



CONSTITUTIONAL LAW 2017

Conference and Dinner

Friday 17 February

Domain Theatre

Art Gallery of
New South Wales

Followed by Dinner at
New South Wales
Parliament House

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Gilbert + Tobin Centre
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INVITATION

I invite you to register for a major conference on constitutional law to be held in Sydney on Friday 17 February 2017 at the Art Gallery of New South Wales followed by a conference dinner to be held at New South Wales Parliament House. Participants at this event will be updated on recent important developments in the High Court, Federal Court and State Courts and will gain an understanding of the issues that will emerge in 2017 and beyond. The conference will be addressed by leading practitioners, academics and judges. In lieu of an oral presentation, a statistical report on the 2016 High Court term will be included in the conference folder.

This event has been organised by the Gilbert + Tobin Centre of Public Law at the Faculty of Law, University of New South Wales, with the support of the Australian Association of Constitutional Law.

For more information on the Centre and about this event see www.gtcentre.unsw.edu.au.

I hope to see you in Sydney on Friday 17 February 2017.

Associate Professor Sean Brennan
Director, Gilbert + Tobin Centre of Public Law

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PROGRAM

FRIDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2017

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8.30 am REGISTRATION AND COFFEE

9.00 am **SESSION ONE** **THE COURTS ON CONSTITUTIONAL LAW: THE 2016 TERM**

Speakers: Associate Professor **Sarah Murray**, University of Western Australia
The High Court on Constitutional Law: The 2016 Term

Mr **Richard Niall** QC, Solicitor-General of Victoria
The Federal and State Courts on Constitutional Law: The 2016 Term

Chair: Associate Professor **Sean Brennan**, UNSW

10.30 am MORNING TEA

11.00 am **SESSION TWO** **RECENT CASES**

Speakers: Mr **Craig Lenehan**, NSW Bar
Murphy v Electoral Commissioner – Judicial Scrutiny of Electoral Law and a Status Check on Structured Proportionality

Ms **Celia Winnett**, NSW Bar
Cunningham v Commonwealth – Acquisition of Property and Politicians' Retirement Benefits

Emeritus Professor **Tony Blackshield** AO, Macquarie University
Re Culleton, Re Day – Challenging Senators' Eligibility

Chair: Professor **Rosalind Dixon**, UNSW

12.30 pm LUNCH

1.30 pm **SESSION THREE** **CONSTITUTIONAL LAW AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

Panel: Ms **Belinda Baker**, Crown Prosecutor, NSW Bar
Professor **Jeremy Gans**, University of Melbourne
Mr **Jonathon Hunyor**, CEO, Public Interest Advocacy Centre
The Hon Justice **Margaret McMurdo** AC, President, Queensland Court of Appeal

Moderator: Dr **Nicola McGarrity**, UNSW

3.00 pm AFTERNOON TEA

3.30 pm **SESSION FOUR** **CONSTITUTIONAL REFERENDUMS:
40 YEARS SINCE THE LAST 'YES' VOTE**

Speakers: Dr **Paul Kildea**, UNSW
What to Make of a History of Repeated Referendum Failure

Professor **Megan Davis**, UNSW
The Indigenous Designed and Led Regional Dialogues on Constitutional Change 2016-17

Mr **David Coleman** MP, Federal Member for Banks
Fixed Four Year Parliamentary Terms and Making the Case for Constitutional Change

Chair: Mr **David Hume**, NSW Bar

5.00 pm CONFERENCE CLOSE

5.15pm Book Launch by the Hon Sir **Anthony Mason** AC KBE GBM:
Great Australian Dissents edited by Andrew Lynch (Cambridge University Press, 2016)

7.00 pm DINNER
for
7.30 pm Strangers Dining Room, New South Wales Parliament House, Macquarie Street, Sydney
Speaker: The Hon **Catherine Holmes**, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Queensland

2017 Constitutional Law Conference & Dinner Registration Details ABN 57 195 873 179

REGISTRATION FEES

Conference and dinner \$ 580
Conference only \$ 465 (early bird rate \$ 415 until 31 December)
Dinner only \$ 115
To inquire about concessions for full-time students, please email gtcentre@unsw.edu.au

Registration and payment are available online at: www.gtcentre.unsw.edu.au

- Payment forms accepted: Visa, Mastercard or cheque
- Payment instructions available online
- Registration closes 10 February 2017
- No refunds can be issued for cancellations after 10 February 2017

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