NEW TECHNOLOGIES, RISK & ENVIRONMENTAL LAW

AVAILABLE ON A LEGAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (LPD), CROSS-INSTITUTIONAL OR NON-DEGREE BASIS

Sydney Law School in Europe
Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences, Amsterdam
16-19 July 2013

ABOUT THE LECTURERS:

PROFESSOR ROSEMARY LYSTER
SYDNEY LAW SCHOOL

Rosemary Lyster is the inaugural Professor of Climate and Environmental Law at Sydney Law School. Rosemary specialises in Energy and Climate Law, Water Law and GMOs and Environmental Law. She is the Director of the Australian Centre for Climate and Environmental Law and has been appointed a Herbert Smith Visiting Professor at Cambridge Law School in 2013. She has an extensive list of publications in her areas of expertise including three books with Cambridge University Press. Her latest is Rosemary Lyster, Catherine MacKenzie, Constance McDermott (eds), Law, tropical forests and carbon: the case of REDD+ (Cambridge University Press) forthcoming in 2013. Rosemary is the Energy and Water Special Editor of the Environmental Planning and Law Journal which is the leading environmental law journal in Australia.

PROFESSOR HAN SOMSEN

Professor Somsen is Vice Dean of Tilburg Law School and an expert in the field of technology regulation. Within this rapidly developing field, he concentrates mostly on medical and agricultural biotechnology. In addition, he frequently publishes on issues of EC environmental law. He is a member of the International Law Association Committee on International Law and Biotechnology, Founder and editor of “Law, Innovation and Technology” (Hart) and series editor of Biotechnology Regulation Series (Edward Elgar).

The objective of this unit of study is to assess the regulation of new technologies from a risk regulation and Environmental Law perspective. Key questions that are elaborated include: What is regulation, who are the regulators and who are the regulatees?; what is the ideal-type of regulatory environment?; how do regulators engage with risk?: the precautionary principle; how are ideas of the possibility of impending catastrophe likely to affect the balance between legitimacy and effectiveness? Ethical and human rights principles are also discussed. The technologies analysed include GMOs, chemicals and geoengineering. A comparative analysis of how these technologies are regulated in the European Union, the United States and Australia is included.

This unit of study will be taught in Amsterdam at The Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences which was founded in 1808 as an advisory body to the Dutch Government – a role that it continues to play today. The venue is the beautiful Old Meeting Room which is located on the first floor of the Trippenhuis Building and looks out on the canal.

To register an expression of interest to enrol in this unit please email Professor Rosemary Lyster at rosemary.lyster@sydney.edu.au as soon as possible as numbers are limited to the size of the venue.

Students are advised to consult their tax consult as to whether all travel expenses associated with their education are tax deductible.
TIMETABLE
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ASSESSMENT
- Class Participation (20%)
- 1 x 6,000 Word Essay (80%)

APPLICABLE DEGREES
- Master of Laws (LLM)
- Master of Environmental Law (MEL)
- Master of Global Law (MGlobL)
- Master of International Law (MIL)
- Master of Environmental Science & Law (MEvSci&L)
- Graduate Diploma in Environmental Law (GradDipEnvLaw)
- Graduate Diploma in International Law (GradDipIL)
- Graduate Diploma in Law (GradDipLaw)

SYDNEY LAW SCHOOL IN EUROPE
The Sydney Law School in Europe program offers a wide range of subjects taught by specialist academics from Sydney Law School and from our international faculty. Students can combine study in Europe with study in Australia, or complete the entire program in Europe. This unique offshore initiative provides an opportunity for lawyers to obtain a Master of Laws (LLM) and non-lawyers to obtain a Sydney Law School Master’s degree with an emphasis on comparative, commercial and international law. Current locations include the United Kingdom, Germany, and The Netherlands.

TRAVEL & ACCOMMODATION
Students should make their own travel, accommodation and visa arrangements. Current Australian student visa holders should consult with the Compliance Officer, International Student Office, regarding their visa status.

FEES
- $3,810 (domestic students)
- $4,560 (international students)
- In-Country Fee (TBA)
Please remember to offset the carbon emissions associated with your travel to Amsterdam.

LEGAL PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
You can enrol in this unit on an LPD basis. Seminars, courses and units of study offered under Sydney Law School’s LPD Program meet the necessary requirements of both the Law Society of New South Wales and the New South Wales Bar Association in relation to their individual members.

NON-AWARD ENROLMENT
You can enrol in this subject on a or non-award basis if you do not wish to commit to a Masters or Graduate Diploma. You can continue to add units via this method, and provided you meet the relevant requirements and complete the assessment you can also qualify for a Graduate Diploma or Masters if you so wish.

SINGLE UNIT ENROLMENT
You can enrol in this unit on a single unit or seminar basis where you can attend classes but you do not have to complete the assessment.

CROSS INSTITUTIONAL STUDY
Subject to approval from the Associate Dean (Postgraduate Coursework), candidates in other Faculties at the University of Sydney or from other universities may be able to enrol in this unit.

APPLICATION
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