



FRIDAY FROLICS

Newsletter of Western Sydney University Law School

From the Dean

January 2016

Welcome to 2016 – many people think that January is a holiday period for academics – in reality it can be a very busy time, but without the heavy school traffic on the roads. January has allocations meetings every day to determine the new cohorts of students – this year we saw a major increase in demand and as such our ATAR published cut-off rose from 90 to 95 across all law degrees. We were all very proud of Deng Adut giving the 20th Australia Day Address, with an introduction by the NSW Premier, Hon Mike Baird. Summer School has been a great success and we are all looking forward to the new semester.

Course Decision Day - 6 January 2016

Even though the weather was shocking with constant rain, there was a good steady stream of potential students for the Law degrees. The Dean had a reasonable turn out for his 30 minute lecture on "Why Study Law?" Thank you to Stephen Janes, Nikki Bromberger, Scott Mann, Catherine Renshaw, Elen Seymour, John Azzi, Michael Blissenden, Donna Craig and Susan Fitzpatrick



Learning & Teaching

Twenty-five Western Sydney law students lead by Dr June Wang and John Juriansz went to Shanghai, China on 9th January 2016 to study the Foundations of Chinese Law at Shanghai University Law School. Week 1 of the program includes: seminars, banquet and performance by local students, visit to Dacheng Law Office and Baoshan Court, the acrobatics show, and sightseeing trips to the Bund, the Museums and beautiful gardens at Suzhou. To make our trip the full experience some of us also visited emergency room. Luckily, everyone is fine now.



Research

Professor Steven Freeland

Public presentation (invited) 'Review of the Space Activities Act: An Opportunity for Industry', workshop of State and Territory Ministers, Canberra, 16 December 2015 (pre-recorded)

External referee (by invitation) of article on space law for *Asia Pacific Law Review*, November 2015

External assessor (invited) on book proposal on 'International Courts and Regional Integration' for Routledge Law publishers, United Kingdom, December 2015

Alice Orchiston

Confidential review (by invitation) of equality law textbook for Cambridge University Press, December 2015 & January 2016

Publications

Assoc Prof Alpina Roy

Publication: 'The blocking injunction: a comparative and critical review of the European Union, Singaporean and proposed Australian regimes' (2016) 38(2) *European Intellectual Property Review* 92.

Professor Steven Freeland

Publication: *Annotated Leading Cases of International Criminal Tribunals: Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia 2007-2010* (Volume 43), 2015 Intersentia, Antwerp, Belgium (ISBN 978-1-78068-197-9) (with Andre Klip) (934 pages).

Dr Luke Beck

Publication: "When Is an Office or Public Trust 'Under the Commonwealth' for the Purposes of the Religious Tests Clause of the Australian Constitution?" (2015) 41 *Monash University Law Review* 17

Ingrid Matthews

Ingrid Matthews and James Arvanitakis (2016) 'The Good Citizen: Models of Citizenship for

the 21stCentury'. In, Daniel Morse (Ed) *Post-Civics: The Citizen in the 21st Century*. Oxford UK: Interdisciplinary Press

Assoc Prof Michael Blissenden

'[Why politicians hate the idea of taxing the homes of 'the rich'](#)" has been published in The Conversation.

Professor Michael Adams

'[Xenophon is right to call for law reform on gift cards](#)' was published in The Conversation 12 January 2016.

New addition release *of Australian Corporate Law*, LexisNexis:Butterworths, 2016 5th edition [ISBN 9780409341751] with A/Prof Jason Harris (UTS) and A/Prof Anil Hargovan (UNSW) – pages xxviii plus 759 and over 25,000 copies have been sold since the first edition in 2008

Engagement

Professor Michael Adams

[Western Sydney University delegation met Dhaka University VC](#)



