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Welcome to the Research Bulletin for
January to March.

In this edition, you will find the latest information on
staff publications, media appearances, and upcoming seminars
and conferences.

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- J Allan**, 'Jeremy Waldron and the Philosopher's Stone' [2008] *San Diego Law Review*
- J Allan**, 'The Victorian Charter of Human Rights and Responsibilities: Exegesis and Criticisms' (2008) 30 (3) *Melbourne University Law Review* 906-922
- N Aroney**, 'Constitutional Choices in the Work Choices Case, or What Exactly is Wrong with the Reserved Powers Doctrine?' (2008) 32 (1) *Melbourne University Law Review*
- N Aroney, J Allan**, 'An Uncommon Court: How the High Court of Australia Has Undermined Australian Federalism' (2008) 30 *Sydney Law Review*
- R Baird**, 'The Antarctic Treaty System and Japan's Scientific Whaling in the Southern Ocean - Is there a Duty to Act?' [2008] *Asia-Pacific Journal of Environmental Law*
- R Baird**, 'Australia's Response to Illegal Foreign Fishing: A Case of Winning the Battle but Losing the Law?' [2008] (154) *International Journal of Marine and Coastal Law*
- A Black**, 'Ideology and Law: The Impact of the MIB Ideology on Law and Dispute Resolution in the Sultanate of Brunei Darussalam' (2008) 3 (1) *Asian Journal of Comparative Law* 1-41
- C Cappa**, 'Developing generic criteria and standards for assessment in law: processes and (by)products' (2008) 32 (4) *Assessment and Evaluation in Higher Education* 417-432.
- A Cassimatis**, 'Government Procurement Following the Australia US Free Trade Agreement - Is Australia Complying with Its Obligations to Provide Remedies to Unsuccessful Tenderers?' (2008) 30 *Sydney Law Review*
- J Crowe**, 'Self and Other in Ethics and Law: A Comment on Manderson (forthcoming)' (2008) 33 *Australian Journal of Legal Philosophy*
- R Grantham, C Rickett**, 'A Normative Account of Defences to Restitutionary Liability' [2008] *Cambridge Law Journal*
- A Leahy and others**, 'In the Shadow of the Australia-China FTA Negotiations: What Australian Business Thinks About IP' (2008) 27 (1) *Economic Papers* 1-18
- Q Liu**, 'The Chinese Property Rights Law: Old Wine in a New Bottle' (2008) 25 2007 (1) *LawAsia Journal*

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N Aroney, *The Constitution of a Federal Commonwealth: The Making and Meaning of the Australian Constitution* (Cambridge University Press, 2008)

N Aroney, 'Towards Federalism, but Not Quite There: Aquinas, Quidort and Cusanus' in Ann Ward and Lee Ward (ed), *The Ashgate Research Companion on Federalism* (Ashgate Press, London 2008)

N Aroney, S Prasser, J Nethercote (eds), *Restraining Elective Dictatorship: The Upper House Solution?* (University of Western Australia Press, Perth 2008)

N Aroney, 'Upper Houses, Democracy and Executive Accountability' in Janine Philbey (ed), *The Politics of Democracy in South Australia* (State Electoral Office (SA), Adelaide 2008)

N Aroney, 'Bicameralism and Representations of Democracy' in Nicholas Aroney, Scott Prasser and John Nethercote (eds), *Restraining Elective Dictatorship: The Upper House Solution?* (University of Western Australia, Perth 2008)

K Barker, 'Responsibility for Gain: Unjust Factors or Absence of Legal Ground? Starting Points in Unjust Enrichment Law' in C Rickett, R Grantham (eds), *Structure and Justification in Private Law* (Hart Publishing, Oxford 2008) 47-74

K Barker, 'Economic Loss and the Duty of Care: A Study in the Exercise of Legal Justification' in C Rickett (ed), *Justifying Remedies in the Law of Obligations* (Hart Publishing, Oxford 2008)

A Black and others, *Legal Studies for Queensland Vol 1* (5th edn Legal Eagles publications, Brisbane 2008)

R Burrell, 'Trade Mark Bureaucracies' in Greame B. Dinwoodie, Mark D. Janis (eds), *Trademark Law and Theory: A Handbook of Contemporary Research* (Edward Elgar, 2008) 95-131

C Cappa, 'Legal Research' in Hinchy, Russell (eds), *The Australian Legal System: History, Institutions and Method* (Pearson Education Australia, Frenchs Forest, NSW 2008) 464-473

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A Cassimatis, 'Developing States, the Generalized System of Preferences and Trade Measures to Enhance Human Rights' in Ross Buckley, Vai lo Lo and Laurence Boulle (eds), *Challenges to Multilateral Trade: The Impact of Bilateral, Preferential and Regional Agreements* (Kluwer Law International, The Netherlands 2008)

A Clarke, J Devereux, *Torts: A Practical Learning Approach* (Butterworths LexisNexis, Sydney 2008)

J Crowe, 'Levinasian Ethics and the Concept of Law' in Desmond Manderson (ed), *Levinas and Law: A Mosaic of Essays* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2008)

H Douglas, S Harbidge, *Criminal Process in Queensland* (Law Book Company, NSW 2008)

R Grantham, C Rickett, 'Unjust Enrichment - Reason, Place and Content' in Charles Rickett and Ross Grantham (ed), *Structure and Justification in Private Law: Essays for Peter Birks* (Hart Publishing, Oxford 2008)

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G Hart, K Sadiq and others, *Principles of Taxation Law* (Thomson ATP, 2008)

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R Hinchy, P McDermott (eds), *Fundamental Company Legislation 2008* (Pearson Prentice Hall, Frenchs Forest, NSW 2008)

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B Sherman, 'Kinds, Clones and Manufactures' in Woodmansee, Biagioli, Jaszi (eds), *Con/Texts of Invention* (University of Chicago Press, Chicago 2008)

B Sherman, 'Plant Intellectual Property' in (ed), *Dictionary of Intellectual Property Terms* (Cambridge University Press, 2008)

B Sherman, L Bently, S Hubicki, 'Patent Issues in Biotechnology' in (ed), *The Encyclopaedia of the Human Genome* (Macmillan Reference, London 2008)

M Stephenson, BA Hocking, 'Why the Persistent Absence of a Foundational Principle? Indigenous Australians, Proprietary and Family Reparations' in (ed), *Reparation for Indigenous Peoples* (University of Siena, Italy and Oxford University Press, 2008)

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Conference Papers

R Baird, 'The Development of a Comprehensive Global Record for Fishing Vessels, Refrigerated Transport Vessels and Supply Vessels: An Analysis of the Practice of Regional Fisheries Bodies', Expert Consultation on the development of a comprehensive global record of fishing vessels, Rome 25-28 February 2008, (Food and Agricultural Organisation, Rome 2008) 1-19

G Orr, 'Legal Regulation of Governmental Advertising', 18th Annual Public Affairs in the Public Sector Conference, Darling Harbour, Sydney 14 February 2008

G Orr, 'The Right to Vote in Australia: Roach v Electoral Commissioner', 2008 Constitutional Law Conference, Domain Theatre, Art Gallery of NSW 8 February 2008

A Schloenhardt, 'Mafias and Motorbikes: New Organised Crime Offences in Australia', Australian Federal Police, Canberra

A Schloenhardt, 'Mafias and Motorbikes: New Organised Crime Offences in Australia', Attorney-General's Department (Cth), Canberra March 14, 2008

M Stephenson, 'Issues with the Right to Negotiate Under the Australian Native Title Act', Seminar to Graduate Students and Law Faculty, University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Canada January 2008

M Stephenson, 'Indigenous Issues and Contemporary Australian Developments', Seminar to members of the Centre for Sami Research, Umea University, Umea, Sweden January 2008

S Sullivan, 'Violence, Local Magistrates and the Informal Law 1700-1833: Magistrates and Mediation in Kent', *Law and Public Policy: Taming the Unruly Horse?*, University of Western Australia September 2007 (Australasian Law Teachers Association, ALTA 2008)

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A Schloenhardt, Parliament of Australia, Joint Committee on the Australian Crime Commission, Inquiry into Serious and Organised Crime Legislation, (Canberra, 2008)

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J Devereux, 'Coronial law and Practice' [2008] Australian Law Journal

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J Corrin, 24th to 29th January 2008. Interdisciplinary field research into environmental protection and the role of customary chiefs in Marovo Lagoon, Western Province, Solomon Islands, funded by the MacArthur Foundation.

A Schloenhardt, 2008. Organised Crime Legislation in the Asia Pacific region (USA), research grant. \$AUD13168.10

B Sherman, 2008. Maximising the Benefits of Intellectual Property for the Australian Horticultural Industry, \$AUD433,000

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J Allan, 'Labour shakes up judicial selection system', Australian Financial Review, (February 15, 2008) p55

J Allan, 'As crazy now as a TV show then', Weekend Australian, (February 16, 2008) p28

J Allan, 'Agreed is good in halls of academe' Australian, (February 22, 2008) p12

J Allan, 'Bar Association Conference', ABC Coast FM Gold Coast, (February 22, 2008)

J Allan, 'Pollies or judges to rule the roost?', Legal Affairs, Australian, (February 29, 2008) p34

J Allan, 'Clark needs new zeal and a lot of luck', Australian, (February 29, 2008) p14

J Allan, 'Fixing terms will not fix problems', Australian, (March 13, 2008) p14

J Allan, 'Mad game to tinker with our great system', Australian, (April 11, 2008) p12

J Allan, 'Giving lawyers more power will cut our liberties', Australian, (April 2, 2008) p14

A Davidson, 'Enforcing online contracts', Law Society Journal, (February 2008) p 52

A Davidson, 'Censorship - New laws aim to provide a 'clean feed' to users', Proctor, (February 2008) p41

H Douglas, 'What is a committal hearing?', ABC Radio, 4BC Brisbane, (January 31, 2008)

G Orr, 'Flexibility Tops Fairness in Work Reform', The Courier-Mail (opinion piece), (February 13, 2008)

G Orr, 'Keeping Tabs on Poll Cash', Weekend Australian Financial Review, (March 8-9, 2008)

G Orr, 'Flexibility tops fairness in work reform', Courier Mail, (February 13, 2008) p 33

G Orr, 'Investment Guide to democracy', Courier Mail, (March 12, 2008) p30

P O'Shea, 'Banking errors may cost consumers', Brisbane Extra, Channel 9, (April 8, 2008)

S Prasser, 'Battle for BCC is Libs' last stand', Courier Mail, (March 13, 2008) p33

R Baird, 'Whale of a dilemma', Focus, Courier Mail, (January 19, 2008) p51

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A Schloenhardt, 'Human Trafficking in Australia', Mornings, ABC, (April 1, 2008)

A Schloenhardt, 'Extradition of Dr J Patel', 4BC Radio, (February 21)

A Schloenhardt, 'Extradition of Dr J Patel', Stateline, ABC Television, (March 14)

A Schloenhardt, 'Trafficking in Persons in Australia', 2SER, (March 13)

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Research Seminar Series

The 2008 Research Seminar Series semester two program is available on the Research Seminar Series website.

The site contains the list of speakers for 2008, with biographies, abstracts of presentations and lists of other publications. Please visit the site and note which presentations you would like to see throughout the year.

<http://www.law.uq.edu.au/2008-program>

You may also find details of each seminar every month on the Calendar of Events website.

www.law.uq.edu.au/events

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Conferences & Seminars

This section will provide a list of upcoming conferences and seminars that law staff may wish to attend.

Names, dates and conference host will be provided in this section. If papers are being invited, this will be noted. Please use the links provided for further information.

British Institute of International & Comparative Law
8th Annual WTO Conference
13-14 May 2008
University of London, United Kingdom

Day 1 - Dispute Settlement

- The evolving jurisprudence in investment disputes and its implications for WTO dispute settlement: substantive protections, exception clauses (national security), precedent, and remedies.
- Doha agriculture negotiations - how recent agricultural disputes have influenced those negotiations and how future disputes are likely to affect ongoing negotiations Application of the General Exceptions (GATT Art. XX and GATS Art. XIV) after Tyres and Gambling - implications for trade and climate change
- Roundtable on WTO Litigation: Views from the Bench and Bar on Effective Written and Oral Advocacy and the presentation of Expert and Documentary Evidence

Day 2 - BROADER VIEW OF WTO AND INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC LAW

- Global regulatory framework of rules (trade and investment) to discern what general principles are embodied that should be a guide to regulators at the national level
- Recent EU Jurisprudence and WTO Law - lack of direct effect of WTO law: Community liability for conduct in international trade disputes in the absence of unlawfulness (FIAMM/Fedon case February 2008); Ikea Wholesale case December 2007;
- A panel on recent climate change and environment discussion including elimination of tariffs on environmental goods - proliferating proposals from the EU in response to laxer emission trading standards in third countries: sustainability criteria imposed on imports of biofuels

Conference website: <http://www.biicl.org/events/view/-/id/200/>

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**Governance in Aboriginal Communities:
Building Capacity for Success
14-15 May 2008
Ottawa, Canada**

Good governance is vital to economic development in Aboriginal communities. Sound structures and policies leading to improved economic development will ensure increased self-sufficiency, socio-economic growth, greater wealth and job creation for the future.

This practical forum will explore the elements of good governance and demonstrate how to overcome the barriers that hinder good governance. We will examine best practices from a number of successful Aboriginal governance initiatives and offer models for healthy economic growth and self-government – including extensive tax-planning tips and advice.

Website: <http://www.pbli.com/719/>

**Emerging Competition Law Issues: Asia and the World Conference
21 May 2008
Singapore**

Competition law is developing rapidly in the East Asian region. The lessons learnt over many decades in this subject in developed jurisdictions such as the USA, EU and Japan, may well be applicable to the new regimes in East Asia. This one day conference brings to Singapore a highly respected group of competition law scholars, who will discuss a number of leading-edge competition law issues relevant to Singapore and the region.

Further information:

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**the 8th International Conference of Human Rights
"Right to knowledge and information in a heterogenic society"
30-31 May
Olsztyn, Poland**

One of the fundamental guidelines of the Lisbon Strategy in the year 2000 is building in Europe a society based on knowledge and information. These are two basic instruments for global society and the determinants of progress. There is no doubt that the accepted assumptions have contributed to the development of the whole European Union and its particular national groups. The development of science and more and more modern methods of transportation and exploitation of information not only provide profits on a global scale but also generate various dangers for individuals and their laws. The practically unlimited possibility of using and transforming personal data very often violates or significantly limits human rights. Also the development of science, especially of new technologies, gives rise to questions about the limits of freedom of scientific research.

The human's legal status and their rights will be covered during the 8th International Conference of Human Rights titled Right to knowledge and information in a heterogenic society. This conference is of an interdisciplinary character, therefore the raised issues may be discussed by lawyers, economists, philosophers, theologians, demographers, doctors, computer scientists and by many others who dedicate themselves to various scientific disciplines. The Conference is organized by the Faculty of Law and Administration of the University of Warmia and Mazury in Olsztyn.

Paper submission deadline: 30th April 2008.

Website: <http://wpia.uwm.edu.pl/humanrights/>

**11th Annual AIJA Tribunals Conference
5-6 June 2008
Gold Coast, Australia**

Hosted by the Australasian Institute of Judicial Administration in association with Council of Australasian Tribunals the conference will be themed around 'Practical Assistance for Tribunal Members and Decision Makers.

Registrations close 7th May 2008.

Website: <http://www.aija.org.au/Tribs08/prog®.pdf>

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4th AIJA Law & Technology Conference 25-27 June 2008 Sydney, Australia

Hosted by the Australasian Institute of Judicial Administration the conference will discuss the current state of Australian and International Courts in regards to use of technology and approaches to manage it.

Registrations close 13th June 2008.

Website: <http://www.aija.org.au/Law&Tech%2008/Prog&Reg.pdf>

International Conference on Digital Evidence 26th - 27th June 2008 London, United Kingdom

This is the first conference of its kind to treat the subject in such a global context, and without the traditional sole focus on e-disclosure.

MIS Training has partnered with Stephen Mason, Barrister, Editor, Digital Evidence and Electronic Signature Law Review, Associate Senior Research Fellow, Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, London & Visiting Research Fellow, Digital Evidence Research, British Institute of International and Comparative Law (UK) for this timely conference.

Hear from the international speaker panel which spans over 17 different jurisdictions. Lawyers, barristers, IT investigators, in-house counsel and digital forensics experts will present you with the most current reports from around the world.

Judges, lawyers (in-house lawyers as well as lawyers in practice), digital forensic specialists, police officers & IT / security directors responsible for conducting investigations will find this of tremendous benefit - as the unique chance to compare the real & problematic issues that surround digital evidence.

Website: <http://www.mistieurope.com/?page=65&ProductID=8914>

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Aboriginal Justice Forum 2008 3-4 June 2008 Vancouver, Canada

A major step in building sustainable communities is ensuring a fair and efficient justice system. This forum will address all aspects of the current justice system - prevention, policing, the court system and corrections - as they impact Aboriginal peoples, with an overarching theme of addressing community needs.

This forum is an important educational event that will provide an opportunity to highlight pressing issues in Aboriginal Justice and is intended to empower Aboriginal communities. Ultimately, the forum will provide the delegates with an opportunity to exchange ideas in an effort to reach the overall goal of developing a consensus on workable solutions.

Website: <http://www.pbli.com/701/>

Gender, Family Responsibility and Legal Change Conference 2008 10-12 July 2008 East Sussex, United Kingdom

Changing family law is notoriously difficult. Part of the difficulty must relate to the forums for change; courts and legislatures (for different reasons) find decision making in this area troublesome: courts because the questions to be resolved have both personal implications and (often important) implications for social well-being which are best left to policy makers to decide; and legislatures because they are large bodies of people with very diverse, individual attitudes towards the rules that should govern family relationships. These difficulties are compounded by the fact that the family is perhaps the most important site for the social construction of gender. And that clearly is an important social attribute on which people (including judges) have very different views and which legislatures have an important role in attempting to manipulate.

The conference will explore the family and its social place in the context of a desire to remedy problems of gender. It will reflect on the capacity of regulation (of both family life and other social activities - like work, sport and leisure, politics, health care, the environment, corporate management, education, entertainment, consumer interests, and others) to foster change in our perceptions of gender. It will also attempt to develop our understanding of what society - and the law - can do to enhance the responsibility that we believe should arise out of family relationships.

Website: <http://www.sussex.ac.uk/law/1-4-9-1.html>

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The Future of Federalism Conference 10-12 July 2008 Stamford Plaza, Brisbane

Brisbane will play host in July to an international panel of experts to discuss the major challenges and opportunities for federal systems around the world.

The Future of Federalism conference will be jointly hosted by the Centre for Public, International and Comparative Law at The University of Queensland's TC Beirne School of Law; and the European Focus Group of the Law Council of Australia, with the Hon Sir Gerard Brennan AC KBE, former Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia, event patron.

Australian federalism has been under strain in recent years with calls for an evaluation of the state of federation, focusing on the distribution of powers and fiscal arrangements. The Future of Federalism conference will discuss these issues from both an Australian and international perspective.

"This conference is an invaluable opportunity to study the phenomenon of federalism, its advantages and difficulties, its laws and practices. Papers by distinguished scholars ensure a stimulating encounter with problems confronting many of today's federations," said the Hon Sir Gerard Brennan.

High profile speakers include The Honourable Justice Margaret White, Supreme Court of Queensland; Professor Thomas Fleiner, Director, Centre for Federalism, Switzerland; and Professor Christina Murray, University of Cape Town.

This conference is highly recommended for those working in the legal profession, as well as politicians, researchers and academics, as well as anyone with an interest in politics and the law.

Registrations are now open and early bird discounts are available.

Website: www.fedcon2008.net

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3rd International Legal Ethics Conference 13-16 July 2008 Sheraton Mirage, Gold Coast

What is considered ethical legal practice? Where do legal ethics lie in the future? These are some of the topics that will be discussed at the upcoming third International Legal Ethics conference to be held in July on the Gold Coast.

Integrity in Legal Practice will be co-hosted by The University of Queensland's TC Beirne School of Law and Griffith University's Griffith Law School, with key note speakers including three of the world's experts on legal ethics, Professor David Luban from Georgetown, Professor Deborah Rhode from Stanford and Professor Brad Wendel of Cornell.

The conference has been designed to cater for both scholars and legal practitioners, with a designated Practitioners' Day which will include a breakfast event with the Honourable Justice Paul de Jersey AC and conference dinner with the Honourable Ian Callinan, AC QC; as well as papers, presentations and discussions of relevance to practicing lawyers. Special guest speaker during Practitioners' Day also includes barrister Stephen Keim SC, and lawyer Peter Russo, who recently represented Dr Mohammed Haneef.

Endorsed by the Queensland Law Society and the Bar Association of Queensland, this conference will embrace international perspectives and provide a forum for informed and lively debate across the conference themes.

This conference is highly recommended for those working in the legal profession, researchers and academics, as well as anyone with an interest in ethics and the law.

Website: www.griffith.edu.au/conference/legal-ethics-2008

12th Biennial Conference of the International Society for Justice Research (ISJR) 14-17 August 2008 Adelaide, Australia

The theme of the 2008 conference will be "Justice in a diverse society", apt to its Australian location. Diversity is a global phenomenon and its challenges to justice and fairness are wide-spread, whether these derive from a history of colonisation, increased movement and migration, or a renewed sectarianism, racism and nationalism. The conference in Adelaide will provide a variety of perspectives on this issue, in invited keynote addresses, symposia, individual papers and posters.

The conference will feature keynote addresses by John Braithwaite (Australian National University), Timur Kuran (Duke University) and Aileen Moreton-Robinson (Queensland University of Technology), as well as a presidential address by Linda Skitka (University of Illinois at Chicago) and addresses by this year's ISJR award winners, David DeCremer (Early Career Contribution Award) as well as Morton Deutsch and Mel Lerner (Lifetime Achievement Award).

Website: <http://socsci.flinders.edu.au/isjr>

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Critical Legal Conference 5-7 September 2008 Glasgow, Scotland

The intention of the conference is to return to and capture something of the political nature of critical legal intervention.

In addition to the following streamlines there will be a number of plenary sessions and roundtable discussions.

- International Law and Neo-Colonialism: What Scope for New Decolonization?
- The Class Problematic in Legal Studies
- Critical Legal Subjectivity
- The Choice Agenda: Patient or Consumer?
- II/Legal Practices
- Workshop on Transitional Justice
- Labour and the law

Call for Papers deadline: 31 May 2008

Website: <http://www.criticallegalconference.com/ngeneral.htm>

What's the Big Deal about Democracy? 8-10 September 2008 Brighton, United Kingdom

It is widely assumed that it is simply self-evident that democracy is the best system of government that anyone has yet devised: admittedly imperfect, but better than anything else. But why? What exactly does democracy have to recommend it? What are the assumptions that lie behind democracy? And what sort of democracy are we talking about? Is representative democracy the ideal form of democracy? Is it the best guarantor of freedom? How does democracy understand freedom? Are there any plausible alternatives either to democracy itself or to representative democracy? And what might thinking about alternatives suggest about the sort of polities into which we might organise ourselves? Does the state remain the zenith of political organisation? And what might the implications be for the organisation of political life, and for democracy in particular, of the growth of corporate power and of corporate forms of organisation.

Call for Abstracts deadline: 16 May 2008

Website: <http://www.brighton.ac.uk/CAPPE/Confevents/Profiles/1.html>

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1st Global Methamphetamine Conference 15-16 September 2008 Prague, Czech Republic

The 1st Global Conference on Methamphetamine will feature a range of plenary presentations, symposium sessions, panel discussions and social events. Topics and areas to be discussed include:

Pharmacology / Research / Trafficking / Treatment / Policy / Mental Health / Global Markets / HIV / Hepatitis / Community Education / Women / Production / Epidemiology / Law Enforcement / Demand Reduction / Harm Reduction / Public Health / MSM / Sexual Risk / Environmental Issues / Commerce / Rapid Assessment / Youth / Replacement Therapy / Injection Drug Use / Prescribed Usage / Eastern Europe / Central Asia / Asia / Caribbean / Latin America / Oceania / North America / Western & Central Europe / Sub-Saharan Africa /

Presentation formats may include individual papers, reports on research-in-progress, round-table discussions, topic-centred workshops, or a format more appropriate to your own work. Please indicate your presentation format in your proposal, and please make sure that your proposal identifies the language you wish to present in.

Call for Abstracts deadline: 22 April 2008

Website: <http://www.globalmethconference.com/index.php>

INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR ON COMPARATIVE LAW 2008 18-20 November 2008 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

The Theme of the seminar is "TOWARDS INTERACTION AND CONVERGANCE OF LEGAL SYSTEMS"

SUB-THEMES: Principles of Jurisprudence, Legal Families – (The Civil Law System, The Common Law System, Socialist Law, Islamic Law, Far East Law, African Legal System), Legal Education on Comparative laws, Comparative Substantive Laws (Criminal Law, Commercial Laws, Administrative Laws, Land Laws), Comparative Theories of Justice and Administration of Justice, Human Rights, Law and Society, Morality and Ethics, Dispute Resolution, Legal History, The Theories and Practice of Diverge Legal Systems in Transnational and International Law.

We call for papers on the abovementioned sub-themes.

Abstract submission deadline: 5 May 2008

Website: <http://www.usim.edu.my/iscom2008>

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Call for Journal Papers

Australian Crime Commission
Inquiry into the Australian Crime Commission Amendment Act 2007
Submissions deadline: 23 April 2008

Inquiry into legislative arrangements to outlaw serious and organised crime groups
Submissions deadline: 2 May 2008

The Committee prefers submissions to be sent electronically, and postal and email addresses are specified below. Submitters are requested to ensure that all personal details, including names and addresses are contained within a document separate from the submission (such as a covering letter).

All submissions become Committee documents upon receipt and may be published, including on the internet. Persons lodging submissions, however, must not make them public without the prior written approval of the Committee.

Website: http://www.aph.gov.au/senate/committee/acc_ctte/index.htm

The University of Notre Dame Australia Law Review
Edition 10, 2008
Deadline: 30 May 2008

The Review is a scholarly, refereed journal. Published annually, the Review not only serves as an avenue for legal scholarship, it also provides a forum for the expression of legal opinion. The Review focuses not only upon the traditional areas of law, but also upon areas of ethical and social legal discourse.

The Review hopes to publish a variety of materials in its 2008 edition and it invites academics and other interested parties to submit articles, case notes, comments, book reviews or any other materials suitable for publication in the Review

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MacQuarie Journal of Business Law
VOL 5, 2008
Deadline: End of July 2008

Macquarie University's Department of Business Law international business law journal, Macquarie Journal of Business Law (MqJBL), is issuing a CALL FOR PAPERS for its next issue. This innovative journal provides a forum for scholarly dialogue concerning both the global and regional commercial law issues. MqJBL is an invaluable reference source on a wide range of legal issues such as Australia business law, international trade law, foreign commercial law, trade and the environment, and other topics relevant to the development and content of international and comparative business law.

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