



CONFERENCE

The Future of Indigenous Legal Studies in Australasian Law Schools: Incorporating Indigenous issues in law curricula

10am, Thursday 10 July to 3.30pm, Friday 11 July 2008

Sydney Law School
The University of Sydney
173 – 174 Phillip Street,
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Join delegates from Australasian universities and practising professionals to drive critical thinking on incorporating Indigenous legal issues into the law curricula.

In recent years Australian law schools have increasingly embraced Indigenous legal issues in their core and elective curricula. In part this has been catalysed by the recognition of native title in 1992. In part it is due to the ongoing overrepresentation of Indigenous people in the legal system. Arguably, it is also attributable to the rising consciousness in the academy of the importance of Indigenous justice.

However, Indigenous issues continue to be under-represented in law curricula in proportion to their significance in and to the Australian legal system. Their significance arises of Indigenous peoples' engagement with the legal system, as well as the historical rights of Indigenous people within the legal system and to their own legal systems.

Indigenous legal issues are extraneous to the core 'Priestley Eleven' curricular. Where included, it is incorporated on an ad hoc basis – there is no compulsion (or in some places even encouragement) to raise issues affecting Indigenous people. This indicates the need for a more coherent approach that recognises the importance of this material across Australian law schools.

This conference is based on the premise that Indigenous Legal Studies should be a vital aspect of an Australian legal education. It also accepts the importance of including Indigenous peoples in the development of Indigenous Legal Studies.

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Registration costs have been subsidised in order to involve as many leading academics as possible. Registration is \$50 and includes:

Thursday 10 July, 10am – 6pm

- Registration, morning and afternoon tea, lunch, full day of presentations, discussions and workshops from leading academics (full details to be advised)

Friday 11 July, 9am – 3.30pm

- Morning tea, lunch, guided discussions, workshops and plenary sessions

Plus: Conference papers and membership of the Indigenous Studies Network

Delegates are also invited to attend a social dinner on Thursday evening at an iconic Peking restaurant in heart of Sydney at a cost of \$25 per head (pay on the night).

Registration and Payment

Name/s:

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Cost of attendance: \$50 per person (gst included)

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A draft program is as follows:

Date	Time	Session
Thursday 10 July	10:00	Registration and welcome
	10:30	Integrating Indigenous Issues into First Year Courses
	12:30	Lunch
	1:30	Teaching Indigenous issues in the core curricula I: – Property, Criminal Law and Litigation
	3:30	Afternoon tea
	4:00	Teaching Indigenous issues in the core curricula II: – Torts, Equity, Constitutional & International
	6:00	Drinks
	7:00	Dinner at Peking Restaurant, 7/238-242 Pitt Street Sydney. Set menu of \$25
Friday 11 July	9:00	Elective units: Intellectual Property, Anti-Discrimination Law and Advanced Real Property
	10:00	Morning tea
	10:30	Specialist Indigenous legal issues courses: native title, Indigenous people and the law/ international law, comparative indigenous legal issues
	12:30	Lunch
	1:30	Strategic plenary on Indigenising the law curricula
	2:30	Discussion on the future of the Indigenous legal studies network
	3:30	Close