



The Australian Network for Japanese Law

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Events & Initiatives

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE TOMORROW (31 January) for the 4th ANJeL Australia-Japan Business Law Seminar, Saturday 11 Feb 2-5.30pm at Herbert Smith, Tokyo: This seminar will compare developments in Australian labour law (Professor Joellen Riley) and the new “Australian Consumer Law” (Professor Luke Nottage), including dispute management aspects and with comments/comparisons from Peter Coney & Professor Souichirou Kozuka.

Please register online at:

<http://sydney.edu.au/news/law/457.html?eventcategoryid=39&eventid=8851>

10th ANJeL International Conference, “Socio-legal Norms in Preventing and Managing Disasters in Japan: Asia-Pacific and Interdisciplinary Perspectives”, Sydney Law School, 1-2 March 2012: This anniversary conference, commemorating Japan’s “3-11” disaster in 2011 as well as ANJeL’s decade-long efforts to compare Japanese Law in broad context, is supported by the Japan Foundation Sydney, various parts of the University of Sydney, and Tohoku University Law Faculty. This event will bring together experts in relevant fields of domestic and international law as well as specialists in social history and literature, media studies and political economy, from China, Indonesia, NZ and the USA as well as Japan.

Please register online at:

<http://sydney.edu.au/news/law/457.html?eventcategoryid=39&eventid=9063>

ANJeL is delighted to announce that Justice Okabe will give public presentations on *Family Law in Japan* during her visit to Australia in February. These presentations will be held at 10:30am to 12 noon on February 16 at the University of Melbourne, and 5:30 for 6-7pm on February 17 at the Law Theatre, ANU College of Law.

The date for submissions for the 2011 **Blake Dawson Waldron Essay Prize** has been extended to 15 March 2012.

Further details can be found online at:

http://sydney.edu.au/law/anjel/content/anjel_teaching_essaypriz.html

ANJeL Promotions and Personnel Changes: ANJeL is pleased to announce that co-director **Professor Kent Anderson** has been appointed the new Pro Vice Chancellor (International) at the University of Adelaide, from February 2012. **Dr Hitoshi Nasu**, recently promoted to Senior Lecturer at ANU, will take over from Kent as ANJeL Co-Director at ANU. ANJeL would like to thank Kent for his crucial work as Co-director in helping to make ANJeL what it is today and we look forward to ANJeL’s continuing cooperation with Kent in his new post. ANJeL Co-Director at University of Sydney, **Luke Nottage**, has also been promoted to Professor of Comparative and Transnational Business Law at Sydney University.

ANJeL Achievements

ANJeL awarded **Akira Kawamura course prizes** for Japanese Law and Society (ANU) to **Madalein Rose Tier** and for Japanese Law (University of Sydney) to **Shane Curran**.

ANJeL organised a panel on "Internationalising Japanese Law: Sport, Culture and Dispute Resolution" for the **JSAA biennial conference** in Melbourne 4-7 July.

ANJeL Co-director Luke Nottage was a guest speaker at the Sydney Centre for International Law (SCIL) / Centre for Asian & Pacific Law (CAPLUS) **seminar**, "Australia's new policy on investor-state dispute settlement", held in Sydney on 3 August (drawing on his research commissioned last year by the Australia-Japan Foundation, with Micah Burch and Brett Williams). All three, and ANJeL member Professor Peter Drysdale, spoke at the seminar on "Building an Asia-Pacific Community", held in Sydney on 30 August and sponsored by Canon Australia.

ANJeL Co-Director Leon Wolff was a speaker at the **World Jurist Congress in Prague** on 23-28 October. He spoke on judicial careers in Japan.

ANJeL Co-Director Leon Wolff has been awarded a **Prime Minister's Education Assistance for Japan grant**, which will be used to fund his teaching role in a seminar on Australian Law in June 2012. Leon will be co-teaching this seminar together with ANJeL Advisor Professor Masako Kamiya of Gakushuin University.

ANJeL is pleased to announce that Melanie Trezise is ANJeL's new Executive Co-Ordinator.

Research Spotlight

ANJeL-in-Japan Program Convenor Prof Souichirou Kozuka and Luke Nottage organised a session, including Fady Aoun from Sydney Law School, comparing independent directors in corporate governance in Asia, for the **2nd East Asia Law and Society conference** held at Yonsei Law School in Seoul in September. This built on the session organised by ANJeL-in-ASEAN Convenor Dr Dan Puchniak, who coordinated a panel for the 8th Asian Law Institute Conference – Law in Sustainable Asia, held at Kyushu University in Japan on 26-27 May 2011. All four, together with ANJeL Advisor Prof Harald Baum, have now commenced a broader research project on this topic, with funding already received from the **Nomura Foundation and the Legal Scholarship Support Fund** at Sydney Law School.

"Team Australia" competed in the **INC Negotiation and Arbitration Competition in Tokyo over 2-3 December**. Four ANU law students and four USydney students competed impressively in English and Japanese, coached by former Team member Rohan Kapur. We would like to thank the INC organisers, Mitsui Matsushima, ANU, Blake Dawson, Allens Arthur Robinson, Nagashima Ohno & Tsunematsu, Baker & McKenzie and Sofico Australia for their financial support.

ANJeL hopes to send another team to the competition again in 2012 and would welcome any (tax-deductible) donations or assistance in kind. Forms and more info are available at: sydney.edu.au/law/anjel/content/anjel_teaching_comp.html