

THE ANNUAL CASTAN CENTRE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS LAW CONFERENCE OFFICIAL PROGRAM

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Whether you're a lawyer, advocate, or human rights student, the conference is a valuable opportunity to deepen your knowledge. Join us for a day of engaging discussions and thought-provoking panels on some of the most critical issues in human rights law.

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

8.30 - 9.15AM REGISTRATION

- Tea and coffee available on arrival.

9.15 - 9.30AM OPENING AND WELCOME

- **Professor Steven Vaughan**
Dean, Faculty of Law, Monash University
- **Professor Melissa Castan**
Director, Castan Centre for Human Rights Law, Faculty of Law, Monash University

9.30 - 10.00AM KEYNOTE SPEAKER

- **Hugh de Kretser**
President, Australian Human Rights Commission

10.00 - 10.45AM PANEL 1: ACHIEVING STRONGER LEGAL HUMAN RIGHTS PROTECTION IN AUSTRALIA

- **Hugh de Kretser**
President, Australian Human Rights Commission
- **Professor Sarah Joseph**
Professor of Human Rights Law, Griffith University

10.45 - 11.15AM MORNING TEA

11.15 - 12.30PM PANEL 2: CHALLENGES IN SECURING THE RIGHTS OF TRANS AND GENDER DIVERSE PEOPLE

- **Professor Paula Gerber**
Faculty of Law, Monash University
- **Charlie Wilson**
Advocate and Law Student
- **Isabelle Langley**
Youth Advocate

12.30 - 1.10PM LUNCH

1.10 - 2.30PM PANEL 3: NEW CHALLENGES IN CLIMATE CHANGE LITIGATION AND HUMAN RIGHTS

- **Isabelle Reinecke**
Executive Director and Founder, Grata Fund
- **Sister Brigid Arthur**
Coordinator, Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project
- **Professor Steven Vaughan**
Dean, Faculty of Law, Monash University

Chair: **Scott Walker**, Research Fellow, Castan Centre for Human Rights Law

2.30 - 2.45PM AFTERNOON TEA

2.45 - 4PM PANEL 4: UNDERSTANDING HUMAN RIGHTS LAW IN THE CORONIAL JURISDICTION

- **His Honour Coroner Simon McGregor**
Coroners Court of Victoria
- **The Honourable Pamela Tate AM KC**
Adjunct Professor of Law, Faculty of Law, Monash University
- **George Newhouse**
Adjunct Professor of Law, UTS and Macquarie University
CEO of the National Justice Project

Chair: **Marc Trabsky**, Associate Professor and Deputy Director, Australian Centre for Justice Innovation, Faculty of Law, Monash University

4 - 4.15PM CLOSING

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

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The conference program is subject to change, which means the schedule may not be final and could be adjusted.

ATTEND ONLINE

Watch the conference live, from anywhere in the world. All registered online attendees will receive detailed viewing instructions via email one day before the conference. Be sure to check your inbox the day before the conference to ensure smooth access.

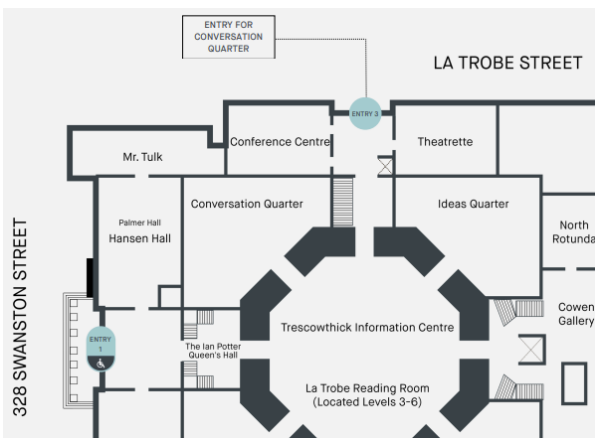
ATTEND IN PERSON

Conference registration includes all Theatrette sessions across the one-day event, along with complimentary catering throughout the day, served in the Conversation Quarter. Please follow the registration form to advise us of any accessibility or dietary requirements. Early registration is recommended to secure your place at the conference.

For group bookings, feel free to write to us at castan.centre@monash.edu to discuss your needs and arrange a customised package or viewing option that suits your organisation.

VENUE

Conversation Quarter and Theatrette
Conference Centre, Entry 3
State Library Victoria
179 La Trobe St, Melbourne, VIC 3000



QUIET ROOM

There is a quiet room (green room) available at the State Library of Victoria Conference Centre that guests can use on request. Please notify a staff member when required on the day.

GETTING THERE

- Train: Melbourne Central station is directly opposite the Library's Swanston Street entrance. Country travellers can transfer to metropolitan trains at Southern Cross or North Melbourne Stations.
- Tram: Ten tram routes take you directly to the entrances on Swanston Street and La Trobe Street.
- Bus: The nearest stops are in Lonsdale, Russell and Exhibition Streets.
- Car: The most popular parking areas are at Melbourne Central and QV. There are three parking spaces for people with a disability permit in La Trobe Street.

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25 YEARS

2025 marks the 25th anniversary of the Castan Centre for Human Rights Law. For a quarter of a century, the Castan Centre has been at the forefront of human rights research, education and policy. We are thrilled to mark this occasion with a dynamic lineup of thought leaders and an inspiring program that underscores our ongoing commitment to advancing human rights.

CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT OBLIGATIONS (CPD)

Conference attendance may be credited towards CPD requirements. See the Law Institute of Victoria's For Lawyers website for further information. Conference participants will be able to request a Certificate of Attendance during their registration.



Contact Us

If you have any queries about the The Annual Castan Centre for Human Rights Law Conference, please email castan.centre@monash.edu.

For more information, visit bit.ly/HumanRights25 or our website monash.edu/castancentre.

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