

Human Rights Law Courses

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Undergraduate:

Citizenship and Migration Law

Comparative Constitutions and Rights

Human Rights and Australian Law

Indigenous Peoples and the Law

International Human Rights

International Organisations

International Refugee Law and Practice

Law and Discrimination

Law, Gender and Feminism

Graduate:

Current Issues in International Human Rights law

Human Rights in the Global Economy

Human Rights Litigation

Indigenous Rights and International Law

International Humanitarian Law

Law, Gender and Feminism

Migration Law

Native Title and Land Rights

** Not all courses are offered by the Law Faculty each year.*

Comparative Indigenous Law Video Link With Students in US and Canada

Castan Centre Lecturer **Melissa Castan** facilitated a seminar in Comparative Indigenous Law for 10 undergraduate students completing independent research subjects. The students participated in four 8am video link up sessions with students studying with **Lindsay G. Robertson** at the University of Oklahoma and **Bradford W. Morse** at the University of Ottawa. The seminars covered topics such as indigenous identity, discovery, invasion, settlement and treaties; customary law and criminal justice, indigenous rights to land, economic development and self-determination. The students' self-directed research projects (with supervision by Melissa Castan) are covering comparative issues of indigenous identity, self-determination, customary law, environment and property rights. Melissa Castan aims to seek University funding to further develop this innovative and flexible international teaching process.

Student Internships

The Castan Centre has helped to facilitate human rights related international internships for Monash Law students.

- Douglas Stewart and Vanessa Szabo were recently in Geneva working with the **Australian Permanent Mission** to the UN.
- Raini Zambelli worked with the UN **High Commissioner for Refugees** in East Timor.
- Douglas Stewart attended the UN **World Conference Against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance** in Durban, South Africa as part of The Hague International Model UN Delegation.
- Nicholas Button, Marissa Dreher and Olivia Henderson worked at the **Louisiana Crisis Assistance Center** in the US, which provides legal assistance to those facing the death penalty (see article p 2).

More information on human rights internships and student placements will be available online at: <http://www.law.monash.edu.au/castancentre/index.html>

Student Placements

Two students studying *International Human Rights* in 2002 have been placed with the **International Humanitarian Law Department of Australian Red Cross**, Victoria, where they are monitoring developments in international criminal law, researching and writing conflict case studies, training manuals and articles. The pilot program was organised by Julie Debeljak (Associate Director of the Castan Centre) and Melissa Hardham from the **Disability Employment Action Centre (DEAC)**. In 2001 2 students spent 6 days at DEAC and an additional 2 days each with the **Equal Opportunity Commission of Victoria** and the **Public Interest Law Clearinghouse**. Hopefully the program will be expanded to include new courses and partnerships.

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