

## New LLM Program Off to Flying Start

The first masters degree in Australia dedicated to the study of human rights law commenced in March of this year at Monash University and enrolment in courses has been exceptional so far.

Currently underway this semester is Current Issues in Human Rights with Kate Eastman, which is the “gateway” subject for anyone undertaking the program.

During Winter, Castan Centre Associate Director Paula Gerber will teach Children’s Rights in International and Domestic Law as an intensive. This is the first time the subject will be taught at Monash and it capitalizes on the increasing interest in this area of international human rights law. Although the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child is the most ratified of all human rights treaties (only Somalia and the US have not ratified it), chil-

dren continue to be exploited and abused on a daily basis. Students will discuss these abuses and the specific challenges to the full realization of children’s rights.

In second semester, Adam McBeth will teach Human rights in the Global Economy and Melissa Castan will take Indigenous Rights and International Law.

Human Rights in the Global Economy looks at the intersection between international economic activity and international human rights and focuses on the global effect of bodies such as the World Trade Organisation, the World Bank and the IMF.

Indigenous Rights and International Law will focus on the human rights protections afforded to the world’s indigenous populations. Recent years have seen great interest in this issue at

international level with the UN drafting a declaration on indigenous peoples and significant focus being placed on self determination and land rights. This subject will feature a number of guest speakers including Darren Dick from HREOC talking about new developments with the human rights council and Nic Maclellan from Oxfam talking about indigenous issues in the Pacific.

Enrolment for most subjects is approaching capacity, however there is still limited room for the subjects being taught in winter and second semesters, and enquiries are still welcome.

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## Castan Centre Friend Wins Prestigious Award

The Castan Centre extends its warm congratulations to Bas Koesasi upon his award of the “Widya Samkrama Yasa Award” from the Gadjah Mada University, Yogyakarta, Indonesia. This award is in recognition of Bas’ distinguished service, dedication and contribution to cooperation between Indonesia and Australia in education and training.

Bas is a Senior Lecturer and Convenor of the Indonesian Studies Program in the Faculty of Arts, Monash University. Since 2002, Bas has been involved

in the Human Rights Training Programs the Centre runs under the Indonesia-Australian Specialised Training Program, which is auspiced by AusAID. He has provided cultural and language liaison for Indonesian participants and Australian trainers and presenters alike. Well done Bas.

*Articles on the Castan Centre’s current Indonesia training program appear throughout this newsletter.*



Bas Koesasi

## Membership Receives Another Boost

Harper Ellen Horsburgh Smith, daughter of Castan Centre Project Manager Marius Smith and his wife, Susan Horsburgh, entered the world just before 3 pm on the 6th of March 2006.

Harper was immediately presented with her honorary Castan Centre membership before being whisked off to weigh in at a healthy 6 lb 14 oz,

which is 3.11 kg for the young people.

Mother and daughter are both doing extremely well and Harper in particular is loudly affirming her human rights at every opportunity.

*Opposite: Harper Smith*

