

Name our Newsletter and Win

The Castan Centre is launching a competition to name its newsletter. The winner will receive two tickets to the centre's 2009 conference.

The newsletter will be relaunched in May

2009 with an official title and a fresh look. Since debuting in 2002, the newsletter has undergone several makeovers and grown to 20 pages, while maintaining its combination of news on Castan Centre developments, as well as views on important human rights issues.

You can suggest your name for the revamped newsletter by emailing castan.centre@law.monash.edu.au or logging on to the Castan Centre website. In the event of two or more people suggesting the same winning name, the winner will be decided by random draw.

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Dalai Lama Inspires Packed House at Monash

His Holiness The Dalai Lama addresses the Castan Centre at Robert Blackwood Hall as his entourage and an expert panel look on.

By Marie Scott

The visit of the Dalai Lama to Monash University in late October this year was a marvellous event, witnessed by 1600 students, staff and members of the wider community. Tickets were sold out almost immediately and turned up over a day when they went on sale.

After six months of planning by the Castan Centre and its network of supporters, the event was a resounding success. For all concerned that the day itself would be a success, the weather was not so kind. But what I do know is that the audience was there to listen. And even though the Dalai Lama did not speak for as long as he had intended, the atmosphere was electric. Whether he was referring to the dignity of all human beings or the importance of this dignity, received普遍 acceptance. A body of human rights law, yes.

His speech was a serious statement of the principles of Buddhist ethics and a strong call to give "Tibet its autonomy without independence".

With his speech, the event opened up considerably as he joined onstage with other speakers, including a panel of journalists and academics including Dr Angela Ward, who had been invited to reflect on the relationship between Tibet and China and hope for the future.

After the event, the audience was invited to a reception where the Dalai Lama met with students and academics from the university and the broader Monash community. His disappearance from the meetings with Mao Tsé Tung, visits to Taiwan and the like, were mentioned as themes of religious observance to international scholars, political revolutionaries and others.

His Holiness was his usual quiet-spoken self and extraordinarily dignified, continuing to address the questions put to him throughout the afternoon.

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2009 LLM in Human Rights Has Diverse Offerings

As the Monash Masters-level human rights law degrees continue to expand, a number of new subjects are being offered for the first time.

Globalization and International Economic Law will be taught by Professor Frank Garcia, who will be visiting from Boston College Law School. The subject will consider the role of institutions, such as the WTO, IMF and World Bank, and look at issues such as the changing nature of international and global society and the inequality in the global distribution of resources.

Health Law and Human Rights will analyse the effectiveness of UN mechanisms, Australian legislation and public health officials in protecting the right to health. It will also investigate issues related to life, death and euthanasia. The subject will be led by Adjunct Professor Ian Freckleton.

Human Rights and Intellectual Property will focus on the intersection between human rights and intellectual property both in Australian law, and in international law contexts such as the Australia-United States Free Trade Agreement, WIPO and the WTO. Professor Samuel Murumba, of the Brooklyn Law School in New York will teach the subject.

The final two new subjects will be taught by Dr Paula Gerber. The first, *Protecting the Rights of Minorities, Marginalised and Vulnerable People*, will explore the under-representation and repression of the world's most marginalised and vulnerable peoples. The second, *International law and Economic, Cultural and Social Rights*, will examine how the international community has sought to secure the protection and promotion of these rights, and the difficulties created by the general perception that economic, social and cultural rights are non-justiciable.

These offerings will be accompanied by a number of returning subjects. *Forced migration and human rights* will explore the causes and impacts of forced migration both domestically and internationally. *International Criminal Justice* will investigate the concept of individual criminal responsibility for international crimes like genocide and crimes against humanity. *Terrorism and Human Rights* will focus on the human rights issues that arise out of the 'war on terror'. *Comparative Bills of Rights*, to again be run by visiting British lawyer Dr Angela Ward, will explore the value of bills of rights. Finally, *Overview of International Human Rights Law* will once again provide a comprehensive understanding of human rights and topical international issues.

For more detail on the LLM (Human Rights) see www.monash.edu.au/study/coursefinder/course/33911 or phone (03) 9641 6222.