# CONFERENCE THE FUTURE OF AUSTRALIAN LEGAL EDUCATION

11-13 AUGUST 2017, SYDNEY | REGISTER NOW

To mark the 10th anniversary of the **Australian Academy of Law** (AAL), the 90th anniversary of the **Australian Law Journal** (ALJ), and the 30th anniversary of the *Pearce Report* on Australian Law Schools, the AAL and ALJ are presenting a national conference on the future of Australian legal education.

Presented by Australia's leading legal education experts and high ranking judicial members, the conference will provide a forum for an informed, national discussion on the future of legal study and practice in Australia, covering practitioners, academics, judges and students.

Sessions will explore and debate:

- Digital Technology and its impact on teaching, learning and legal practice
- What makes a 'good' lawyer
- Purposes and goals of legal education
- Pedagogy and outcomes
- New skills and essential knowledge for lawyers
- Enhancing access to, and indigenous engagement in, legal education
- Experiential learning
- Making connections: law interacting across disciplines and international borders
- And much more

## Program Details

#### Dates: 11-13th August 2017

Location: Federal Court of Australia Law Courts Building 184 Phillip Street, Queens Square, Sydney NSW 2000

View the detailed conference program on the next page.

#### Hosts



The Hon. Kevin Lindgren AM QC, President AAL



The Hon. Justice François Kunc, General Editor, *The Australian Law Journal*, published by Thomson Reuters

### International Keynote Address

#### Why Lawyers Need a Broad Social Education

When German Jewish immigrant Ernst Freund was asked by University of Chicago's President William Rainey Harper to design a law school for the university, in 1902, he proposed something highly unconventional. Freund was a lawyer who used his broad knowledge of American society and its flaws in his own legal work. He told Harper that lawyers would be tools of the status quo if they studied only law, as was the prevailing norm, under the influence of Harvard. Instead, they ought to study, in addition, political science, economics, sociology, and political philosophy -- not in order to become academics, but in order to be lawyers who could think critically about society and guide it productively. Professor Nussbaum's "lecture will support Freund's vision and examine its achievements, its limits, and the current challenges against it." Professor Nussbaum will "argue that in this era of threatening populism we need critical and socially aware lawyers more than ever."



**Professor Martha C. Nussbaum** Ernst Freund Distinguished Service Professor of Law and Ethics, appointed to the Law School and Philosophy Department, University of Chicago

### **Registration Details**

\$450 Standard fee
\$350 Early bird registration (ends 1st June 2017)
\$250 AAL fellow registration
\$150 Full time students
\$150 per person for Celebration Gala Dinner

Attendance may count towards satisfaction of MCLE/CPD requirements.

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### **Conference** Program

#### Friday 11 August

6:00 pm	Official opening – social cocktail reception, Allens, Level 28, Deutsche Bank Place
Saturday 12 August	
From 8:15 am	Registration, tea/coffee
9:00 am	<b>Welcome address</b> The Hon Kevin Lindgren AM QC, President AAL The Hon Justice François Kunc, General Editor ALJ Gadigal Elder Uncle Chicka Madden to give 'Welcome to Country'
9:30 am	<b>Plenary 1: Keynote address – Why Lawyers</b> <b>Need a Broad Social Education</b> Chair: The Hon Chief Justice James Allsop AO Speaker: Professor Martha C. Nussbaum
10:30 am	Morning tea
11:00 am	Plenary 2: Current status of legal education – where we are now and how we got here Chair: Emeritus Professor Rosalind Croucher AM Speakers: Emeritus Professor Dennis Pearce AO, Emeritus Professor Sandford Clark AM, Emeritus Professor David Barker AM, The Hon Michael Black AC QC
12:30 pm	Lunch
1:30 pm	<b>Concurrent 1A: Pedagogy and outcomes</b> Chair: Professor Brian Opeskin Speakers: Associate Professor Lyria Bennett Moses, Christina Do, Nicole Wilson-Rogers, Dr Laura Griffin, Professor Alex Steel
1:30 pm	<b>Concurrent 1B: Making connections</b> Chair: Professor Joellen Riley Speakers: The Hon Nicholas Hasluck AM QC, Justin Gleeson SC
1:30 pm	<b>Concurrent 1C: The 'good' lawyer</b> Chair: Fiona McLeod SC Speakers: Andrew Henderson, Christian Duperouzel, Susan Carter, Alan Cameron AO
3:00 pm	Afternoon tea
3:30 pm	<b>Concurrent 2A: Technology and teaching</b> Chair: Stuart Clark AM Speakers: Dr Alexandra George, Dr Marina Nehme, Dr Philippa Ryan, Dr Sarah Hiller
3:30 pm	Concurrent 2B: Purposes and goals of legal education Chair: Emeritus Professor Michael Coper Speakers: Emeritus Professor John Farrar, Professor Patrick Keyzer, Professor Simon Rice, Terri Mottershead
6:00 pm	Pre-dinner drinks
7:00 pm	AAL & ALJ celebration dinner, Strangers' Dining Room, Parliament House NSW

From 8:15 am	Registration, tea/coffee
9:00 am	<b>Plenary 3: What every lawyer should know</b> Chair: Dr Nuncio D'Angelo Speakers: Associate Professor Michael Legg, The Hon Justice John Basten, Kirsty McPhee
10:30 am	Morning tea
11:00 am	<b>Concurrent 3A: Enhancing access to, and</b> <b>indigenous engagement in, legal education</b> Chair: His Hon Judge Matthew Myers AM Speakers: Annette Gainsford, Associate Professor Alison Gerard , Associate Professor Bronwyn Olliffe, Angela Dwyer, Maxine Evers, Professor Jenny Buchan, Dr Leela Cejnar
11:00 am	<b>Concurrent 3B: Experiential learning</b> Chair: The Hon Justice Alan Robertson Speakers: Associate Professor Cathy Sherry, Neville Carter, Svetlana German and Robert Pelletier
11:00 am	<b>Concurrent 3C: Preparing for the impact of</b> <b>technology on legal practice</b> Chair: Professor Simone Degeling Speakers: Associate Professor Penny Crofts, Associate Professor Gabrielle Appleby, Associate Professor Sean Brennan, Professor Andrew Lynch Professor Nick James, Associate Dean Tania Leiman
12:30 pm	Plenary 4: Looking to the future of legal education Chair: The Hon Michael Kirby AC CMG Speakers: The Hon Justice Alan Robertson, Deputy President, AAL Fiona McLeod SC, President, Law Council of Australia Professor William MacNeil, Chair, Council of Australian Law Deans Dan Trevanion, President, Australian Law Students' Association Professor Martha C. Nussbaum
1:30 pm	Closing by The Hon Kevin Lindgren AM QC and The Hon Justice François Kunc
	Lunch

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