policy in Japan. She is currently involved in a collaborative research project on 'IVF and Assisted Reproductive Technologies: The Global Experience'.



#### **Professor Richard Mitchell**

Professor Richard Mitchell was the Director of the Centre for Employment and Labour Relations Law (CELRL) from 1994 until July 2004. He is now a Professorial Fellow in the Faculty of Law at the University of Melbourne and remains a member of the CELRL. He is also a staff member of the Department of Business Law and Taxation at Monash University and Vice President of the Australian Labour Law Association. He has studied labour law and industrial relations at the University of Melbourne and the London School of Economics and Political Science. He was joint editor of the Australian Journal of Labour Law, with Breen Creighton, until 2002 and remains joint editor of the Monographs on Australian Labour Law Series.

Professor Mitchell's areas of specialisation are labour law systems in the Asia-Pacific Region, the legal regulation of labour markets, the role of law in the construction of employment systems and the regulation of individual and collective bargaining in Australian labour law. His recent publications include *Law and Labour Market Regulation in East Asia* (with Sean Cooney, Tim Lindsey and Ying Zhu) (Routledge, 2002).



# **Professor William Neilson**

Bill Neilson was the Director of the Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives at the University of Victoria in British Columbia, Canada, between 1992 and 2004 and also its Law Chair from 1996 to 2004. He retired as Professor Emeritus of Law in July 2004. Since the mid-1980s, Bill Neilson has been engaged in a variety of initiatives in the Asia-Pacific region involving law reform, institution building, legal research, comparative law and legal education in subject areas including governance principles, rule of law, judicial reform, constitutional review, public legal rights, and competition and trade law. His work has taken him to Malaysia, Thailand, Indonesia, Laos, Vietnam, Cambodia, China, Singapore, Fiji, Papua New Guinea, Japan, Taiwan and Australia.

A graduate of Toronto, UBC and Harvard, he was a faculty member at Osgoode Hall Law School, York University and the founding Deputy Minister of Consumer Services in British Columbia before joining the University of Victoria Law School in 1977, where he served as Dean of the Faculty from 1985-90. He continues to publish on comparative law subjects and maintains an active research and advisory program in the Asia-Pacific region.

#### Professor Raul Pangalangan

Raul C Pangalangan is a Professor of Law at the University of the Philippines. He received his SJD from the Harvard Law School, where he has served as Visiting Professor of Law. He holds the Diploma of The Hague Academy of International Law, where he has served as Director of Studies. He was a Philippine Delegate to the Rome Conference, which established the International Criminal Court, and was a member of the Drafting Committee.

He most recently served as court-appointed amicus curiae before the Philippine Supreme Court, in the case *Francisco v. House of Representatives* (unconstitutionality of impeachment complaint against the Chief Justice). He was earlier nominated as Supreme Court Justice by the Judicial and Bar Council, the constitutional body authorized to submit such nominations to the President of the Philippines.



#### **Professor Pitman Potter**

Pitman Potter is a Professor of Law at UBC Law Faculty and Hong Kong Bank Chair in Asian Research at UBC's Institute of Asian Research. Dr. Potter's teaching and research are focused on PRC and Taiwan law and policy in the areas of foreign trade and investment, dispute resolution, intellectual property, contracts, business regulation, and human rights. Dr. Potter has served on numerous Editorial Boards for journals such as *The China Quarterly*, *The Hong Kong Law Journal*, *Taiwan National University Law Review*, *China: An International Journal*, and *Pacific Affairs*.

He has published several books, including most recently *A Guide to Business Law in Asia* (w/ Ljiljana Biukovic, Lexis/Nexis 2008), as well as numerous book chapters and articles for such journals as *Law & Social Inquiry*, *The China Quarterly*, and *The International Journal*. In addition to his academic activities, Dr. Potter is admitted to the practice of law in British Columbia, Washington and California, and serves as a consultant to the Canadian national law firm of Borden Ladner Gervais LLP.

As a Chartered Arbitrator, Dr. Potter is engaged in international trade arbitration work involving China. He has served on the Board of Directors of several public institutions, including Asia Pacific Foundation of Canada, where he is now a Senior Fellow.

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#### **Dr Kerstin Steiner**

Dr Kerstin Steiner was appointed as an Associate of the Centre in 2008 and is currently senior lecturer at the Department of Law and Taxation, Monash Business School, Monash University.

Her research interests include the study of Southeast Asian legal systems, covering matters of comparative law methodology when undertaking Southeast Asian legal studies; notions of legal pluralism, in particular as regards the applicability of traditional and Islamic law in Southeast Asia; and implementation, adaptation and interpretation of international law in the Southeast Asian context.

She has presented her research at conferences and seminars nationally and has been asked to give presentations and lectures organised by or held at a range of highly regarded institutions including the University of Oxford; the Johns Hopkins Institute; the University of Melbourne; the University of Warwick; the National University of Singapore; the Social Science Centre, Berlin; the University of Malaya; and the International Islamic University.

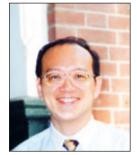
She has also held visiting positions at various prestigious international institutions, including the Centre for Socio-Legal Studies at Oxford University; ASLI at National University of Singapore; the Department of Syariah and Law, Academy of Islamic Studies, University of Malaya; and the Graduate School of Politics and Law at Osaka University.

### Associate Professor Benny Tabalujan

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Associate Professor Benny Tabalujan has a Bachelor of Economics and Bachelor of Laws from Monash University and a Master of Laws and PhD from the University of Melbourne. He was admitted as a barrister and solicitor of the Supreme Court of Victoria and the High Court of Australia in 1985. He was previously a corporate and commercial lawyer with Minter Ellison and worked in Melbourne and Hong Kong before becoming an award-wining academic at the Nanyang Business School in Singapore.

Associate Professor Tabalujan is a director of a private consulting firm and a visiting fellow at both the Melbourne Business School and Melbourne Law School where he teaches in the MBA and LLM programs, respectively. He is regarded as an authority on business law in Singapore and corporate governance & business ethics in the Southeast Asian region. His latest publication is *Singapore Business Law* (7th edition, 2015) of which he is the lead author/editor.



### **Professor Tay-sheng Wang**

A Lifetime Distinguished Professor at NTU, Professor Tay-sheng Wang is known for his studies on Taiwanese-centered legal history, including Chinese legal traditions and the colonial law under the Japanese rule. Having practiced law for three years in Taiwan, Professor Wang received his Ph.D. from the University of Washington in 1992.

He has published numerous books and articles on Taiwanese legal history both in English and Chinese, some of which have been translated into English or Japanese. His English language publications include: "Chapter 4: Taiwan," in *Asian Legal Systems: Law, Society and Pluralism in East Asia* (1997), Sean Cooney (trans), "The Impact of Modern Western Law on the Chinese in Taiwan," *The Australian Journal of Asian Law*, Vol. 1, No. 2 (Dec. 1999), *Legal Reform in Taiwan under Japanese Colonial Rule (1895-1945): The Reception of Western Law* (2000), "The Legal Development of Taiwan in the 20th Century: Toward A Liberal and Democratic Country," *Pacific Rim Law & Policy Journal*, Vol. 11, No. 3 (June, 2002).

He has also been a winner of multiple awards: an Excellent Research Award from the National Science Council in 2001, an Excellent Archival Research Award from Academia Historica in 2002, and an Academic Award from the Ministry of Education in 2004. Professor Wang was a visiting scholar at Harvard Law School on a Fulbright scholarship in 2001, at the University of Washington School of Law in 2005, at Waseda University Law School in 2006 and at National University of Singapore Faculty of Law in 2007. He is currently a researcher at Academia Sinica, at both the Institute of Taiwan History and the Institutum Iurisprudentiae.



### Dr Richard Wu

Dr Richard Wai-sang Wu is one of the few legal scholars who studied common law and Chinese law at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels. Apart from law, he also received academic training in other disciplines like economics, business administration, sociology and social policy. He completed his doctoral dissertation at the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, and his research topic was the legal and regulatory reforms for commercialization of state owned banks in China. He is a Visiting Scholar of Peking University Law School, Visiting Professor of Tsinghua University Law School, member of Editorial Advisory Board of international journal of *Legal Ethics and the Collaborative Research Network on East Asian Law and Society*.

Dr Wu teaches Property Transactions, China Practice and Professional Practice in the Faculty of Law, University of Hong Kong. He is active in interdisciplinary legal research, and his current research focuses on four major areas: Legal Profession, Legal Education and Legal Ethics in Hong Kong and China; Telecommunications Law and Policy in Hong Kong; Real Estate Law and Practice in Hong Kong and China; and Chinese Banking Law. He is qualified and prepared to supervise suitable doctoral work, and is particularly well equipped to supervise doctoral research in the above four areas.

Over the years, Dr Wu has published refereed articles in international journals and contributed chapters to academic books published in China and overseas. He has also presented papers at international conferences held in Beijing, Shanghai, Seoul, Jakarta, Singapore, London, San Francisco, Perth, Canberra, Berlin, Taipei, Istanbul, Montreal, Gold Coast, Stockholm, Rome, Fukuoka, Hsinchu, Chicago, Kuala Lumpur, Glasgow, Tokyo, Sydney, Boston and Paris respectively.

In recent years, Dr Wu has succeeded in numerous research grant applications from both local and international funding bodies. In January 2008, he was awarded a Public Policy Research Grant (PPRG) for a sum of HK\$380,000 by the Research Grants Council (RGC) to study the legal and policy implications of establishing the Communications Authority in Hong Kong. In the same year, he was awarded a Teaching Development Grant for a sum of HK\$269,488 to study the improvement of assessment practices in legal education. In 2009, he was awarded a sum of HK\$311,360 by the Government Research Fund (GRF) to study the legal and policy implications of implementing a land title registration system in England and their lessons for Hong Kong and China. In March 2011, he received a grant from Sumitomo Foundation, Japan to undertake a comparative study of legal ethics regulation in China and Japan. In June 2011, he received another grant from Leung Lau Kui Research and Teaching Endowment Fund to examine effective teaching of common law concepts and values to Chinese students.

Before joining the academia, Dr Wu was a partner of the largest and oldest law firm in Hong Kong. He was qualified in four common law jurisdictions, and is eligible to practise as Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Hong Kong; Solicitor of the Supreme Court of England and Wales; Barrister and Solicitor of the Australian Capital Territory, Australia; Barrister of High Court of Australia; Advocate and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Republic of Singapore; and Legal Practitioner of the Supreme Court of New South Wales, Australia.

# **Principal Researchers**



### Ms Faye Chan (2008-current)

Faye is a principal research assistant at the Centre for Indonesian Law, Islam & Society (CILIS) and the Asian Law Centre (ALC). She translates foreign-language materials (primarily in Dutch, Bahasa Indonesia & Bahasa Malaysia) and researches Southeast Asian current affairs (with particular emphasis on Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei Darussalam). She is also a multilingual translator for the e-journal *Inside Indonesia*.

Faye considers herself to be a polyglot, speaking with varying degrees of fluency: Dutch, Bahasa Indonesia and Bahasa Malaysia. She has a working knowledge of French and Modern Standard Arabic (both languages are crucial to researching Islamic law, and for travelling in the Levant and Maghreb regions), as well as Modern Standard Chinese (Mandarin), and the Cantonese, Hokkien and Teochew dialects. She hopes to study Spanish, so that she can conduct research in Andalusia (the historical heartland of Islam in Europe).

Her research interests include gender and Islam (comparing Southeast Asia and the Middle East, particularly in the area of family law), Islamic banking and finance, the contextual reading of the Qur'an as a feminist text, and inter-faith dialogues between Muslims, Jews and Christians. Her article "Religious Freedom vs. Women's Rights in Indonesia: The Case of Mohammad Insa" was published in issue no.83 (2012) of *Archipel*, an Anglo-French academic journal. Although it is set in Indonesia, this piece of writing contributes to a broader (even global) discussion about the often fraught coexistence between secular (national) and Islamic marriage laws in Muslim-majority societies.

Prior to joining the CILIS and ALC, she spent a number of years in Europe, engaging in research and further studies at the Universities of Leiden and Amsterdam, freelancing as a proof-reader & editor (of English texts), and travelling.

In addition to the Melbourne Law School, Faye is also a research assistant at the Faculty of Arts, and a tutor at the Murrup Barrak Institute for Indigenous Development (University of Melbourne) in their ITAS (Indigenous Tutorial Assistance Scheme) Academic Excellence Program.

She has a B.A. (Hons.) in Indonesian and Chinese Studies and an M.A. in History from the University of Melbourne, and is currently enrolled as a part-time PhD candidate in Law and Arts. The working title of her thesis is: 'Control and Resistance: The Social and Legal Regulation of Chinese Indonesian Women, 1930-2014'.



#### Ms Reegan Grayson-Morison (2011-current)

Reegan joined the Asian Law Centre in 2011 as a research assistant to Ms Stacey Steele and is currently Principal Research Assistant for the Japan Program. She holds degrees from the University of Queensland (BA (Hons), Japanese and Politics) and the University of Melbourne (JD). She is currently undertaking her Graduate Diploma of Legal Practice (GDLP) through the Australian National University while working as a Project Officer at the Centre for Corporate Law and Securities Regulation.

Reegan has previously worked for the Japanese government as well as at the University of Queensland. Her research interests include international law and politics, Japanese law, insolvency law and comparative law.

# PRINCIPAL RESEARCHERS



## Dr Helen Pausacker (2008-current)

Helen joined the Asian Law Centre in 1999 as a Research Assistant and is an editor for the *Australian Journal of Asian Law* and Deputy Director of the Centre for Indonesian Law, Islam and Society (CILIS). She was Convenor of the Indonesia Forum, an inter-Faculty group at the University of Melbourne (2001, 2009 to 2011). Helen is an Arts graduate of the University of Melbourne (BA Hons, BLitt and Graduate Certificate in Gender and Development) and Monash University (MA) and completed her PhD in 2013. Helen has worked in a number of Indonesia-related positions, including as lecturer and tutor in History at the University of Melbourne (1995-1996) and Politics at Latrobe University (2000); as language facilitator and interpreter for a number of legal and non-government organisations; a research position with the Australian Council for Overseas Aid and as Office and Production Manager for the magazine, *Inside Indonesia*. Her research interests in the legal field include charges of 'pornography' and prosecution of religious sects, both under the current Indonesian Criminal Code; and she also researches in the field of Javanese culture. Helen's publications include *Behind the Shadows: Understanding a Wayang Performance* (1996) and as joint editor (with Tim Lindsey) of *Chinese Indonesians: Remembering, Distorting, Forgetting* (2005).

# McKenzie Postdoctoral Fellow



#### Dr Antje Missbach (2011-2014)

Antje joined the Asian Law Centre and the Centre for Indonesian Law, Islam and Society (formerly, Centre for Islamic Law and Society) in 2011 as a McKenzie Postdoctoral Fellow to research 'Heading Down-under: Migration Challenges of Conflict Refugees in the Indonesian Limbo'. Her present research project deals with transit migration in Indonesia. In particular, she is interested in how conflict-generated refugees and asylum seekers deal with being stuck in limbo – unable to return to their countries of origin, integrate into temporary host societies or relocate to permanent resettlement countries. She spent extensive time in the field in order to collect material for her latest project.

Antje studied Southeast Asian Studies and European Ethnology at Humboldt University in Berlin and obtained her PhD from the Australian National University, Canberra in 2010. Her previous research concentrated on the long-distance politics of the Acehnese Diaspora, which brought her to Malaysia, Aceh, Scandinavia, Australia and the USA. Her book *Politics and Conflict in Indonesia: The Role of the Acehnese Diaspora* was published in 2011 by Routledge and translated into Indonesian in 2012. Before coming to Melbourne, she held positions as post-doctoral fellow at the Berlin Graduate School for Muslim Cultures and Societies and as lecturer at the Ruprecht-Karls University in Heidelberg.

# **Research Assistants**

Profiles of Research Assistants have been updated to include current, up-to-date details, where possible.



### Ms Christine (Won Mi) Choi (2012-2014)

Christine joined the Asian Law Centre in 2012 as a Research Assistant to Stacey Steele in the Korea Program. She holds a JD and BA in Psychology and Criminology from the University of Melbourne. Christine was born in Korea and raised in Australia. Her academic interests lie in the field of intellectual property. After graduating from Melbourne Law School in December 2014, Christine completed an internship at Yoon & Yang LLC, a Korean law firm. She will starting a practical training course at Leo Cussen Centre for Law in July 2015.

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# **RESEARCH ASSISTANTS**



# Ms Jessica Cotton (2014-current)

Jessica re-joined the Asian Law Centre in 2014 to work on Professor Pip Nicholson's 'Rule of Law Online' project. Jessica's research interests include law and development, both within and outside Australia. Before her return to the ALC, Jessica was a Research Fellow for the Agreements, Treaties and Negotiated Settlements Project (ATNS) The ATNS project investigated agreements between indigenous groups and large resource companies across the world and particularly focused on the institutional, legal and policy reforms required to reduce poverty in indigenous communities. Jessica holds a Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Law and has been admitted as a lawyer to the Supreme Court of Victoria.



### Mr Do Hai Ha (2011-current)

Ha joined the Asian Law Centre in 2011 as a research assistant to Professor Pip Nicholson. He holds an LLB from the Hanoi Law University and an LLM from the University of Melbourne. He is currently enrolled as a PhD candidate at the Melbourne Law School. Since 2002, Ha has been a lecturer at the Ho Chi Minh City University of Law. He also worked for a US law firm, and provided legal consultancy to various companies in Vietnam.



#### Ms Aya Haruyama (2013-current)

Aya Haruyama joined the Asian Law Centre in 2013. She is currently a second-year Commerce student at the University of Melbourne majoring in Finance and Marketing. Aya spent her childhood years in Japan, studying only in Japanese. In 2007, she relocated to Australia to attend high school in Brisbane to study English.



#### Ms Samantha Hinderling (2008-current)

Ms Samantha Hinderling holds an undergraduate law degree from the University of Basle, Switzerland and a Masters degree in law from the Melbourne Law School. She is currently a PhD candidate at the Melbourne Law School, where she is researching evaluation in international legal development. Previously Samantha worked as Associate Director for a consulting firm based in Australia specialising in legal reform and cross-cultural communication. Samantha was also principal research assistant on a project funded by the Australian Research Council on court reform in Vietnam and Cambodia at the University of Melbourne.



#### Mr Rory Hudson (2012-2014)

Rory joined the Asian Law Centre in 2012 and is currently studying the JD at the University of Melbourne. From mid-2012, he studied at the Japan Foundation Language Institute, Kansai on a Japanese Language Program for Specialists in Cultural and Academic Fields scholarship. He returned to Melbourne in March 2013, where he resumed working for the ALC. Rory also volunteers one day per week at Victoria Legal Aid.

Rory holds a First Class BA (Hons) in Japanese and Asian Studies from La Trobe University. He has previously studied at Kumamoto Gakuen University on exchange and as a student fellow at Peking University. His interests include Environment Law and Human Rights.

# **RESEARCH ASSISTANTS**



### Mr Ken Kour (2013-current)

Ken joined the Asian Law Centre as a Research Assistant in 2013. He is currently a JD student at the Melbourne Law School, after having completed a Bachelor of Commerce, Majoring in Finance and Management at the University of Melbourne. Ken has also completed an internship with an International Law firm in Singapore.

Having lived in both Malaysia and Singapore prior to moving to Australia, he would like to learn about and research the legal systems of South East Asia during his time at the Asian Law Centre.



# Ms Sally Low (2008-current)

Since 2008, Sally Low has assisted Professors Pip Nicholson and Camille Cameron on the ARCfunded grant, 'Testing Court Reform in Vietnam and Cambodia'. Sally holds an LLB (Hons) from Macquarie University and an LLM (coursework) from the University of Melbourne. She is currently enrolled in a PhD at the Melbourne Law School. Since 1993, she has worked in international development, focusing particularly on Cambodia, and in general on Southeast Asia.

In July 2014, Sally presented a paper on *Disputed Jurisdictions, the courts of the Résidents in the Protectorate of Cambodia, 1911-1940* to the Annual Meeting of the French Colonial Historical Society in Siem Reap.



#### Mr Chenjie Ma (2012-current)

Chenjie joined the ALC as a Research Assistant in 2012 and is currently undertaking his Juris Doctor in the University of Melbourne. He is a Commerce graduate at the University of Melbourne majoring in Accounting and Finance. His current responsibilities include translating academic articles in relation to the recent Chinese Criminal Procedure Law reforms.



#### Ms Sarah Mercer (2013-current)

Sarah Mercer has been a research assistant at the Asian Law Centre since 2013 and she is a current Master of Law (Juris Doctor) student at the Melbourne Law School. She also holds a Bachelor of Arts majoring in English and Korean with a minor in Philosophy, and an Undergraduate Diploma of Chinese from Monash University. Ms Mercer also currently works part-time at the Australian Corporate Lawyers Association in the role of Advocacy Officer and oversees their advocacy work for in-house counsel in conjunction with the Chief Legal Officer.

Ms Mercer has spent some time during her undergraduate studies at Shanghai International Studies University and at Seoul National University. She completed an intership at the Consulate of the Republic of Korea in Melbourne in the first half of 2014. She will be undertaking a clerkship at a Korean law firm, Kim & Chang, as well as researching at the Constitution and Unification Law Center at Seoul National University, at the end of 2014.

Ms Mercer has an interest in various fields of law and is especially interested in how culture and tradition influences legal theory and practice across jurisdictions.

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# **RESEARCH ASSISTANTS**



## Ms Grace Park (2013-2014)

Grace joined the Asian Law Centre as a Research Assistant in 2013. She is a current JD student at the Melbourne Law School and holds a BA in Psychology and Criminology from the University of Melbourne. During 2010-2011, she studied at Seoul National University as a part of an exchange program and also gained work experience at a Korean law firm. Within Asian law, she is particularly interested in the interaction between culture and the legal system. Her other interests include human rights law, labour law, maritime law and international law.



# Ms Pham Lan Phuong (2014-current)

Phuong joined the Asian Law Centre as a research assistant in 2014 and is currently a PhD candidate at Melbourne Law School. She holds an LLM from Melbourne Law School and an LLB from Vietnam National University.

Prior to her study in Melbourne, Phuong was a lecturer at the School for Prosecutors in Ho Chi Minh City. She also worked as a law lecturer at RMIT University, Vietnam. Her current research interests include criminal procedure law and human rights issues in Vietnam.



### Ms Trish Prentice (2009-current)

Trish joined the Asian Law Centre in 2009 as a research assistant to Professor Tim Lindsey. Prior to undertaking post-graduate studies, Trish spent time working in Australia and overseas in various fields, including secondary teaching, as a human rights officer in Geneva, Switzerland, and as a legal case officer for a federal government department.

Prior to joining the ALC, Trish spent two years working in Cairo, Egypt, for an NGO focusing on inter-cultural dialogue and as an English editor for an Iraqi news service. The experience exposed her to both the theoretical and practical aspects of Islamic law, which sparked her interest in this area.

After returning to Melbourne, Trish completed her LLM in 2009 at the Law School, University of Melbourne, focusing on human rights and international law. In 2011, she was appointed Associate Director of a consulting firm based in Melbourne.



#### Ms Sarah Rennie (2013-current)

Sarah joined the Asian Law Centre as a research assistant in 2013. Sarah has a degree in Asian Studies and Laws with first class honours from the Australian National University, where she received a University Medal in 2009. Since 2010 Sarah has worked in the advocacy team at Oxfam where she has coordinated projects to promote corporate accountability and employment rights, particularly in Indonesia and South East Asia. Sarah is currently undertaking her Masters of Laws at the University of Melbourne. Her interests include South East Asian culture, commercial law and corporate governance. Sarah speaks fluent Indonesian, proficient Malay and Japanese.

# **RESEARCH ASSISTANTS**



### Mr Alistair Robertson (2010-current)

Alistair joined the Asian Law Centre in 2010 and is now in his final year of the Melbourne JD / CUHK LLM partnership degree program. He holds a BA from Latrobe University and has also studied at the Taiwan National Normal University and Beijing Normal University. Alistair's main academic interests centre around Chinese law and politics.

#### Ms Jessica Shin (2014-current)

Jessica Shin joined the Asian Law Centre as a Research Assistant to Stacey Steele in the Korea and Japan Programs. She is a current Juris Doctor student at the Melbourne Law School. She also has a Bachelor of Arts majoring in Criminology and Japanese from The University of Melbourne. Jessica was born in Korea and raised in Australia, and as an interest in all fields of Asian Law, particularly in the interaction between culture and the legal system. Her other interests include property and contract law, human rights law, labour law and international law.



### Ms Mireille Stahle (2014-current)

Mireille joined the Asian Law Centre in 2014 on her return from a year of study at Sophia University, Tokyo. She is currently in her fourth year of a Bachelor of Arts, majoring in both English and Creative Writing. She is concurrently completing a Diploma of Languages in Japanese. Her academic interests include Asian literature and budo philosophy.

#### Ms Cait Storr (2013-current)

Cait joined the Asian Law Centre in 2013 as a Research Assistant. She is currently a sessional academic at the Law School, after working at corporate firm Freehills (now Herbert Smith Freehills). Prior to undertaking study in law, Cait tutored in International Relations with the University of Melbourne, then worked for the Victorian Government, including with the Department of Justice, Aboriginal Affairs Victoria and for the Victorian Ombudsman. Her research interests focus around the intersection of Australian postcolonialism and public law (domestic and international), and she is undertaking a PhD titled 'End State: Nauru and the Legal Construction of Territory'.



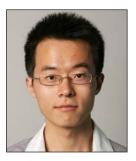
#### Ms Sarah Yang (2014-current)

Sarah is in her third year of the Juris Doctor at Melbourne Law School. She has completed a Bachelor of Biomedicine also at the University of Melbourne, with a major in Anatomy.

Coming to the law with a Korean background, Sarah's interests include comparative law and the interaction between culture and the law. She hopes to learn more of different legal systems during her time as a Research Assistant at the Asian Law Centre.

# **VISITING SCHOLARS**

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# Mr Hao Zhang (2010-current)

Hao joined in the Asian Law Centre in 2010 as a research assistant to Professor Sean Cooney and Associate Professor and Reader Sarah Biddulph. Hao holds Bachelor and Master degrees in Law and he is now studying for his PhD at the Centre for Resources, Energy and Environmental Law (CREEL), as well as the Asian Law Centre, under the supervision of Professor Lee Godden and Professor Sarah Biddulph.

In 2007, Hao had an internship in London working as a research assistant with the Parliamentary Renewable and Sustainable Energy Group (PRASEG) and Combined Heat and Power Association (CHPA). He has also been actively engaged in projects relating to environmental law, forestry carbon offsets and low carbon strategies in China before concluding his Masters by Research in China and commencing his PhD research in Australia.

# **Visiting Scholars**

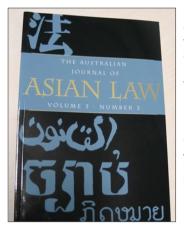
Arrival Date	Visiting Scholar
11 June 2013 – 10 June 2014	Judge Kaoto Kida, Yokohama Family and District Court, Japan
1 August 2013 – 28 February 2014	Mr Dae Sun Yu, Court Clerk, Uijeongbu District Court, Republic of Korea
19 August 2013 – 1 June 2014	Dr Seonyeong Choi, Sungkyunkwan University, Republic of Korea
19 August 2013 – 1 June 2014	Judge In Soo Nam, Yeongdeok Branch of Daegu District Court, Republic of Korea
19 August 2013 – 31 August 2014	Mr Sang-hyun Lee, Prosecutor, Seoul Central District Prosecutors' Office, Republic of Korea
1 September 2013 – 31 August 2014	Associate Professor Cuiyu Chen, Administration Law Institute, Southwest University of Political Science and Law, People's Republic of China
1 October 2013 – 15 February 2014	Dr Dina Afrianty, Syarif Hidayatullah State Islamic University (UIN), Jakarta, Indonesia
10 October 2013 – 9 January 2014	Professor Hidekazu Nishida, Faculty of Law, Konan University, Japan
2 January 2014	Judge Lee Jinman, Seoul High Court, Republic of Korea
3 February 2014	Mr Matsumura, Kofu Family Court, Japan
17 February 2014	Professor Yasunobu Sato, University of Tokyo, Japan
21 February – 1 March 2014	Associate Professor Jin Chun, Faculty of Law, Doshisha University, Japan
27 May – 3 June 2014	Dr Bui Ngoc Son, Faculty of Law, HCMC Economics University, Vietnam

# VISITING SCHOLARS

Arrival Date	Visiting Scholar
12–15 June 2014	Professor Benjamin van Rooij, Director, Long US-China Institute for Business and Law, University of California, Irvine, USA
13 June 2014 – 29 May 2015	Judge Aya Kobayashi, Tokyo District Court, Japan
1–28 August 2014	Associate Professor Chien-Chang Huang, Department of Real Estate and Built Environment, College of Public Affairs, National Taipei University, Taiwan ROC
1 August 2014 – 30 June 2015	Judge In Deok Seo, Daegu District Court, Republic of Korea
11–29 August 2014	Assistant Professor Michael Ng, Deputy Director, Centre for Chinese Law, Faculty of Law, University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong
25 August – 10 September 2014	Professor Jiunn-rong Yeh, National Taiwan University, Taiwan ROC
1 September 2014 – 31 August 2015	Associate Professor Weiming Wang, Shanghai University of Political Science and Law, People's Republic of China
8 September 2014	Professor Lingling Ye, Graduate School of Social and Cultural Sciences, Kumamoto University, Japan
8 September 2014	Mr Jianren Du, Partner & Attorney-at-Law, King & Capital, People's Republic of China
24 September 2014 – 30 May 2015	Mr Geon Ho Cho, Court Officer (Chief Clerk), Busan District Court, Republic of Korea
30 Septmeber 2014 – 30 September 2015	Mr Gong Chao, School of Competitive Sports, Beijing Sports University, People's Republic of China
6–11 October 2014	Dr Todung Mulya Lubis, Founder & Senior Partner, Lubis Santosa & Maramis Law Firm (Jakarta), Indonesia
27-30 October 2014	Delegation from Ministry of Justice (Legal Aid), Vietnam
	<ul> <li>Nguyen Thuy Hien, Deputy Minister of Ministry of Justice - Leader of team</li> <li>Nguyen Thi Minh, Director General of the National Legal Aid Agency, Ministry of Justice</li> <li>Hoang Vu Dung, Deputy Head of Organizational Structure Division, Department of Staff Organization, Ministry of Home Affairs</li> <li>Vu Thi Hoang Ham, Head of Office, National Legal Aid Agency, Ministry of Justice</li> <li>Nguyen Ngoc Doan, Staff member, Law Department, Office of the National Assembly</li> <li>Au Danh Lam, Staff of Legal Department, Ministry of Finance</li> <li>Nguyen Thi Thu Hien, Staff member, National Legal Aid Agency, Ministry of Justice</li> </ul>
12–17 November 2014	Mr Nguyen Hung Quang, Managing Partner, NHQUANG & Associates, Vietnam
21 December 2014 – 21 December 2015	Prosecutor Se-Hyun Kang, Ulsan Prosecutor's Office, Republic of Korea

Arrival Date	Visiting Scholar
9 December 2014	Delegation from East China University of Political Science and Law, People's Republic of China
	<ul> <li>Professor Gu Gongyun, Vice President; Chair, Research Institute on Economics and Law</li> <li>Professor Chen Shaoying, Economic Law School</li> <li>Professor Xiao Guoxing, Economic Law School</li> <li>Associate Professor Pan Lichun, School of Foreign Languages</li> <li>Ms Zhu Ping, Economic Law School</li> </ul>
31 December 2014 – 31 December 2015	Associate Professor Luo Xianjue, Department of Law and IIP, University of Chinese Academy of Sciences, People's Republic of China

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## **Editors**



### Professor Richard Cullen, University of Hong Kong

Richard is a Visiting Professor in the Faculty of Law at the University of Hong Kong. Prior to his current appointment, Richard was a lecturer and senior lecturer in the Faculty of Law at Monash University from 1987 until 1991; and Professor and Head of the Department of Business Law and Taxation from mid-1999 to mid-2001. He was an Associate Professor at the School of Law at Deakin University in 1997. Richard has also held positions at the School of Law at the City University of Hong Kong from 1991-1997, including as Acting Head of the Department of Professional Legal Education from 1992 to 1994 and was a Visiting Professor at this university from August 2001.

Richard has written and co-written several books and more than 100 articles, notes and commentaries and has been the recipient of a range of major and minor research grants. Richard's books include *Federalism in Action* (1990) and *Media Law in the PRC* (1996) with H.L. Fu, *Electing Hong Kong's Chief Executive* (2010 - English, 2011 - Chinese) with Simon Young; and *Green Taxation in East Asia* (2011) edited Xu, Yan and Jefferson VanderWolk).

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## Professor M.B. Hooker. Australian National University

(see Asian Law Centre Associates, above)



Professor Tim Lindsey, The University of Melbourne (see Asian Law Centre members, above)

# Professor Veronica Taylor, Australian National University

Veronica joined the Regulatory Institutions Network (RegNet) in 2010 as Professor and Director. She also serves as the Director of the School of Regulation, Justice and Diplomacy.

Prior to joining the ANU she was Director of the Asian Law Center at the University of Washington, Seattle from 2001-10 and remains an Affiliate Professor of Law and Senior Advisor there. In 2010 she was the inaugural Hague Visiting Professor in Rule of Law – a chair funded by the City of the Hague and hosted by the Hague Institute for the Internationalization of Law and Leiden University's Van Vollenhoven Institute.

Veronica has over twenty five years' experience designing and leading rule of law and governance projects for the U.S. Department of State, the U.S. Agency for International Development, the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank and AUSAID. Her projects have focused on Afghanistan, Armenia, Australia, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, China, Egypt, Indonesia, Japan, Mongolia, Vietnam and the United States.

Her previous academic appointments include periods as Visiting Associate Professor at the University of Tokyo, research affiliation with the Australia-Japan Research Center at ANU and as an Associate Director of the Asian Law Centre, University of Melbourne.

### Dr Amanda Whiting, The University of Melbourne

(see Asian Law Centre members, above)



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## Ms Helen Pausacker

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## 27 August, 2014

# ALC & CCCS Roundtable: Asia: Globalisation, Regionalism and Researching Public Law and Legal Institutions

A roundtable discussion was co-hosted by the ALC and the Centre for Comparative Constitutional Studies. Professor Jiunn-rong Yeh from National Taiwan University was the special guest. He and a number of Melbourne Law School colleagues presented papers on the topic.



### 23 - 24 October, 2014

### Hong Kong University Doctoral Forum

Melbourne Law School and Hong Kong University Law School hosted a two-day workshop for Chinese and international doctoral students to focus on scholarly approaches to Chinese law, and 'new' developments in China scholarship. This workshop provided selected doctoral students with an opportunity to present their research in an international forum in either Chinese or English. Formal presentations and comments were followed by discussion and comments from expert academic commentators and fellow students attending the workshop.



# MAJOR ACTIVITIES

# **Major Activities and Events**

## 17 - 28 February, 2014

## **Chuo Summer School**

The 10th annual Chuo Summer School was attended by 6 Chuo Law School students. The students were accompanied by **Professor Dan Rosen**, **Professor Yachiko Yamada** and **Associate Professor Nobufumi Nishimura**. During their program, they visited the County Court of Victoria, Federal Court of Australia, Juries Commissioner's Office, Parliament of Victoria, Allens and Ashurst.

## 7 – 13 April, 2014

## Oxford/NUS/MLS China Program

In April 2014, 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 first year that the program has been offered and administered by the ALC. The program is supported by Mr Allan Myers AO QC and Mrs Maria Myers AO.

## 2 June, 2014

#### Vietnamese Legal Studies Graduate Student Workshop

This workshop brought together postgraduate students from Australia and New Zealand who are researching topics relating to Vietnamese legal studies. Students presented papers on topics specifically related to their postgraduate research. The workshop provided students with a supportive, collegial atmosphere in which to present their work and the opportunity to meet students with similar interests. Students benefited from the feedback of their peers and selected academic experts in the field, including Professor John Gillespie (Monash) and Professor Pip Nicholson (Melbourne).

### 13 June, 2014

# ALC/CELRL Discussion: Regulatory Pluralism and Empowerment: Lessons from China about New Environmental Regulators

Over the last decade, Chinese citizens and NGOs have started to take action against industrial pollution, pluralizing the regulatory landscape originally occupied by administrative agencies. Regulatory pluralism here has an authoritarian logic, occurring without the retreat of party-state control. Under such logic, the party-state both needs and fears new actors for their positive and negative roles in controlling risk and maintaining stability. Consequently, the regime's relation to regulatory pluralism is ambivalent, shifting between support and restriction.

In this presentation, Professor van Rooij discussed the preconditions under which citizens have entered the Chinese environmental regulatory landscape, and looked in particular at how power imbalances shape environmental awareness and activism and how this affects citizens' regulatory function. He concluded that, in a context of regulatory pluralism, regulation and empowerment mutually interact and that regulators ought to regulate in a way that is not disempowering to citizens.

**Professor Benjamin van Rooij** is the John S. and Marilyn Long Chair Professor of US-China Business and Law at the University of California. His research focuses on implementation of law in a comparative perspective. Since 2000, he has studied how lawmaking affects implementation, regulatory law enforcement and compliance, and rights invocation and legal empowerment. A central theme is how implementation of law can be improved in the context of emerging markets where weak enforcement and widespread violations of law create a vicious circle undermining compliance.

# OCCASIONAL SEMINARS

#### 4 September, 2014

## ALC/CCCS Book Launch & Public Lecture

#### Book Launch: Constitutionalism in Asia: Cases and Materials

#### Keynote Public Lecture: Constitutionalism in Asia or Asian Constitutionalism?

Constitutionalism in Asia: Cases and Materials critically examines the study of constitutional orders in Asia, highlighting their histories, colonial influences and cultural particularities. Each section is framed by an introductory essay setting out particular constitutional issues and succinctly highlighting relevant critical perspectives. The approach is one of 'challenge and response', where questions of constitutional importance, such as constitution-making, free speech and judicial review, to take three examples, are raised. The reader is then offered specifically selected readings, of both primary and secondary materials. The publication includes materials from: China, Japan, Mongolia, Taiwan, South Korea, Hong Kong, the 10 ASEAN states, Timor-Leste, India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Nepal.



Professor Cheryl Saunders AO describes this publication as 'the most ambitious, rigorous and stimulating casebook on Asian legal systems to date'.



**Professor Jiunn-rong Yeh** holds a distinguished University Chair at National Taiwan University, where he specialises in Environmental Law, Constitutional Law and Administrative Law. Professor Yeh has published in English and Chinese in leading journals and published collections, including both the Routledge and Oxford Handbooks of Comparative Constitutional Law. Professor Yeh has held invited positions in leading international law schools including Columbia, Toronto, Harvard and leading Chinese schools in Beijing, Shanghai and Hong Kong. Professor Yeh has had considerable practical experience in government, as Minister without Portfolio (2002 – 2004); Executive Director of the National Council for Sustainable Development (2002 - 2006) and the Council for Organic Reform; and Secretary-General of the National Assembly that approved the constitutional revision proposals by Legislative Yuan (2005). He has received the Award of Excellence in Research from the National Science Council.

The Hon Justice Susan Kenny was appointed to the Court of Appeal of the Supreme Court of Victoria in 1997 and the Federal Court of Australia in 1998.

While a Federal Court judge, Justice Kenny has belonged to numerous academic and judicial education bodies and was until recently a part-time Commissioner of the Australian Law Reform Commission.

Her extra-curial writing includes papers on the emergence of Australian nationhood, consideration of judicial responsibility, the role of the judge in statutory interpretation, processes of law reform and the policy and practices of secrecy provisions.

#### 8 October, 2014

# ALC/CILIS Public Lecture: Indonesia's Presidential Election: Law Reform Challenges for the New Administration

The elections of 2014 are a critical juncture in Indonesia's history. Fifteen years after the end of the authoritarian New Order, and after ten years of democratic rule under Yudhoyono, Indonesians must decide whether to consolidate the democratic reforms introduced after the fall of Soeharto, or dismantle them. This choice has polarised Indonesians and many feel confused by the events of this year. In this lecture, Dr Lubis looked at the increasingly divisive debate over democracy and Reformasi in Indonesia to assess to assess whether his country will move backward or forward after the new administration is sworn in on 20 October. He focused on human rights and other key areas of law reform that need attention, as well as the threats they face, to set out an agenda for getting Reformasi back on track.

**Dr Todung Mulya Lubis** is one of Indonesia's leading human rights lawyers and most influential legal thinkers. He completed his undergraduate Law



degree at the University of Indonesia (1974); his LLM at the University of California, Berkeley (1978); a second LLM at Harvard

Law School (1988); and his JSD at the University of California, Berkeley (1990). He has been a senior Adjunct Member of the Faculty of Law, University of Indonesia since 1990, where he was first appointed in 1975.

From 1980-1983, he was Director of Indonesia's famous dissident NGO, the Legal Aid Foundation, where he worked for many years. His influential scholarly book *In Search of Human Rights: Legal-Political Dilemmas of Indonesia's New Order 1966 – 1990*, published in 1993, played an important role in defining the pro-democracy movement that toppled Soeharto in 1998 and guiding the democracy that was then established.

Dr Lubis is also Founding and Senior Partner of a prominent law firm in Jakarta, Indonesia, and has acted as lead counsel in a number of major human rights cases, often on a pro bono basis. These include acting for the 'Bali Nine' and against President Soeharto. He has also held a series of senior government appointments. In 2014, he was appointed as Honorary Professor at the Melbourne Law School, University of Melbourne.

# **Occasional Seminar Series**

The Asian Law Centre regularly hosts 'Occasional Seminars' by distinguished scholars and leading practitioners on current Asian legal issues.

### 28 May, 2014

# ALC & CCCS Seminar: Consulting for Reform: State Responses to Constitutional Reform Proposals in Vietnam

On 4 February 2013, former Minister of Justice of Vietnam, Nguyen Dinh Loc, presented a petition signed by 72 senior scholars to the Constitutional Amendment Committee, calling for fundamental and broad-ranging changes to Vietnam's constitution. Now referred to as 'Petition 72', the changes proposed included free and democratic elections and curtailing the current constitutional mandate of the Communist Party of Vietnam. It also recommended reorienting the Constitution in a number of ways, including, among other things, constitutional recognition of human rights and the right to private ownership of land.

While debate about constitutional and legislative reform is not uncommon, in the life of independent Vietnam there has not been such a public and orchestrated call for change conducted both in Vietnamese and English. Significantly, the suggested changes come almost entirely from the elite, both in terms of being highly



educated and holding prior office within the Party-State, although the prospects of changes to land law and reduction of the Party's exclusive leadership role are not likely.

In this lecture, Dr Bui discussed why this activism was initiated and how the Party-State responded to it

**Dr Bui Ngoc Son** is a Lecturer at the School of Law, University of Economics Ho Chi Minh City. Dr Bui completed a doctorate at Hong Kong University focusing on Vietnamese constitutionalism. He has published several articles in established international peer reviewed journals in English. Dr Bui is one of a handful of leading Vietnamese scholars who has openly engaged with comparative and international discussions about socialist constitutional reform, including through blogs following the constitutional amendment consultation process.

A new generation Vietnamese scholar, with experience as a visiting researcher at Harvard Law School and as a constitutional change 'Blogger', he is eminently suited to lead the research and discussion of Vietnamese constitutional change. Dr Bui Ngoc Son is currently Vietnam's pre-eminent constitutional law scholar.

# 'BROWN BAG' SEMINARS

### 18 August, 2014

#### Legal Interpretation in Japan



The necessity of legal interpretation was first recognised during the bubble economy when a large number of immigrant workers, who could not speak Japanese, came to Japan in the latter half of the 1980s and the early 1990s. With an increase in the number of cases involving parties who could not speak Japanese, there was a breakdown in communication during court proceedings and difficulties during criminal investigations by the police. The government has sought to address this problem over the past two decades by establishing a system whereby court interpreters are appointed for non-Japanese speaking defendants or witnesses in criminal matters. Further, the government has introduced measures to assist interpreters with their jobs including, providing them with court documents such as the accused's indictment, the opening statements of the legal representatives and the judge's verdict at the time of sentencing.

There is still no public certification system or training programs for

interpreters. This is problematic in terms of quality control as there is no way to detect and dismiss poorly performing interpreters. In 2009, Japan introduced the saibanin system, a quasi-jury system, whereby six lay judges work alongside judges to decide whether the defendant is guilty and assist in deciding the sentence. This new system has posed challenges for court interpreting because, whereas conventional trials emphasise documentary evidence, testimony is more important in trials under the saibanin system.

This places a greater onus on the interpreter to be accurate and there have been several cases that have been appealed on the basis of poor interpretation at the first instance.

In this presentation, Professor Mizuno provided an overview of the development and the present state of legal interpretation in Japan. She discussed interpreter- related problems in recent years and attitudes of legal practitioners toward legal interpreting.

**Professor Makiko Mizuno**, Kinjo Gakuin University, has worked as a professional court interpreter as well as training interpreters for more than twenty years before obtaining her Masters degree in International Relations at Ritsumeikan University, Japan. In 2004, she was appointed as an Associate Professor in the Department of Human Society at Senri Kinran University, Osaka. In 2008 she was promoted to Professor at the College of Humanities at Kinjo Gakuin University, Nagoya. In this position Professor Mizuno teaches interpreting and translation theory and practice to both undergraduate and graduate students. She is also the Vice President for the Japan Association for Language and Law. Her research interests include linguistic analysis of court interpreting and community interpreting in general. Her current research focus is on the issue of quality control of court interpreting, the training of court interpreting (2008), *Practices of Legal Interpreting* (2010), as well as journal articles related to interpreting and forensic linguistics.



# 'BROWN BAG' SEMINARS

# 'Brown Bag' Seminar Series

The Asian Law Centre regularly hosts its lunchtime 'Brown Bag' Seminars. In this series, postgraduates and academics who are researching and writing on Asian legal topics present papers on work in progress or rehearse a conference or article submission. The forum provides a collegial atmosphere for peer feedback.

#### 12 May, 2014

#### Family Court personnel in Australia and Japan: A Comparative View

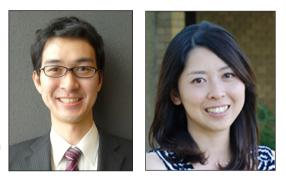
In Japan, each judge and court clerk is transferred every two to three years between the Supreme Court, High Court, District Court and Summary Court. Judges tend to start their career under the age of 30 and court clerks have wide range of roles depending on the department in which they work.

In this seminar Judge Kida and Ms Ishihara explored the similarities and differences in the judicial systems of Australia and Japan, with a particular focus on Family Court procedures and the roles of court personnel. This discussed the following topics:

- Judicial system in Japan
- Family Court of Japan
- Domestic Relations Division
- Juvenile Division

Judge Kaoto Kida, Juvenile Division, Yokohama Family Court of Japan

**Ms Kaoru Ishihara**, Court Clerk, Domestic Relations Division, Nagoya Family Court of Japan



#### 16 June, 2014

#### The Neoliberal Penality Thesis in China: When Western Theory Meets Chinese Reality



The neoliberal penality thesis links recent penal shifts toward punitiveness and managerialism to market liberalisation that has swept western societies since the 1980s. While this paradigm has been largely examined in the western context, less is known about how it may be applicable to the eastern context. In this seminar, Enshen Li explored the possible conceptual limitation of the neoliberal penality thesis for understanding modern penal practices in contemporary China, where economic reform has also significantly altered the State's social landscape over the last several decades. Through an examination of the penal evolution in reform China, Enshen Li argued that punishment in China over the last thirty years has not increased in its severity, as has occurred in many western states. Rather, the growing need to maintain a harmonious society has enabled China's penal practices to be more lenient and managerial in orientation, analogous to the development of actuarial justice in western states.

**Enshen Li** is a PhD candidate in criminology at the University of Queensland. He completed his SJD (Doctor of Juridical Science) at La Trobe University in 2011. Before he commenced his doctoral research, he worked as a defense lawyer in Shanghai, China. Enshen Li's research is in the area of China's criminal

justice system and administrative detention. One focus of his recent work is on penal development and policing strategies in China with the perspective of comparative criminology. Enshen Li has published a number of articles in both law and criminology journals, including *Columbia Journal of Asian Law*, *UCLA Pacific Basin Law Journal* and *Current Issues in Criminal Justice*.

#### 4 August, 2014

#### Towards Zero Alcohol-related Traffic Fatalities and Injuries: An Overview and Analysis of a New Ordinancebased Strategy against Drink-driving in Japan

Since 2000, a rash of tragic fatal accidents triggered several revisions of the law, resulting in severe punishments for offenders. As a result, the death toll from drink-driving has dramatically decreased. However, to further reduce the number of deaths, new measures, instead of punishment, are essential to further reduce the rate of alcohol-related accidents and deaths. In this seminar, Associate Professor Ryota Kosai examined a new strategy in drink-driving countermeasures in Japan, focusing on deterrence rather than punishment.



Ryota Kosai, Associate Professor, Faculty of Law and Letters, Ehime University, Japan.

# 'BROWN BAG' SEMINARS

## 13 August, 2014

#### Post 9/11 Law and Justice: Images and Absences in the Killing of Osama bin Laden

What does the killing and burial of bin Laden tell us about the sites, sources, and nature of law's authority in a post-9/11 world? If law is embodied, shaped by our conduct and by language as action (Margaret Davies 1999; James Boyd White 1990), then the law of these events is discernible, in part, through an analysis of Obama's announcement on the killing of bin Laden. In his announcement, Obama avoided the term 'law' but repeatedly invoked 'justice'. In this seminar, Dr Rajah drew on critical theory on language, and political myth, to explore the relationship between legitimacy, violence, an absent 'law', and an insistent 'justice'.

**Dr Jothie Rajah** is Research Professor at the American Bar Foundation, Chicago. She is a graduate of the National University of Singapore and was awarded her PhD by Melbourne Law School, where she also received the 2010 Chancellor's Prize for Excellence in the PhD Thesis and the 2010 Harold Luntz Graduate Research Thesis Prize. Her publications include *Authoritarian Rule of Law* (Cambridge, 2012) and *Sinister Translations: Law's Authority in a Post-9/11 World* (Indiana Journal of Global Legal Studies, 2014). Her current project focuses on post-9/11 rule of law discourses.



### 26 August, 2014

#### The System of Real Estate Registration in Taiwan

There are multiple influences on real estate registration in Taiwan, and currently a review of the Real Estate Registration Code is underway.

The system of real estate registration in Taiwan primarily adopts the 'Registration Effectiveness System' and the 'Title Registration System', which reflects a mixing of the German Title System and the Australian Torrens System. That said, Taiwan was governed by Japan for half a century and the law is also greatly influenced by Japan. For example, land and constructional improvements are differently conceived and treated. As a result, there are land registration books and constructional improvements registration books in Taiwan today. After the 'Trust Code' was enacted in 1996 and the 'Civil Code' and 'Regulation of the Land Registration' were amended in 2007-2010, 'the Registration/Recordation Effective Against System' was adopted in some circumstances in Taiwan. Furthermore, there are some registration/recordation types influenced by American law. In addition, real estate registration issues also remain local. The Ministry of Interiors in Taiwan is now discussing 'Real Estate Registration Code Draft'

In this seminar, Associate Professor Huang investigated these influences and explored how they might be balanced during the reform process.

**Associate Professor Chien-Chang Huang** was a visiting scholar at the Asian Law Centre, from 1 - 28 August 2014. He has a Bachelor of Laws Degree from National Taiwan University (NTU) and also holds a Ph.D. Degree from National Chung-Cheng University Law School in Taiwan. He currently teaches property law in the Department of Real Estate & Built Environment, College of Public Affairs, National Taipei University (NTPU) and was the former Convenor of the Law Group in the Department. He is also a Director of the Taiwan Property & Economic Law Institute and a Commissioner of the Consulting Committee of *Taiwan Environmental & Land Law Journal*. He is widely published, including works in the *NTU Law Journal*. He has received academic awards from NTPU over the last three years and has visited the University of Wisconsin-Madison, Peking University and Renmin University of China for short-term research. Professor Huang also completed the Summer School in Law and Economics held at the University of Chicago.

### 28 August, 2014

Transplanting Indigenous Legal Practices to a Transplanted Legal System? An Archival Study of the Beijing Criminal Court in Early Republican China (1910s)



No court can function without a judge, and how a judge rules on a case in a material way determines the quality of justice in a legal system. Judges in the criminal court of early Republican China (1910s), early on in the legal transplantation period, faced the practical challenge of lacking sufficient codes and guidelines to try cases. They tackled this challenge by resorting to the assimilation of imperial legal practices with the transplanted legal regime wherever possible. In this seminar, Professor Ng drew on 180 archived criminal judgments of Beijing local court from the 1910s, and discussed how these judges perceived their role and responsibilities in a transplanted legal system and justified such legal assimilation. This story informs our understanding on the limits and possibilities of legal transplant in early 20th-century Asian country

**Assistant Professor Michael Ng** is Deputy Director of the Centre for Chinese Law and Assistant Professor of the Faculty of Law at the University of Hong Kong, and author of *Legal Transplantation in Early 20th Century China – Practicing Law in Republican Beijing (1910s-1930s)* (Routledge, 2014).

He specialises in Chinese legal history and his research has been published in international refereed journals such as the

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International Journal of Asian Studies (Cambridge), Journal of Comparative Law (London), Journal of Legal History Studies (Taipei, Academia Sinica), Hong Kong Law Journal and Annals of GIS, among others. Prior to joining the University of Hong Kong in 2012, he served in the legal and finance sectors for more than 15 years in mergers and acquisitions, direct investment and private equity practice.

#### 1 September, 2014

#### The Diversification and Formalisation of Alternative Dispute Resolution in Japan

In this presentation, Professor Fukui discussed Japan's Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) reforms and the certification system for ADR service providers implemented by the Promotion of Use of Alternative Dispute Resolution Act (Act No. 151, 2004). Although more than 100 certified ADR service providers have been established, only a limited number of these ADR service providers are actually utilised. Professor Fukui examined the reasons that these services are not utilised to their full potential, and also proposes suggestions to rectify the situation.

**Professor Kota Fukui** is a Professor of Law at the Graduate School of Law and Politics, Osaka University, Japan. He is also a Professor at the Center for Environmental Innovation Design for Sustainability. He graduated with an LL.D. from Kyushu University in 1998. Professor Fukui was a visiting Research Scholar at the Asian Law Centre, Melbourne Law School from 2009 to 2010. He specialises in the fields of Socio-legal Studies, Alternative Dispute Resolution and Legal Professional Studies.



#### 9 September, 2014

Marching to Civil Constitutionalism with Flowers: Has the Sunflower Movement in Taiwan Changed the Landscape of Constitutionalism and its Significance to Hong Kong and the Chinese Mainland?



Taiwanese students occupied the Congress for weeks in March 2014 over the legislative fast-track approval of a service trade agreement with China. Recently, there is also a call to occupy the Central in Hong Kong over the controversial rules for choosing the Administrator of the special region. Some have hailed mass movement, or civil disobedience, of this sort as the triumph of civil society, while some have lamented it as the death of the maturing democracy and the end of the rule of law.

In this seminar, Professor Jiunn-rong Yeh examined these issues, including the prospects of representative democracy and the changing landscape of constitutionalism. He argued that the Sunflower Movement has demonstrated a model of marching towards civic constitutionalism, in that civil groups compete with their representative agents and the Court in shaping and defining the constitutional order.

The underlying issue of the Sunflower Movement is their increasing engagement across the Taiwan Strait and what the long term holds for the younger generations. The transformation of constitutionalism, in light of the Sunflower Movement bears, has tremendous significance for Hong Kong, Chinese Mainland and beyond.

**Professor Jiunn-rong Yeh** holds a distinguished University Chair at National Taiwan University, where he specialises in Environmental Law, Constitutional Law and Administrative Law. Professor Yeh has published in English and Chinese in leading journals and published collections, including both the Routledge and Oxford Handbooks of Comparative Constitutional Law. Professor Yeh has held invited positions in leading international law schools including Columbia, Toronto, Harvard and leading Chinese schools in Beijing, Shanghai and Hong Kong. Professor Yeh has had considerable practical experience in government, as Minister without Portfolio (2002 – 2004); Executive Director of the National Council for Sustainable Development (2002 - 2006) and the Council for Organic Reform; and Secretary-General of the National Assembly that approved the constitutional revision proposals by Legislative Yuan (2005). He has received the Award of Excellence in Research from the National Science Council.

# **PROGRAMS & INITIATIVES**

## 12 September, 2014

#### From Self-assessment to Citizens' Monitoring Governance and Public Administration in Viet Nam

The relationship between governments and citizens has shifted in most developing countries in the last decade; Vietnam is not an exception. In low-income countries, policy-makers generally rely on anecdotal evidence/narrative to assess the quality of its governance and public administration, but this information is often misleading and at best incomplete. In addition, in one-party regimes the majority of evaluations are in the form of internal self-assessments. However, the better fed and better educated citizens are, the better and more efficient administrative services they demand from governments. Nowadays, as Vietnam enters into the range of middle income countries, citizens increasingly demand a public administration system that promotes inclusive development and equity, participation in the decision-making processes of public policies, as well as in implementation and monitoring. In this seminar, Jairo Acuna-Alfaro presented two pioneer and innovative citizen-centric monitoring tools used Vietnam, which aim at reflecting citizens' experiences with governance and public administration performance.



The Vietnam Provincial Governance and Public Administration Performance Index (PAPI) is the largest time-series national governance and public administration performance monitoring tool in Vietnam exclusively based on citizens experiences. See www.papi.vn/en

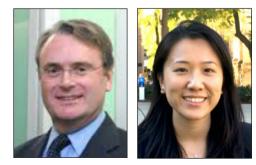
The 'Justice Index: Assessment of Distributive Justice and Equality from a Citizen-based Survey in 2012' is a new quantitative tool designed to help convey ordinary citizens' opinions and assessment of the performance of state institutions in ensuring justice and fundamental rights in practice. See www.chisocongly.vn/en

Jairo Acuna-Alfaro is a Policy Advisor in Public Administration Reform an Anti-Corruption, UNDP Vietnam and has worked in public administration reform and anti-corruption since October 2007. He has helped develop several policies regarding national public sector and civil service reform. In particular, he has pioneered new alternatives to measure corruption, and public administrative performance. Mr. Acuña is the lead architect of a pioneering effort to measure governance and public administration performance from citizens' experiences entitled 'The Viet Nam Provincial Governance and Public Administration Performance Index (PAPI)'. In addition, Mr. Acuña is the editor of a series of policy discussion papers on public administration reform and anti-corruption at UNDP Viet Nam, engaging leading Asian experts on these issues. Mr. Acuña has degrees from Oxford University (DPhil cand and Master of Letters), University of Essex, (MA in Political Economy), and Universidad Nacional, Costa Rica (MSc in International Relations).

### 13 October, 2014

### Competition Law in China & Hong Kong (Co-hosted with CLEN)

This seminar analysed and discussed the enforcement of competition law in China and Hong Kong, two distinct jurisdictions mandated by the 'one country, two systems' concept that underpins simultaneously national sovereignty and regional autonomy enjoyed by Hong Kong. As in most other legal domains, the competition law systems of Mainland China and Hong Kong are very different. The substantive law and enforcement mechanisms of these jurisdictions were outlined, and the major issues and challenges of the last six years of enforcement of the Chinese Anti-Monopoly Law and the prospective enforcement regime and the challenges to be faced in Hong Kong were discussed. The seminar also considered the common factors shared by the two economies and highlighted the disparities between the enforcement systems including fundamental differences in adherence to the rule of law, and the objects, purposes and aims of the public agencies and their governments in their respective adoption of ostensibly pro-competition legal regimes.



**Professor Mark Williams** is Professor of Law in University of Melbourne Law School and teaches competition law, Hong Kong company/commercial law, corporate social responsibility and People's Republic of China (PRC) economic law. He has published in various leading law journals, including the Journal of Business Law, the Competition Review, the Antitrust Bulletin and the Competition Policy International.

**Dr Wendy Ng** is a lecturer at Adelaide Law School at the University of Adelaide. Her primary research area is competition law, focusing on international and comparative competition law, law and development, and China. She recently completed her PhD, which examined the political economy of China's Anti-Monopoly Law, at Melbourne Law School. Wendy also practised as a lawyer for

several years in Melbourne and in New York, working mainly in the areas of competition law and corporate law.

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# Continuing Legal Education Seminar Series/Professional Development Strategy Seminar Series: Transactional Law Initiative



The Professional Development Strategy was adopted by the Asian Law Centre (ALC) in 2008 for the purpose of maintaining and developing its relationship with the legal profession. It accommodates a need identified by law firms and the profession for specialist training in Asian commercial law and legal practice, which can form part of the Continuing Professional Development (CPD) programme.

Since November 2011, the Professional Development Strategy has been pursued under the auspices of the Transactional Law Initiative (TLI), of which Andrew Godwin is the Director. Asia-related events that are organised by the Transactional Law Initiative are co-hosted with the Asian Law Centre as part of the Professional Development Strategy and marketed through its email distribution list.

The primary aim of the TLI is to help students understand:

•the relevance of legal principles and concepts in a transactional context;

- the role that transactional lawyers perform and the challenges that arise in performing that role; and
- the theory behind the skills that transactional lawyers need to develop, including drafting, advisory and negotiation skills, in order to perform their role effectively.

The secondary aim of TLI is to develop a further platform on which Melbourne Law School can engage with the legal profession.

# Asian Law Centre Programs and Initiatives

## The Malcolm DH Smith Memorial Scholarship



The Malcolm DH Smith Memorial Scholarship was launched in 2010 in tribute to Professor Smith, a leading international figure in Asian legal studies and the Founding Director of the Asian Law Centre at the University of Melbourne. This scholarship was initiated by members of the Asian Law Centre, with the support of Dr Rosalynd Smith, widow of Professor Smith.

The scholarship is designed to assist first-year Melbourne JD students who have completed an undergraduate law degree or a degree majoring in Asian studies at a tertiary institution in Australia or Asia.

Professor Smith [LLB (Hons) 1968, LLM 1972] is remembered for his exceptional contribution to Asian legal studies. He joined the Law School in 1987 as Foundation Professor of Asian Law, and was Associate Dean of the Faculty of Law in 1990-91 and 1997-99. In 2004 he was appointed a full-time professor of law at Chuo University in Tokyo, the first Australian to hold such a position.

Melbourne Law School expresses sincere appreciation to Dr Rosalynd Smith, and the many friends and colleagues of Professor Smith who have generously donated to the scholarship.

The recipient of the Malcolm DH Smith Memorial Scholarship in 2014 was **Ms Hannah Ekers**. Hannah's deep connection and commitment to understanding Indonesia has evolved over many years, having studied Indonesian in high school and continuing at university. In 2012, she spent a year on exchange to Indonesia, studying politics at Universitas Katolik Parahyangan and Indonesian, Javanese and community development at Universitas Gadjah Mada.

She spent two months living in a Javanese village on a development project, helping to run anti-corruption workshops in schools and monitoring proceedings at the district court of Yogyakarta. She also ran weekly English classes in the local community.

Hannah is a member of the Australian-Indonesian Youth Association and an Indonesian dance troupe named Sanggar Lestari who perform at various cultural events in Melbourne.

# **MULTIMEDIA IT**

## **Chuo Summer School**

Each year since 2005, the Asian Law Centre has hosted the Chuo Law School Melbourne Summer School. Chuo Law School is located in Tokyo Japan, and is one of Japan's most prestigious law schools. Chuo law students visit Melbourne Law School in February to study Australian law and attend seminars taught by Melbourne Law School lecturers on a variety of legal topics. The Chuo law students also learn outside the classroom by visiting Victorian legal institutions such as courts, Parliament and law firms.

The Summer School continues the relationship with Chuo Law School that was developed – and originally taught – by the late Professor Malcolm Smith, when he joined Chuo Law School as Professor of Law in 2004.

The Chuo Summer School is a popular annual program which provides a valuable opportunity for Japanese students to have an introduction to Australian law, practice their English and foster the strong relationship between the Melbourne Law School and Chuo University.

# **ALC Briefing Paper Series**

In 2014, the Asian Law Centre initated the publication of a series of Briefing Papers, which aims to increase understanding of current legal issues arising in the legal systems of Asian countries. This series can be downloaded in .pdf format from the ALC website at http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/alc/research/centre-publications/alc-briefing-paper-series

Topics covered in 2014 included.

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# **Multimedia IT**

## Asian Law Online http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/alo\_bibliography/index.asp



Asian Law Online is the first and only online bibliographic database of Asian legal materials in the world. Offered to the public as a free service to assist students, scholars and practitioners of Asian legal systems, *Asian Law Online* is a collection of English language materials on Asian laws available throughout the world and includes books, chapters in books, journal articles and theses.

The database is organised according to countries in East Asia and a selection of basic legal areas. It can be searched for any word or a more specific advanced search can be conducted. It is also linked to a list of useful websites for each country and legal area.

The ALC has received extremely positive feedback in regard to *Asian Law Online*, which is reflected by the high number of 'page views'. Since its launch in 2002, *Asian Law Online* has been one of the most popular websites in the Law School, with more than 4.6 million page views. Users are based within the University of Melbourne and beyond.

## ALC Useful Research Links

Linked to Asian Law Online, the Useful Research Links website is a searchable database of useful websites.

The database is organised according to countries in East Asia and a selection of basic legal areas and can be searched for any word. It can be accessed via *Asian Law Online*.

## Australian Network for Japanese Law

The Asian Law Centre was invited to become the Inaugural Affiliate of ANJeL in May 2004.

The Australian Network for Japanese Law (ANJeL) is an initiative of the law faculties at the Australian National University (ANU), the University of New South Wales (UNSW) and the University of Sydney (USyd). The primary aim of ANJeL is to promote research, teaching, and community engagement with Japanese law, especially in Australia. It:

- offers a research visitors scheme to support scholars and jurists who seek affiliation while in Australia;
- · promotes scholarly exchange between the Australian and Japanese legal communities;
- · participates in global legal debates by promoting Australian and Japanese perspectives; and
- facilitates the organization of major research projects, applications for competitive funding, and dissemination of research through presentations and publications.

ANJeL sponsors international conferences on Japanese law as well as various other seminars and events.

The Asian Law Centre's affiliation with ANJeL builds on cross-promotion and joint-sponsoring synergies between ANJeL and the ALC. To formalise the cooperation, ALC Associate Director (Japan) Stacey Steele attends ANJeL Executive Committee meetings in an honorary capacity. A Co-Director of ANJeL, Professor Kent Anderson is an Associate of the Asian Law Centre.

For further information, please see http://sydney.edu.au/law/anjel/

# **TEACHING & EDUCATION**

## **China Law Network**



A national China Law Network (CLN) has been launched under the auspices of the ARC Asia-Pacific Futures Research Network.

Jointly initiated by Griffith University and the University of Melbourne, the CLN promotes collaboration, networking, student exchanges and research on Chinese law and justice. It aims to become a rich resource for Australian scholars, lawyers, officials and the public interested in China.

For further information, please see http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/alc/asian-law-resources/china-law-network

## Law and Finance Institutional Partnership – http://www.lfip.org

The Asian Law Centre provides support to interactive live, online law teaching in Indonesia for under-resourced universities through the Law and Finance Institutional Partnership (LFIP).

LFIP is led by Associate Professor David Linnan from the School of Law at the University of South Carolina and a frequent visitor to the Asian Law Centre. It is a joint initiative between:

- Graduate Law Program of Universitas Indonesia, Indonesia;
- · University of South Carolina, USA;
- Jakarta Stock Exchange (Bursa Efek Jakarta, or BEJ), Indonesia;
- Graduate Business and Public Law Program, Universitas Gadjah Mada, Yogyakarta, Indonesia;
- · Asian Law Program, University of Washington, Seattle, USA;
- · Asian Law Centre, The University of Melbourne, Australia;
- · Center for Asia Pacific Initiatives, University of Victoria, Canada;
- · Lehrstuhl II of the Kriminalwissenschaftliches Institute, University of Cologne, Germany;
- Universitas Sumatra Utara, Medan, Indonesia;
- · Universitas Diponegoro, Semarang, Indonesia; and
- Universitas Airlangga, Surabaya, Indonesia.

This Partnership provides a content-based distance education network for graduate law programs, relying on instructional videoconferencing and web-based materials. LFIP can be accessed at http://www.lfip.org.



## **Rule of Law Online**

Rule of Law Online provides an online bibliographic database of materials relating to the rule of law generally and in Asia particularly.

The rule of law has a long history and is variously defined depending on the system of law in which it is located (civil or common law) and whether it is conceived of as delivering substantive legal rights protections or in a 'thin' form in which it offers procedural legal certainty only. Despite the lack of agreement on how to define rule of law, it is routinely touted as the salve to human rights protection in developing and authoritarian countries, and also invoked as providing legal certainty and transparency, features that also assist with economic development and social stability. While these expectations may overload a much debated concept, a raft of agencies and governments seek to instill or support rule of law across the globe.

There are numerous rule of law initiatives supported by Australian, regional and internationally-based legal reformers, including work undertaken by multilateral and bilateral aid donors. *Rule of Law Online* will deliver an internationally accessible and free resource globally. This will support Australian, regional and internationally-based students, scholars, practitioners and the interested public to explore and debate Australian and comparative legal identity, particularly in the context of the Asia-Pacific region. These debates will inform legal reform, education and research between and among diverse communities.

This resource will be made available to the public on the ALC website (http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/alc). It will include English language materials on the rule of law in Asia, including books, chapters in books, policy papers, journal articles and theses.

The database will be organised according to countries in Asia and a selection of basic subject areas, such as post-conflict reconstruction, court reform, court independence, and law and development. It will be searchable, with locations of sources provided. Links to useful websites will also be provided, classified by country and subject area.

This project will be conducted under the auspices of the ALC, and will build on the work undertaken by the ALC on its much used *Asian Law Online*. We thank the Collier Charitable Fund for the project funds.

## Vietnamese Legal Research Network Online

Vietnamese Legal Research Network (VLRN) Online was launched by the Asian Law Centre in 2012. This Network is supported by the UNDP, and aims to:

- become a rich resource for Australian and international scholars, lawyers, officials and the public interested in Vietnam's laws and legal institutions;
- · promote collaboration, networking, student exchanges and research on Vietnamese law and justice;
- · promote news of current scholarship on Vietnamese law; and
- provide an index of Vietnamese law-related theses undertaken at international institutions, with extracts in English and Vietnamese.

For further information, please see http://www.law.unimelb.edu.au/alc/asian-law-resources/vietnamese-legal-research-network-vlrn-online

# **Faculty Teaching and Education**

Members of the Centre have contributed programmes of Asian law-related subjects at the undergraduate, graduate and JD levels. The Law School continues to offer one of the most extensive coverages of Asian Law in Australia and the world, and is seen as a regional leader in this field.

Offerings in the Law School's programme in 2014 included:

JD Subjects

- Deals in the Asia-Pacific
- The Death Penalty in Asia (Legal Research)

MLM Subjects

- Commercial Law in Asia (formerly Commercial Deals in Asia)
- Contemporary Chinese Law and Practice (formerly Chinese Law)
- Deals with China
- International and Comparative Competition Law
- · International Law and Development (formerly Law and Development)
- · Managing Legal Risk in Developing Asia

# **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, most of whom are PhD candidates. This is probably the largest Doctoral group working on Asian law in the world. In addition, Centre members are involved on a daily basis with assistance for LLM and Graduate Diploma by coursework students.

In 2014, Asian Law Centre members supervised 30 PhD candidates, 8 of whom completed their PhDs in 2014 (marked in bold below).

Research students under the supervision of Centre members in 2014 included:

Ms Dewi Apsari (PhD (Law))

"Barriers in International Legal Cooperation in Criminal Matters between Indonesia and Australia"

Supervisors: Tim Lindsey, Jeremy Gans

Expected Year of Completion: 2017

Mr Rifqi Sjarief Assegaf (PhD (Law))

"The Role of Previous Supreme Court Decisions ("Yurisprudensi") as a Source of Law and Tools to Create Legal Consistency: A Study on Indonesian Supreme Court Decisions in Corruption Cases"

Supervisors: Tim Lindsey

Expected Year of Completion: 2018

Ms Anisa Buckley (PhD (Law and Asia Institute))		
"Muslim Women, Family Laws and the Challenges of Securing a 'Complete' Divorce: The Australia Experience"		
Supervisors: Abdullah Saeed (Asia Institute), Tim Lindsey and Andrea Whittaker (Monash University)		
Expected Year of Completion: 2015		
Ms Faye Chan (PhD (Law))		
"Control and Resistance: The Social and Legal Regulation of Indonesian Chinese Women, 1930-2014"		
Supervisors: Tim Lindsey, Kate McGregor (Arts), Katherine Darian-Smith (Historical and Philosophical Studies)		
Expected Year of Completion: 2018		
Mr Peter Dirou (PhD (Law))		
"Food Security, Development and Law: Insights from the Indonesian Experience"		
Supervisors: Tim Lindsey, Shaun McVeigh, Sundhya Pahuja		
Year of Completion: 2014		
Mr Do Hai Ha (PhD (Law))		
"The Right to Strike in Vietnam: Towards a Better Regime"		
Supervisors: Pip Nicholson, Sean Cooney		
Expected Year of Completion: 2016		
Mr Stewart Fenwick (PhD (Law))		
"Is Rawlsian Liberalism Compatible with Islam? A Case Study of Post-Soeharto Indonesia"		
Supervisors: Tim Lindsey, Abdullah Saeed (Asia Institute)		
Year of Completion (under examination): 2015		
Mr Hailegabriel Gedecho Feyissa (PhD (Law))		
"The Ethiopian Civil Code at its Fifty: A Historical and Legal View from Inside"		
Supervisors: Pip Nicholson, Jenny Beard		
Expected Year of Completion: 2016		
Mr Andrew Godwin (PhD (Law))		
"The Relevance of Traditional Proprietary Rights to the Reform of Rural Land Rights in China"		
Supervisors: Sarah Biddulph, Michael Bryan, Sean Cooney		
Expected Year of Completion: 2016		

Ms Carolyn Graydon (PhD (Law))

"Domestic Violence in Timor-Leste: Is there a Place for Indigenous Justice Systems?"

Supervisors: Tim Lindsey, Dianne Otto

Expected Year of Completion: 2015

Ms Tess Hardy (PhD (Law))

"New Initiatives in Enforcing Employment Standards: Assessing the Effectiveness of Federal Government Compliance"

Supervisors: John Howe, Sean Cooney

Year of Completion: 2014

Mr Joseph Kikonyogo (PhD (Law))

"Africa and the Ailing Promise of the Doha Development Agenda in the WTO Negotiations on Agriculture"

Supervisors: Tania Voon, Pip Nicholson

Expected Year of Completion: 2015

Mr Jonathan Kolieb (PhD (Law))

"Should Governments compel Corporations to Contribute to Sustainable Peace-building in Conflict Zones around the World? An Exploration of the Role Corporations can play in Building a Sustainable Peace in Conflict Zones and how Governments, acting alone and in Concert, can facilitate Corporate Peace-building"

Supervisors: Gerry Simpson, Andrew Mitchell, Sean Cooney

Expected Year of Completion: 2016

Ms Sally Low (PhD (Law))

"The Role of Law in the French Colonisation of Cambodia, 1863-1953"

Supervisors: Pip Nicholson, David Chandler (Faculty of Arts, Monash University)

Expected Year of Completion: 2015

Mr Imran Lum (PhD (Law and Asia Institute))

"Negotiating the Prohibition of Riba: Australian and British Muslim Attitudes Towards Conventional and Islamic Banking"

Supervisors: Abdullah Saeed (Asia Institute), Tim Lindsey

Year of Completion: 2014

Ms Jessica Melvin (PhD (Law))

"The 1965 Mass Killings in Aceh"

Supervisors: Kate McGregor (Arts), Tim Lindsey, Steven Welch (Arts)

Year of Completion: 2014

Mr Nimmith Men (PhD (Law))		
"The Development of Alternative Dispute Resolution in the Cambodian Civil Justice System"		
Supervisors: Sean Cooney, David Chandler (Faculty of Arts, Monash University), Pip Nicholson		
Expected Year of Completion: 2016		
Mr Jan Mihal (PhD (Law))		
"Law as Artifact: Exploring the Implications of the Metaphysics of Artifacts for Law's Nature"		
Supervisors: Farrah Ahmed, Dale Smith, Dana Goswick		
Expected Year of Completion: 2017		
Mr Jason Sze Chieh Ng (PhD (Arts))		
"Red Shadow: Malayan Communist Memoirs as Parallel Histories of Malaysia"		
Supervisors: Kate McGregor (History), Amanda Whiting		
Expected Year of Completion: 2016		
Ms Wendy Ng (PhD (Law))		
"Stepping Through the Looking Glass: China's Anti-Monopoly Law on its Own Terms"		
Supervisors: Sean Cooney, Caron Beaton-Wells		
Year of Completion: 2014		
Ms Nguyen Vu Thu Trang (PhD (Law))		
"Constitutional Institutional Challenges to the Implementation of Case Law in Vietnam"		
Supervisors: Pip Nicholson, Sarah Biddulph		
Expected Year of Completion: 2017		
Ms Pham Lan Phuong (PhD (Law)		
"Indonesian Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs): A Legal Study on Private Sector Participation in Infrastructure Development in the Post 'New-Order' Era"		
Supervisors: Pip Nicholson, Sarah Biddulph		
Expected Year of Completion: 2017		
Mr Richard Powell (PhD (Education, Linguistics))		
"Vernacularising the Law: Malaysia's Bilingual Policy as a Model for Postcolonial Common Law Systems"		
Supervisors: Joe LoBianco, Amanda Whiting		
Supervisors: Joe LoBianco, Amanda Whiting		
Supervisors: Joe LoBianco, Amanda Whiting Year of Completion: 2014		

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Ms Rheny Pulungan (PhD (Law))

"The Shortcomings of International Law on Piracy and Maritime Terrorism: Options for Strengthening Maritime Security in the Malacca Strait"

Supervisors: Tim Lindsey, Andrew Mitchell

Year of Completion: 2015

Ms Sonia Randhawa (PhD (Arts, History))

"What was the Role of Female Malay-language Print Journalists in Negotiating the Changes in the Portrayal of Women During the Process of Arabic Islamisation in Peninsular Malaysia between 1987 and 1998?"

Supervisors: Kate McGregor, Amanda Whiting

Expected Year of Completion: 2018

Ms Jennifer Rowe (PhD (Law))

"Human Rights and Harm Reduction Amongst Drug Dependent Populations in Cambodia"

Supervisors: Tim McCormack, Nick Crofts, Sarah Biddulph, Rob Moodie, Nick Thomson

Expected Year of Completion: 2015

Mr Dudi Rulliadi (PhD (Law))

"The Transformation of Public-Private Partnerships (PPPs) in Infrastructure: The Case of Indonesia"

Supervisors: Anne Orford, Tim Lindsey, Andrew Mitchell

Expected Year of Completion: 2015

Adv Andy Schmulow (PhD (Law))

"Problems Associated with Prudential Regulatory Enforcement in the Indonesian Banking Sector"

Supervisors: Tim Lindsey, Charles Coppel (History)

Year of Completion: 2014

Ms Windy Triana (PhD (Law))

"Schooling Judges: The Education of Religious Court Judges in Indonesia"

Supervisors: Tim Lindsey, Farrah Ahmed

Expected Year of Completion: 2017

Mr Hao Zhang (PhD (Law))

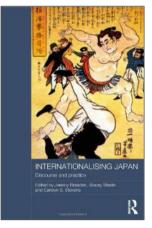
"Legal Risks of Payment Scheme of Carbon Trade and its Judicial Remedy in China"

Supervisors: Lee Godden, Sarah Biddulph

Year of Completion: 2014

# **Highlighted Publications**

## Internationalising Japan: Discourse and Practice (2014)



#### Editors: Jeremy Breaden, Stacey Steele and Carolyn Stevens

In the twenty-first century, the concept of internationalisation remains a crucial tool for understanding the dynamics of globalising processes. It draws attention to the dimensions of conscious action in inter- and trans-national phenomena, connecting globalisation with individuals' experience of everyday life. This book explores how internationalisation is imagined, discussed and operationalised in Japan and surrounding countries. The chapters focus on educational, leisure and cultural activities, fields which are often overlooked in favour of economic and political developments in the literature. The conclusion reflects on the concept of internationalisation and assesses how it is likely to develop in Japan in future, taking into account the impact of the Great East Japan Earthquake of 2011.

To purchase: www.routledge.com

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# Contributions to the University of Melbourne and the Community

## **Dr Farrah Ahmed**

### University

- Associate Director (India), Asian Law Centre, Melbourne Law School
- Fellow, Australia India Institute
- Member, Institute for International Law and the Humanities, Melbourne Law School
- Member, Faculty Research and Law Library Committee, Melbourne Law School
- Member, Scholarships and Bursaries Committee, Melbourne Law School

### Community

- Referee, Australian Journal of Labour Law
- Referee, Law and Social Inquiry
- Referee, Oxford University Commonwealth Law Journal
- · Pro bono consultant for an educational institution on issues relating to multiculturalism
- Facilitated a workshop for practitioners as well as scholars on religious arbitration and mediation

# Associate Professor and Reader Sarah Biddulph

### University

- · Associate Director (China), Asian Law Centre, Melbourne Law School
- Advisory Committee, The Australian Journal of Asian Law
- · Member of Executive, Centre for Contemporary Chinese Studies, The University of Melbourne
- · Law School Representative, China Advisory Forum, The University of Melbourne
- Co-Convenor, China Law Network
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