Government and International Relations Colloquium Series
University of Sydney

Wednesday 22 May 2013

The Rise of the International: the European States-System in History and Natural Jurisprudence
Associate Professor Richard Devetak, University of Queensland

Today it is commonplace to distinguish between political theory and international theory, and between their two corresponding domains, the domestic and the international. It is all too easy — and all too problematic — to suppose that current conceptions of international affairs, as a self-contained realm of anarchy or power politics, are somehow outside history. This seminar offers an intellectual history of how and when the states system emerged as a separate and distinct object of enquiry. It focuses particularly on the 'long eighteenth century', to show how two genres of the human sciences, history and natural jurisprudence, contributed to an understanding of the European states-system and a conception of the international as an autonomous object of political thought.

Richard Devetak is senior lecturer in International Relations. He is co-author with Scott Burchill, Jack Donnelly, Andrew Linklater, Matthew Paterson, Chris Reus Smit and Jacqui True of Theories of International Relations, Third Edition (Palgrave, 2005), co-editor with Chris Hughes of Globalisation’s Shadow: Globalisation and Political Violence (Routledge, forthcoming). His current research interests include: the history of international political thought, history of the states-system, international law, the laws of war, humanitarian intervention, the changing character of warfare and the impact of terrorism, torture and states of exception on international society.

When: 4 - 5pm
Where: Darlington Centre Boardroom, University of Sydney

More information can be found at:

Dramatic Stories of Migration in the Asia-Pacific
Co-Hosted by Australian Institute of International Affairs, The Carriageworks and Performance 4A

The headlines are about asylum seekers, but most migrants arrive in Australia legally, with more than 50,000 coming from Asia. The biggest Asian source countries are China, followed by India.

But what happens to them when they arrive? How do they settle into Australia? What have been their problems, and how do they confront them? Sociologists write learned papers, but a new theatre production in Sydney faithfully looks at this complex subject - and tells the stories of migration through perceptive drama.

The Australian Institute of International Affairs is proudly partnering with Carriageworks and Performance 4A to host a special event in conjunction with their upcoming theatre production of Stories Then and Now.

Members and friends of the AIIA are invited to meet with the Director of Performance 4A, Annette Shun Wah, and associate artists, for a private pre-show talk. Ms Shun Wah’s address will be followed by the public performance of six unique stories told by Asian-Australian actors through words, images and music directed by photographer William Yang.

Stories Then and Now explores the life and times of Asians settling in Australia. What did they leave behind, and what did they find? Above all, what cultural challenges do they face?

When: Thursday 23 May 2013, from 6pm
Where: Carriageworks, 245 Wilson St, Eveleigh NSW 2015
Cost: $35, General Admission
RSVP: Tickets and information can be found here
A conversation

JULIAN ASSANGE AND WIKILEAKS

PHILOSOPHY, POLITICS, PLIGHT

THE PANEL

Greg Barns is a barrister, author and National Campaign Director of the newly formed WikiLeaks Party’s federal election campaign. He is a former senior political adviser and was National Chair of the Australian Republican Movement from 2000-2002. He left the Liberal Party in 2002 because of his opposition to the Party’s policies on asylum seekers.

Julian Burnside AO QC is a barrister, author, human rights and refugee advocate. He is known for his staunch opposition to the mandatory detention of asylum seekers and has acted pro bono in many human rights cases for fair treatment of refugees. He was voted a National Living Treasure and was made an Officer of the Order of Australia in 2009.

Mary Kostakidis presented World News Australia on SBS television for over two decades. Her role as a freelance journalist, commentator, and her service on various boards and committees reflects her commitment to social justice and active citizenship. Mary was Chair of the Sydney Peace Foundation when it awarded the Human Rights Medal to Julian Assange in 2011.

Robert Manne is a Vice-Chancellor’s Fellow and Convenor of the Ideas & Society Program at La Trobe University. A well-known public commentator, he is the author of Left, Right, Left: Political Essays; Making Trouble: Essays against the New Australian Complacency and three Quarterly Essays, most recently “Bad News”.

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TIME
5.30 – 7.00pm

VENUE
John Scott Meeting House
La Trobe University
Bundoora Campus

ALL WELCOME

CHAIR
Mary Kostakidis

THE PANEL
Greg Barns
Julian Burnside AO QC
Robert Manne

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IDEAS AND SOCIETY PROGRAM
convened by
Professor Robert Manne
Vice-Chancellor’s Fellow
La Trobe University
Politics in the Pub

Politics in the Pub is a program of speakers and discussions centring around the broad theme of politics. The convenors describe themselves as ‘people who characterise ourselves as “left” and “democratic” who have established a left politico-cultural focus in Sydney to promote cross fertilisation and discussion.’

Friday 24 May 2013
Iraq 10 years On; What Costs and What Achievements?
Speakers:
Donna Mulhearn - Pax Christi, ‘Human Shield’ and volunteer in Iraq 2033
Dr Noah Bassil - Macquarie University

Friday 31 May 2013
Why Australian Investors Have Lost $10 Billion in the Last Decade and What Can Be Done About It?
Speakers:
Gerard Minack, Global Cross Asset Strategy, Morgan Stanley
Joe Nagy - Economist and Financial Risk Analyst

Friday 14 June 2013
Genocide in Sri Lanka: Why No Australian Response?
Speakers:
Gordon Weiss - For UN spokesperson and author
Dr Sam Pari - Spokesperson for Australian Tamil Congress

I’m Not Racist, But…
Co-Hosted by NSW Reconciliation Council and Sydney Ideas as part of Reconciliation Week 2013

I’m Not Racist, But... is an interactive forum that aims to generate an open discussion around racism in Australia, through the personal reflections and perspectives of four diverse and creative Australians.

The evening will be hosted by radio presenter Alex Dyson and include a performance by soul singer, rapper and spoken word artist Radical Son.

Each speaker will take the floor for a 10 minute ‘lighting talk’, followed by a panel discussion and Q&A session with the audience.

I’m Not Racist, But... entices its audience to speak openly and think critically about racism in Australia.

PANELISTS:

**Joelistics** is a producer and music artist drawn to hip hop for its outspoken politics and ad hoc sonica cannibalism. In 2002 he founded TZU, along with Count Bounce, Yeroc and Pasobionic.

**Yatu Widders Hunt** is a communications consultant and eco style writer from Sydney. She regularly blogs for *Peppermint Magazine*, *EcoSalon* and is a monthly guest on the ABC Radio Show, *Speaking Out*. Yatu is of Indigenous, British and Irish heritage.

**Geoff Lemon** runs outspoken political and social commentary website *Heathen Scripture*, and contributes to a range of national outlets. He’s variously a satirist, sports writer, spoken word performer and festival director.

**Tasnim Saeid** is a solicitor and community activist. She is a host of *The Y Factor Radio Show* - a community youth radio program enabling Sydney’s Muslim youth to engage with current affairs and issues that affect them.

**When:** Saturday 25 May 2013, 7 - 8:30pm
**Where:** Reginald Theatre, Seymour Centre, Corner of City Rd and Cleveland St, University of Sydney
**Cost:** $15 (plus transaction fees)

The current program can be found [here](http://sydney.edu.au/sydney_ideas/lectures/2013/im_not_racist_but_reconciliation_week.shtml)
The 'C' Word - The Challenge and Necessity of Changing our Constitution
Co-Hosted by NWS Reconciliation Council, Reconciliation Australia and Sydney Ideas

The Australian Constitution has not been amended for more than 35 years. In fact, with only 8 of 44 total referendums successful, changing our Constitution is a notoriously difficult task.

With a referendum proposed for the near future and the daunting task of achieving a 'yes' vote, what is the likelihood of constitutional change? Will Australians be ready to erase the racial discrimination in our founding document and include significant recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians?

And what does it say about us as a nation if we don't?

To celebrate Reconciliation Week 2013, join Dr Tom Calma AO, Associate Professor Sarah Maddison and Professor Anne Twomey in a discussion on national identity, Constitutional change and the next steps for reconciliation in Australia.

PANELLISTS:

Dr Tom Calma AO is an Aboriginal elder from the Kungarakan tribal group and a member of the Iwaidja tribal group in the Northern Territory. He has been involved in Indigenous affairs at a local, community, state, national and international level focusing on rural and remote Australia, health, education and economic development.

Professor Anne Twomey is a Professor of Constitutional Law in the Sydney Law School at the University of Sydney. She has written extensively about the State and Commonwealth Constitutions, and is Director of the Constitutional Reform Unit at Sydney Law School which has looked at the recognition of Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islander peoples in a preamble to the Constitution.

Associate Professor Sarah Maddison is a widely published Australian author and academic, who currently holds an Australian Research Council Future Fellowship in the School of Social Sciences at the University of New South Wales. Her recent books include Black Politics: Inside the complexity of Aboriginal political culture (2009), and Beyond White Guilt: The real challenge to Black-White relations in Australia (2011).

When: Tuesday 28 May 2013, 6 - 7:30pm
Where: Law School Foyer, Sydney Law School, Eastern Avenue, University of Sydney
Cost: Free (RSVP Required)

Human Rights Arts and Film Festival

Presenting the best films and artwork from around the world, Melbourne's annual Human Rights Arts & Film Festival (HRAFF) will challenge, touch and inspire audiences from all walks of life.

HRAFF is a Melbourne based not-for-profit organisation devoted to the exploration of human rights issues through an annual film and arts festival and an on-going schools and community program.

HRAFF selects its arts and film to engage and inform people on human rights issues. The festival's innovative and entertaining program resonates with audiences, encouraging them to talk about their experience.

For a fortnight in Melbourne, and three weeks across the country, HRAFF exhibits a selection of contemporary cinema, music and fine art. In its sixth year, HRAFF continues to provide a shared site whereby artists, human rights organisations and the Australian public are united by their desire to contribute to social change.

The Human Rights Arts and Film Festival takes place in six cities on the following dates:

Melbourne: 9 - 23 May 2013
Sydney: 28 - 30 May
Alice Springs: 31 May - 2 June
Canberra: 3 - 5 June
Perth: 4 - 6 June
Brisbane: 4 - 6 June

More Information and to purchase tickets, please check out the HRAFF website
From Protest to Justice?

Hosted by UTS:Speaks

Protest and reform movements across the globe emerge in response to global crises – financial collapse, climate change, hunger, war, human rights violations and others. Since the 1990s many movements have forged a new coherence, as a ‘global justice movement’. Often viewed as a threat to the status quo by powerful interests, the movement meets with divisive, sometimes crushing and even cunning repression.

Drawing on fascinating new research and compelling case studies, this public lecture explores the ideas of the global justice movement. It surveys the very coherent values that underpin the movement and the alternatives it offers. It looks at the dramatic failure of global institutions to deal with crises that devastate the quality of lives. And it considers a future alternative to the straining paradigm of market globalism – justice globalism.

PANELLISTS:

- Associate Professor James Goodman, University of Technology, Sydney
- Professor Manfred Steger, University of Hawaii and RMIT University

Manfred Steger and James Goodman are co-authors with Erin Wilson of Justice Globalism: Ideology, Crises, Policy (Sage, London, March 2013), described by Saskia Sassen as a ‘brilliant systematic and empirically based analysis’.

Copies of the book will be available at the lecture.

When: Wednesday 29 May 2013, 6 - 8pm
Where: The Great Hall, Level 5, UTS Tower Building, Broadway, Sydney
Cost: Free (RSVP Required)
RSVP: http://newsroom.uts.edu.au/events/2013/05/from-protest-to-justice-0

IDHR Lunchtime Seminar Series
University of Sydney

Wednesday 29 May 2013

Beppe Grillo Goes to Rome – An Analysis of the Rise and Futures of the Most Unlikely Winner of Italy’s 2013 General Election
Dr. Giovanni Navarria, University of Sydney

A general election always offers an important opportunity for checking the democratic pulse of a country. Italy’s 2013 election was no exception. With no clear ruling majority in the Parliament, there was a most unlikely winner: the 5 Star Movement, a citizens’ platform led by Beppe Grillo, the controversial, charismatic comedian-turned-blogger-turned-political-guru. Before the election, the pollsters had estimated the Movement could get anything between 15 and 18 per cent of the votes. But Grillo’s Movement went way beyond any forecasts by pollsters. It managed the impossible for a first-timer: with over 25 per cent, it became almost overnight the major single political force in the country.

In this seminar, Dr Navarria explains the reasons why this happened and what Grillo’s success may signify for the future of democracy in Italy, a country that is facing both an escalating crisis and stubborn refusals within the political class to initiate credible reforms of the political system. Ultimately, Dr Navarria argues, the Five-Star Movement’s success represents a wake-up call for Italy’s democracy: it embodies both the positive and negative aspects of the crisis the country is undergoing.

Giovanni’s research interests include the relationship between authoritarian regimes in Asia and the language and tactics of democracy; the role new communication media have in politics; the meaning of representation and the role of civil society in contemporary democracies. He is currently working on a project focusing on the effects communication media have on prevailing power-dynamics between state and citizens in the authoritarian regimes of the Asia-Pacific region. He is also completing a book exploring the changing meanings of power and civic engagement in technologically advanced societies.

When: 12:30 - 2pm
Where: RC Mills Boardroom, 148, Level 1, RC Mills Building, University of Sydney
RSVP: idhr@sydney.edu.au
For more information on the IDHR Lunchtime Seminar Series, please visit our website
Responding to Historical Child Sexual Abuse: A Multi-Disciplinary Forum

Co-Hosted by Sydney Law School and the Sydney Social Justice Research Network (SSJN)

Child sexual abuse is a serious concern for the community and only a small proportion of perpetrators are ever ‘brought to justice’. The criminal justice approach provides only one avenue of redress and one that many victims are not keen to use or do not see as an adequate means of resolution. The aim of this forum is to generate discussion about how best to address the legal and societal ‘justice gaps’ in and outside the criminal justice system and how to minimise the trauma and meet the needs of those who have been sexually abused.

The betrayal of trust inherent in child sexual abuse is a key element of the abuse and contributes to the often very long-lasting impact on the victims. Many victims suffer in silence.

There is little reliable information to guide those involved, including the professionals, about the ways in which historical and institutional abuse is dealt with, and the likely benefits, pathways and outcomes of any prosecution. There is also little information about other ways of reaching an appropriate resolution. This forum is particularly timely given the recent establishment of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse.

This forum will provide an opportunity to discuss alternative and systemic approaches in the light of the impact of the abuse and the process on victim complainants as well as the investigative and evidentiary issues.

Speakers Include:
- **Professor Kathy Daly**, Professor of Criminology and Criminal Justice, Griffith University
- **Dr Gary Foster**, Anglicare Queensland
- **Dr Cathy Kezelman**, President, Adults Surviving Child Abuse
- **Joanne McCarthy**, Fairfax Media
- **Detective Michael Newbury**, South Australian Police
- **Kara Shead**, NSW Crown Prosecutor

Lawyers/barristers: attendance at this forum is equal to 6 MCLE/CPD units.

**When:** Friday 31 May 2013, 9am - 5pm (Registration from 8:30am)
**Where:** Law School, Sydney Law School, University of Sydney
**Cost:** Full Fee: $110, Alumni, Sydney Staff and NGO’s: $88
**More Information and Registration:** Visit the [website](#)
Australia-Gulf Lecture - Looking East: GCC ties with Australia and China
Dr Abdel Aziz Aluwaisheg, Gulf Cooperation Council

Global warming: Do the Maths
Bill McKibben, Co-Founder of 350.org

When: 12:30 - 2pm
Where: RC Mills Boardroom, 148, Level 1, RC Mills Building, University of Sydney
RSVP: idhr@sydney.edu.au
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Global warming: Do the Maths
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Hosted by Sydney Ideas

“Climate change is basically a big maths problem, involving the quantity of carbon we wish to burn and the capacity of the atmosphere to contain it. The question is - how much more can we burn before we’re in trouble?” McKibben 2013

Australia’s continued expansion of coal mining and export is of concern to one of the world’s leading environmentalists, Bill McKibben. Is this one of a handful of projects in the world that would take the planet beyond the point of no return to irreversible climate change?

“The slightly-less-than-one-degree we’ve already raised the global average temperature allowed your ‘angry summer’, a wonderfully poetic description for the destruction of lives and livelihoods by fire and flood. If that’s what one degree of warming will do, it’s actually quite daring to find out what two degrees will bring, using ‘daring’ in the sense of ‘stupid’.” McKibben 2013

Bill McKibben is one of the world’s most respected and admired writers, speakers and activists on global warming. Described by Time Magazine as “the planet’s best green journalist”, Bill is the author of a dozen books about the environment, beginning with The End of Nature in 1989, regarded as the first book for a general audience on climate change. His most recent book, Eaarth, is described by NASA’s James Hansen as “blazing a path to help preserve nature’s greatest treasures.” In 2009 Bill co-founded the grassroots climate campaign 350.org, which has coordinated 15,000 rallies in 189 countries

Bill holds honorary degrees from a dozen colleges and, in 2011, was elected a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences. In March this year, he was awarded the American Academy of Arts and Letters’ award for ‘exceptional accomplishment in any genre’.

This will be Bill’s only Sydney event on a national tour of Australia for 350.org. Come and hear Bill’s clear-eyed view of the global warming maths and learn what his grassroots advice about how to fix the equation.

When: Tuesday 4 June 2013, 6 - 7:30pm
Where: Seymour Centre, Corner of City Rd and Cleveland St, The University of Sydney
Cost: Adult $20, Conc $15, USydney Students, Staff and Alumni FREE (limited offer and registration essential)
Every child has a right to a childhood - the right to play, the right to grow, the right to be heard and the right to be protected from harm. But for many children, this is far from a reality. They come into this world innocent, trusting and full hope, but instead they are abused, exploited or forgotten – deprived of their childhood and basic human rights.

Children all over the world are enduring unimaginable hardship on a daily basis, with girls often being particularly vulnerable. From the very beginning, the odds are stacked against these children. Inadequate maternal health care in many countries means some do not even make it past early infancy. And even if they do, they may go hungry, suffer from malnutrition or have their most basic needs overlooked.

So what is the answer? While addressing poverty can reduce the risk of children being exposed to abuse, neglect and exploitation, is this the whole story? Is a focus on poverty alleviation enough? Or does the protection of children’s rights require a more targeted or holistic response?

 Speakers Include:

- **Marta Maurás** - Vice President and Member of the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child.
- **Justin Dillon** - Founder and CEO of Made In A Free World
- **Guna Vincent** - Founder and Advisor at Indian NGO, Mahalir Sakthi
- **Dr Arathi Sriprakash** - University of Sydney

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**The Matt Laffan Memorial Address on Social Justice**

Hosted by The Sydney Law School

On Sunday 1 March 2009, Sydney Law School alumnus Matt Laffan passed away after he fought and lost the biggest battle of his colourful and active life. In memoriam of the significant impact Matt has had in his short life, Sydney Law School has established an annual social justice address in his honour. This year’s address will commence with a recollection of Matt Laffan by barrister Dr Peggy Dwyer, followed by an address by Stella Young, disability advocate and editor of ABC’s Ramp Up.

Matt Laffan had severe disabilities, but he will be remembered most for his impressive abilities.

**SPEAKERS:**

**Stella Young** is Editor of ABC’s Ramp Up website, the online space for news, discussion and opinion about disability in Australia, a disability advocate and comedian. Stella has been active in the disability community in a variety of roles, including membership of the Victorian Disability Advisory Council, Ministerial Advisory Council for the Department of Victorian communities and Women With Disabilities Victoria.

As a barrister, **Peggy Dwyer** appears in a wide range of criminal matters, including jury trials, contested hearings, appeals, Children’s Court matters and Parole Board hearings. She also has a significant interest in medical law and appears in disciplinary tribunals including the Medical Tribunal and Medical Council, for both prosecution and defence.
The Evatt Foundation has brought together a panel of distinguished speakers to present critical perspectives on productivity, the most resilient concept in public debate over the direction of Australia’s economic policy since the 1980s. What do policy-makers and commentators mean when they talk about productivity? What is the relationship between productivity, social justice and the environment? Was the 1998 waterfront dispute a watershed in raising stevedoring productivity? Do the Gonski reforms offer the prospect of creating real life in place of the dead ideas that continue to walk among us?

Chaired by Anna York, secretary of the Evatt Foundation

Carmen Lawrence is a professorial fellow at the University of Western Australia, and was a member of the Australian government’s panel that reviewed school funding chaired by David Gonski. She is a former premier of Western Australia and a former minister in the Keating government.

John Quiggin is professor of economics at the University of Queensland and a well known public commentator, whose most recent book is Zombie Economics: How Dead Ideas Still Walk Among Us (2010).

Christopher Sheil is a fellow at the University of NSW, an adjunct professor at Boston University and the president of the Evatt Foundation. He is writing a book on Australia’s 1998 waterfront dispute.

Frank Stilwell is emeritus professor of political economy at the University of Sydney and an executive member of the Evatt Foundation. His most recent book is an updated edition of Political economy: the contest of economic ideas (2012).

When: Monday 24 June 2013, 6 - 7:30pm
Where: Law School Foyer, Sydney Law School, Eastern Avenue, University of Sydney
Cost: FREE (RSVP Required)
RSVP: Register here

UWS Doctoral Program in Political and Social Thought Postgraduate Conference

Call For Papers

The students of the Doctoral Program in Political and Social Thought invite postgraduates to participate in our inaugural conference, ‘Critical Optimism for a Changing World’. Inspired by Antonio Gramsci’s famous adage, “Pessimism of the intellect, optimism of the will,” Day One will be loosely organised under the theme, “Pessimism of the intellect”; Day Two under the theme, “Optimism of the will.” The DPPST conference takes place in conjunction with the 5th Annual School of Humanities and Communication Arts (UWS) and the Institute for Culture and Society’s Post-Graduate conference.

Applicants may advise the day on which they would like to present. Possible formats include papers, posters, presentations of practice-led research, and performative works. Presentations should be 20 minutes long, and all proposals will undergo a review and selection process.

To apply, students should send a 250-word abstract outlining their proposed presentation to dppst@uws.edu.au by 31 May 2013. All submitted abstracts should include the following information and in this order:

1. Author’s name
2. Author’s school and degree
3. E-mail address
4. Title of abstract
5. Body of abstract
6. Up to 10 key words
7. A five line biography

When: 27 - 28 June 2013
Where: Building E.A., Parramatta Campus, University of Western Sydney
Cost: FREE to attend
More Information and RSVP: Facebook
**Everything Political** is an events newsletter designed to publicise details of all forthcoming research and public events in the field of politics, very broadly defined. The newsletter is not confined to events (co-)hosted by the University of Sydney; it hopes to include all interested parties who wish to publicise and promote politics-themed events. Everything Political will be published on the last Thursday of each month.

Everything Political is a new public service to all members of staff, and to interested publics outside the University. Its main purpose is to raise the level of visibility and co-operation among research and teaching staff interested in politics. The newsletter will enable people to plan their events in advance, so avoiding clashes and duplication.

**Event Submission**

Everything Political is an initiative of staff based at the University of Sydney, the University of Western Sydney and the University of New South Wales. It will be published on the last Thursday of each month. If you wish to submit details of an event for inclusion in the newsletter, please email: sdi@sydney.edu.au by the 17th of the month. We require the following information for every event:

- Brief summary of the event, including titles, speakers, relevant subject details and details of the sponsoring organisations
- When, where (maps included, where possible), cost and RSVP or further information details
- An image in JPEG, GIF or High Res format related to your event

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