

THE ANNUAL CASTAN CENTRE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS LAW CONFERENCE FRIDAY 19 JULY 2024

OFFICIAL PROGRAM

The leading human rights conference in Australia, providing a vital health check on the state of human rights in Australia and overseas.

8.30AM REGISTRATIONS OPEN

9:15 AM

WELCOME AND OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE

■ **Professor Marilyn Pittard**, Interim Dean, Faculty of Law, Monash University

■ **Professor Melissa Castan**, Director, Castan Centre for Human Rights Law, Faculty of Law, Monash University

9:30 AM - 10:30 AM

KEYNOTE: WHAT'S NEXT FOR TREATY IN VICTORIA?

Treaty negotiations in Victoria are set to commence in coming months. The First Peoples' Assembly of Victoria has worked for years to bring together Victoria's various Traditional Owner groups and Aboriginal communities to find the common ground and distil shared aspirations. It has created a negotiation framework that will empower Aboriginal communities to come up with practical solutions at a local level through Traditional Owner Treaties, while the First Peoples' Assembly pursues big structural reform through a statewide Treaty.

■ **Mr Reuben Berg**, Gunditjmarra man and Co-Chair, First Peoples' Assembly of Victoria

■ **Chair: Professor Melissa Castan**, Director, Castan Centre for Human Rights Law, Faculty of Law, Monash University

10:30 AM - 11:00 AM MORNING TEA

11:00 AM - 11:50 AM

KEYNOTE: 'LIKE YOU'RE A PUPPET AND THEY'RE JUST PULLING THE STRINGS': THE RIGHTS OF CHILDREN IN OUT-OF-HOME CARE

The Victorian Commission for Children and Young People is an independent statutory body that promotes improvement in policies and practices affecting the safety and wellbeing of Victorian children and young people. This keynote will explore the range of universal and specific rights held by children and young people in care and examine how well our systems are delivering these rights.

■ **Commissioner Liana Buchanan**, Principal Commissioner for Children and Young People for Victoria

■ **Chair: Professor Paula Gerber**, Academic Member, Castan Centre for Human Rights Law, Faculty of Law, Monash University

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11:50 AM - 12:40 PM

PANEL: PARTICIPATORY RIGHTS OF CHILDREN IN CARE

This panel discussion will further explore the participatory rights of children in care and spotlight the expertise of individuals with lived experience of out-of-home care. We will hear from three individuals with expertise in youth advocacy, regulation, and academia.

- **Ms Amelia Hunt**, Project Officer, Victorian Commission for Children and Young People
- **Commissioner Liana Buchanan** Principal Commissioner for Children and Young People for Victoria
- **Dr Jade Purtell**, Research Fellow, Department of Human Centred Computing, Monash University
- **Chair: Assoc Professor Joanne Evans**, Associate Professor, Department of Human Centred Computing, Monash University

12:40 PM- 1:10 PM LUNCH

1:10 PM - 2:15 PM

PANEL: PERSPECTIVES ON THE LAW, HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE MIGRANT EXPERIENCE

This panel brings together three leading scholars in the area of the law, human rights, and the migrant experience. Panellists will present on how Australian companies can address modern slavery effectively, the legal representation of people with lived experience of human trafficking, and the importance of visa status in addressing forced marriage and family violence.

- **Professor Justine Nolan**, Director, Australian Human Rights Institute, University of New South Wales
- **Assoc Professor Samantha Currie**, Academic Member, Castan Centre for Human Rights Law, Faculty of Law, Monash University
- **Assoc Professor Heli Askola**, Academic Member, Castan Centre for Human Rights Law, Faculty of Law, Monash University
- **Chair: Assoc Professor Ronli Sifris**, Deputy Director, Castan Centre for Human Rights Law, Faculty of Law, Monash University.

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2:30 PM - 3:45 PM

PANEL: TENSIONS OF FREE SPEECH AND ITS CONSTRAINTS

Against a background of rising disinformation and misinformation and concerns about the use of online platforms by extremist groups, this panel discusses free speech and its constraints. Offering three unique perspectives on this issue, this panel will discuss the potential to regulate truth in political advertising, the limits of the right to free speech, and the rise of an artificial intelligence powered social media world.

- **Professor Luke Beck**, Professor of Constitutional Law, Faculty of Law, Monash University
- **Professor Katharine Gelber**, Professor of Politics and Public Policy, University of Queensland
- **Dr Andre Oboler**, CEO, Online Hate Prevention Institute
- **Chair: Associate Professor Julie Debeljak**, Academic Member, Castan Centre for Human Rights Law, Faculty of Law, Monash University

3:45 PM - 4:00 PM
CONFERENCE CLOSE

- **Professor Melissa Castan**, Director, Castan Centre for Human Rights Law

AUSTRALIA'S HUMAN RIGHTS FRAMEWORK RESOURCES

Researchers from the Castan Centre have compiled resources and analysis to help the public stay informed on the debate on reforms to Australia's Human Rights Framework and a Federal Human Rights Act. Check out our resources at bit.ly/CCHumanRightsAct.

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