

Events

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- **Launch of Castan Centre:** by Justice Michael Kirby at Phillips Fox, 31 October.
- **Public Forum:** ‘Making a Real Difference to Human Rights’ by the **Hon Alexander Downer MP** with response by **Dennis Grant** SBS TV, Bureau Chief, chaired by **Prof David Kinley**, 20 November.
- **Book Launch: Felicity Hampel SC** launched *The International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights - Cases, Materials and Commentary* by **Melissa Castan, Sarah Joseph and Jenny Schultz**, 5 December.

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- **Inaugural Annual Castan Centre Lecture:** ‘Human Rights in Regulating the Global Economy’ by **Professor Philip Alston** of the European University Institute in Florence, 28 March.
- **Occasional Lecture:** by **Clive Stafford Smith OBE**, Director of the Louisiana Crisis Assistance Centre, New Orleans, on ‘Fighting the Death Penalty’, 16 May.
- **Refugee Workshop:** organised by **Associate Professor Susan Kneebone** to mark the 50th anniversary of the Refugee Convention, 8 - 9 June.

International Human Rights Law Conference: ‘Human Rights and Global Challenges’, 10-11 December. Speakers included notable overseas academics **Prof Keith Ewing**, and **Prof Mark Tushnet** and Australians **The Hon Elizabeth Evatt AC**, **Prof Larissa Behrendt**, **Prof Ivan Shearer** and **Chris Sidoti**. Topics covered at the Conference included: Bill of Rights, Self Determination, Privatisation of Human Rights, Cultural Relativity, Community Awareness of Human Rights, Economic Social and Cultural Rights, and the Role of International Organisations in Human Rights Protections. The Conference was a huge success with over 100 participants. Special thanks to student helpers Gabi Crafti, Pandora Noronha, and Nicola Paton. Papers are available on the web at:

<http://www.law.monash.edu.au/castancentre/conference2001/abstracts.html>.

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- **Lecture:** by Holding Redlich Distinguished Visiting Fellow **Professor Harry Arthurs**, Osgoode Hall Law School, York University – Toronto on ‘Globalization and the New Economy: Implications for Labour Law’, 27 March.
- **Lecture:** by **Eric Van Der Wal**, Director, Human Rights and Indigenous Issues Section, Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) on ‘The practical implementation of Australia’s international human rights policy: a view from DFAT’, 10 April.
- **Lecture:** by **Donald P. Arnava**s, Attorney and Law Professor, Washington D.C. on ‘US Military Tribunals: measured response or overreaction?’, 18 April.
- **Book Launch:** *Commercial Law and Human Rights*, **David Kinley** and **Stephen Bottomley** (eds), with guest speaker **Julian Burnside QC**, 22 April.
- **Lecture:** by **Brendon Christian**, National Networking and Advocacy Coordinator; Attorney, Campus Law Clinic, University of Natal, Durban on ‘Reflections on the HIV-AIDS crisis in South Africa’, 24 April.

Second Annual Public Lecture: by **Senator Aden Ridgeway** on ‘*Mabo* Ten Years On: Small Step or Giant Leap?’ Monday 3 June at 12:30pm, Queen’s Hall, Parliament House, Spring Street Melbourne. Ten years ago to the day, the High Court handed down its landmark judgement in *Mabo (No 2)*. It set in motion a new legal regime recognising native title, it prompted calls for social justice for indigenous peoples, and it elevated public debate of indigenous issues on all fronts. But what has been its legacy? Where are the issues of indigenous land rights, human rights, social and economic security today? Is the rhetoric of reconciliation any closer to reality?