

## Attorney-General Heads 2009 Conference Lineup

Commonwealth Attorney-General Robert McClelland will be the keynote speaker at the Castan Centre's 2009 human rights conference.

After an extensive consultation with Castan Centre members earlier this year, it was decided to reschedule the conference from its traditional end-of-year timeslot to the middle of the

year, and to choose a new venue in the central business district for ease of access. The conference will now take place on 17 July 2009 at the State Library.

The conference will provide an update of important human rights developments over the preceding 12 months and will tackle both domestic and in-

ternational issues. The full speaker lineup will be advertised to Castan Centre members via email as it is finalised.

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## Former Yugoslavia Chief Prosecutor to Speak on Criminal Justice

Former Chief Prosecutor of the International Criminal Tribunals for the former Yugoslavia and Rwanda, Justice Richard Goldstone, will speak at the Castan Centre in March 2009 on the current state of international criminal justice.

In addition to his time as Chief Prosecutor, Justice Goldstone (pictured at right speaking at Beloit College, USA) is known for his pivotal role chairing South Africa's Commission of Inquiry Regarding Public Violence and Intimidation, which was known as the Goldstone Commission. It played a key role in addressing political violence that occurred once apartheid in South Africa started to fall apart and the country moved towards its first democratic elections. Between 1994 and 2003, he was a member of the Constitutional Court of South Africa, which

interprets the South African Constitution.

On the international stage, Justice Goldstone was the chairperson of the International Independent Inquiry into Kosovo in 1999 and chairperson of the International Task Force on Terrorism, established by the International Bar Association in 2001. He was also appointed to the independent committee to investigate the UN Iraqi oil-for-food programme in 2004.

Since his appointment to the Yugoslavia and Rwanda tribunals, the international criminal justice landscape has evolved remarkably. Hybrid tribunals were established in Sierra

Leone, Cambodia and Lebanon and, in 1998, the statute for the permanent International Criminal Court was adopted.

That Court now has the support of the 108 nations which have ratified the Treaty, however there remain serious hurdles to be crossed in order for such courts to be consistently effective.



## US Trade Expert to Address Affects of Trade on the World's Poor

When the Doha round of the World Trade Organisation's trade negotiations stalled in early 2008, the most intractable issues remained the philosophical differences between developed and developing nations. Professor Frank Garcia, of Boston College Law School, will present a public lecture in March 2009, on the implications of the Doha round for people in developing countries. The objective of the Doha round, which started in 2001, is to lower trade barriers around the world, allowing increased trade globally. These negotiations have been prolonged due to the differing

effects proposed provisions would have on the developed and developing world.

Professor Garcia has been a member of the Boston College Law Faculty since 2001. He was a Fulbright Scholar and professorial fellow at the Law Institute of the Americas, SMU School of Law, and is the Associate Director of the Caribbean Law Institute, at Florida State University College of Law.

Professor Garcia has researched and published widely in the field of international trade, focusing on the theoretic-

cal, practical, human rights and social issues underpinning international trade and globalisation. His recent work has focused on the 'fairness' of international trade regimes and past articles have included "Trade-Based Strategies for Combating Child Labor", "Protecting the Human Rights Principle in a Globalizing Economy", and "Why Trade Law Needs a Theory of Justice". His lecture is sure to shed light on the human rights impacts which the Doha Development Round of negotiations will have on the people living in developing countries.