The Sydney Law School in Europe Program offers a unique opportunity for students to undertake a fully credited Sydney Law School elective unit of study in Cambridge during the mid-year break. Following a very successful unit; New Technologies, Risk and Environmental Law in 2013, the unit LAWS6320 Climate Disaster Law is open to a limited number of eligible Postgraduate and final year Juris Doctor students.

**PROGRAM DATES**
7-11 JULY 2014

**CLARE COLLEGE, CAMBRIDGE**
Trinity Road, Cambridge CB2 1TL

**FURTHER INFORMATION:**
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Recent extreme weather events and disasters around the world have resulted in loss of life, property, infrastructure and livelihoods and have severely disrupted the normal functioning of the societies which they have impacted. Worldwide insured losses alone from weather-related disasters have risen from US$5.1 billion per year between 1970-1989 to US$27 billion annually over the past two decades. Following on from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change’s Fifth Assessment Reports, scientists are better able to assess the extent to which these extreme weather events are influenced by climate change. In the meantime, international climate change negotiations have, over the past five years, delivered outcomes that are entirely inadequate to meet the goal set by the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change of keeping the rise in average global temperatures below 2 degrees C above preindustrial temperatures. It is no surprise that at the 2013 Warsaw negotiations an international loss and damage mechanism was agreed to.

This unit of study adopts a climate justice approach to assess the respective roles and responsibilities of government and insurers to avoid, prepare for, respond to, recover from, and compensate for, the risks of climate disasters. It also considers the establishment of a fossil fuel-funded Climate Disaster Response Fund to compensate the victims of climate disasters.

The unit will be offered on an intensive basis over five days in Cambridge, including one free day. The unit is convened, taught and examined by Rosemary Lyster, Professor of Climate and Environmental Law, and Director, Australian Centre for Climate and Environmental Law.
Dr Michael Faure, Professor of Comparative Private Law and Economics, Maastricht University, Netherlands will also be teaching in the unit. Professor Faure is Academic Director of the Maastricht European Institute for Transnational Legal Research (METRO) and Academic Director of the Ius Commune Research School. His publications in the area of Disaster Law include Michael Faure, Andri Wibisana (eds) Regulating Disasters, Climate Change And Environmental Harm: Lessons from the Indonesian Experience (Edward Elgar: 2013) and Daniel A. Farber and Michael G. Faure (eds) Disaster Law (Edward Elgar: 2010).

The unit will be conducted at Clare College, one of the oldest colleges, in the heart of historic Cambridge. All classes will be held in the Elton Bowring room, looking out to the University Library and Lerner Court. Accommodation is in Clare College’s modern complex which is a short walk through the famous gardens from the college centre. Accommodation is provided from Sunday 6th July. Classes will be held on Monday 7th, Tuesday 8th, Thursday 10th and Friday 11th July. The unit will include a unit dinner on Monday 7th July at a venue to be advised.

Wednesday 9th July will be a free day for reading and other activities, such as a walk, run or bike ride through the fields to historic Grantchester, or a visit to the Fitzwilliam Museum. The late sunset at this time of year also leaves time after class for punting on the Cam or going to hear one of the many college choirs.

This is an opportunity for our students to enrich their postgraduate experience by studying in the setting of an historic and renowned university, and to be taught by leading experts in the discipline.

CONTENT OF THE UNIT

The objectives of this unit of study are to:

- Understand the science presented in recent scientific reports including the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change’s (IPCC) Fifth Assessment Report (2013/2014), the IPCC’s 2012 Special Report Managing the Risks of Extreme Events and Disasters to Advance Climate Change Adaptation (SREX), and the Australian Climate Commission’s (CCC) 2013 The Critical Decade: Extreme Weather, (Extreme Weather Report).

- Understand the foundations of climate justice in the context of climate disasters

- Understand the relevance of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, including the loss and damage mechanism, and the Hyogo Framework for Action 2005–2015: Building the Resilience of Nations and Communities to Disasters, the role of governments in enacting climate disaster risk reduction laws including: The role of Environmental and Planning Assessment Law and Building Codes in attempting to prevent climate disasters, Pollution, waste and contamination laws in the post-disaster phases, Biodiversity Law that is expected to protect species from the impacts of climate change and disasters, as well as promote ecosystems as disaster prevention measures, Governance arrangements between levels of government during and post the disaster, Compensatory regimes including those provided by government and the private sector through ex-post disaster relief, insurance and the capital markets; and the strengths and weaknesses of tort and strict liability regimes for compensating the victims of disaster.

TEACHING

Unit Coordinator and examiner:
Professor Rosemary Lyster

Guest lecturer:
Professor Michael Faure

ASSESSMENT AND ELIGIBILITY

The unit is offered as a 6 credit point elective.

Assessment: 8000-10,000wd essay (100%)

Due date: Monday 8 September 2014

Attendance at all classes is compulsory. Students will not be eligible to submit an essay unless they have attended all classes (except in the case of illness or other serious misadventure).

Please note assessment may be subject to change.

ACCOMMODATION

A limited amount of accommodation has been arranged at Clare College at a very reasonable rate and is included in the in-country fee. Students are required to stay with the group at the College, unless special arrangements are made upon application with the administrative coordinator, and are subject to approval.
Accommodation is in single or twin en-suite rooms including bed and breakfast. This accommodation will be booked through the program’s administrative coordinator. The accommodation is provided from Sunday 6th to 11th July (i.e. you are expected to checkout on the morning of the 11th). An area will be provided for you to leave your luggage whilst classes continue on the Friday. Please note that while we will try to provide students with single rooms when requested, this may not always be possible and will depend on the total number of students enrolled in the unit.

FEE INFORMATION
Two fees are payable to the University of Sydney:
1. The University of Sydney tuition fee (which varies depending on your enrolment)
2. A fee covering in-Cambridge expenses (which varies depending on your choice of accommodation).

The tuition fee covers tuition costs (including reading materials) in Cambridge and Sydney. This fee is set by the University of Sydney and is based on the standard full fee rate.

The in-Cambridge fee covers accommodation, breakfast, lunch (excluding Wednesday which is a free day) and a farewell function. The $500 deposit paid upon application will be allocated to the in-Cambridge fee. The remainder is due 24 April 2014.

2014 FEES FOR IN-CAMBRIDGE EXPENSES

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The tuition fee will be incorporated in your 2014 fee invoice.

In addition FEE-HELP is available to eligible students. For information on this scheme please visit www.studyassist.gov.au. Students taking out a FEE-HELP loan must submit their form to Sydney Law School prior to commencement of this unit. Please note: The FEE-HELP scheme requires students to undertake at least one unit of study which contributes to your unit, in Australia.

FEE-HELP does not cover accommodation and general living expenses so it cannot be used to defer payment of the fee for in-Cambridge expenses.

Upon application you will be required to nominate if you are applying for FEE-HELP. Please consider this carefully as you will be enrolled according to the information you provide in the application form.

STUDENT SERVICES AND AMMENITIES FEE 2014
Most domestic and international (undergraduate and postgraduate) students are liable for the SSA fee at the University of Sydney. Please refer to the website for further information: http://sydney.edu.au/current_students/student_administration/ssa_fee/2014.shtml

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*EFTSL = EQUIVALENT FULL-TIME STUDENT LOAD

OS-HELP
The Australian Government provides loans to assist eligible students to undertake accredited studies overseas. The scheme is known as OS-HELP. To be eligible for OS-HELP assistance for overseas study in both Asia and non-Asia destinations, you must be enrolled in a Commonwealth student place (CSP). For further information please refer to the Sydney University Study Abroad and Exchange webpage and the Federal Government’s Study Assist website http://studyassist.gov.au

TRAVEL
Participants are responsible for their own travel arrangements to, from and within the UK. Students are strongly advised not to make travel bookings until you have received official notification from Sydney Law School that you have been accepted into the program.

Students are responsible for organising their own travel insurance. Travel insurance is a compulsory requirement for all students, excluding those residing in the UK. Students will not be permitted to participate in the program if proof of valid travel insurance is not provided.

It is recommended that your travel insurance policy provides comprehensive coverage for medical expenses incurred overseas, loss of personal items such as laptops, and personal liability coverage. You should ensure that you are covered for cancellation costs in the unlikely event that the program is cancelled.

Australian citizens are advised to register their travel and contact details with the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) at https://www.orao.dfat.gov.au prior to leaving Australia.

VISAS
Australian or New Zealand passport holders intending to stay in the UK for 6 months or less as a visitor, do not normally need to apply for a visa before travelling. Students are responsible for obtaining visas they require and the University of Sydney accepts no responsibility if a student is unable to obtain a visa.

HOW TO APPLY
APPLICATIONS OPEN 4 FEBRUARY 2014
CLOSE 14 MARCH 2014

Please note: an initial quota of 20 has been placed on Postgraduate enrolments. Applicants are strongly urged to submit applications without delay to avoid disappointment.
1. A completed application form must be submitted to Sonya Chater (law.offshore@sydney.edu.au)

2. When completing the application form you will be directed to an online payment system to pay a $500 non-refundable deposit.

3. Applications will only be processed upon successful payment of the deposit, they will be processed in order of receipt of deposit and will be subject to eligibility.

4. Successful applicants will be notified and will be enrolled by postgraduate student administration. Unsuccessful applicants will receive a refund of their deposit. **Do not confirm your travel arrangements until you have received official confirmation.**

5. The balance of the in-Cambridge fee must be received by 24 April 2014.

Incomplete applications will not be considered.

Please note, receipt of the online deposit does not imply acknowledgement or acceptance of your eligibility for the unit. Eligibility will be checked before an offer is confirmed.

### CROSS-INSTITUTIONAL STUDENTS

Cross-institutional applicants are advised to contact their home institution to confirm that the unit can be credited to their degree. Students are required to obtain written permission from their home institution before applying and paying the non-refundable deposit. Cross-institutional students should email law.offshore@sydney.edu.au for further details.

Preference will be given to University of Sydney Law students.

### REFUND POLICY

1. In the event that Climate Disaster Law is cancelled, students will receive a 100% refund of tuition fees and in-Cambridge expenses.

2. Upon application, all students must pay a deposit of A$500 which will only be refunded if your application is unsuccessful.

3. Students who withdraw from the program prior to close of business on 24 April 2014 will receive a full refund of any tuition fees and in-Cambridge expenses paid, less the A$500 deposit.

4. Students who withdraw from the program after close of business on 24 April 2014 and before the census date will receive a full refund of tuition fees paid and no refund of the fee for in-Cambridge expenses.

5. 100% tuition fee liability or FEE-HELP debt will be incurred after the census date. No refund of either tuition fees or in-Cambridge expenses is payable for unit of study withdrawals received after this date.

Applications to withdraw from the program must be received in writing and lodged with the information counter on Level 3 of the New Law Building by the relevant date. The Law School requests that students intending to withdraw from the program do so no later than 24 April 2014.

### CONDITIONS OF ENROLMENT

Units of Study and arrangements for these, including staff allocated, as stated in any publication, announcement or advice of the University are an expression of intent only and are not to be taken as a firm offer or undertaking.

The University reserves the right to discontinue or vary such units, arrangements or staff at any time without notice. The University reserves the right to cancel your enrolment in the following circumstances:

1. Provision of false or misleading information;

2. Failure to pay outstanding loans, fines and/or fees;

3. Payment by a cheque which is dishonoured or by a credit card authorisation which your credit provider refuses to pay.

Students are strongly advised not to make travel bookings until you have received official notification from Sydney Law School that you have been accepted into the program.

All students apart from UK residents must obtain comprehensive travel insurance which provides coverage for medical expenses incurred overseas, including medical evacuation, personal liability coverage, and cancellation costs. The University of Sydney will not pay any amounts in respect of travel or other costs incurred by a student in the event that the program is cancelled at any time or if the student is unable to obtain a visa or if for any reason a student is unable or decides not to participate in the program.

Sydney Law School is an accredited provider with the Solicitor’s Regulation Authority UK. Please refer to their webpage for further information regarding CPD requirements.

Students are advised to consult their tax consult as to whether all travel expenses associated with their education are tax deductible.

### FURTHER ENQUIRIES

Administrative Enquiries:

Sonya Chater

Offshore Unit of Study Coordinator

E: law.offshore@sydney.edu.au

Please contact Sonya with all administrative enquiries, including application and enrollment, and fee related matters.

Academic Coordinator (Academic enquiries only)

Professor Rosemary Lyster

E: rosemary.lyster@sydney.edu.au