

Rapporteur Q&A

What inspires or drives you about human rights?

David Carolan: My inspiration derives from the fact that although human dignity is supposed to be a well established concept, it is so commonly denied, even in countries that claim to be the most developed and forward thinking.

Romy Green: I have an innate sense of justice, which funnily enough I can't place. I feel a connection to marginalized groups, and a strong desire to do what I can to make things easier for them. I guess I'm just an idealist.

What past community-related experience have you had?

Neda Monshat: I went to South Africa as part of the Castan Centre Global Internship Program to volunteer at an Oxfam-affiliated NGO assisting refugees and asylum-seekers. I have also

volunteered with World Youth International in Kisumu, Kenya and at the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre in Melbourne.

Namrata Kant: Over the 2008 summer holidays I travelled to India and spent several weeks teaching (as a volunteer) at a school located in a slum area of Delhi. It is clichéd but true to look back on it as a life-changing experience. Since mid-2008 I have also regularly been volunteering at the Sudanese Australian Integrated Learning Program and for the Community Visitors Scheme.

What did you do during your internship?

Angus McLeod: I helped in the background research for the Castan Centre's submission to the National Human Rights Consultation for an Australian Human Rights Act, met with the chair of the national consultation Father Frank Brennan, and conducted research into the problem of the registration

of indigenous births in Victoria.

Maida Kopac: Miscellaneous tasks, such as the UNHCR decisions reports, research for the submission to the National Human Rights Committee, the report of the violation of the basic rights of Indigenous Victorians in remote communities under the ICCPR... and many hours of research involved therein in reading old documents.

What do you hope to do in the future?

Helen Fabinyi: Pursue an active and varied career in human rights – either through legal or community development work – at a local and international level. Pursue further study at some point in human rights, Indigenous law and/or International Development

David Sztrajt: Make a power point presentation on Human Rights, turn it into a movie and then win a Nobel Peace Prize for my efforts (as if that would happen).

Publications and other activities by centre faculty members

Gideon Boas

Article

'Trying Tyrants for Mass Atrocity' (2009) *Alternative Law Journal*

Chapters

'Forms of responsibility in International Criminal Law – Some Problems and Answers' in Larissa van den Herik et al (eds), *Future Perspectives on International Criminal Justice* (Asser Press/Cambridge University Press, 2009)

'Review of Contempt and Misconduct Proceedings', in André Klip and Göran Sluiter (eds), *Annotated Leading Cases of International Criminal Tribunals, Volume XXI* (Intersentia, 2009)

Melissa Castan

Book

Handbook for Interns: A guide to internships at Native Title Representative Bodies, Native Title Service Providers, Indigenous corporations, government bodies, community groups, not-for-profit, policy and other Indigenous organisations, Carmen Watts and Melissa Castan (eds) (The Aurora Project 2009)

Grant

Monash Law Faculty Small Grant to work on the issue of *Birth Registration and Indigenous People* (with P. Gerber).

Paper

'Human Rights and Indigenous Archives' Research Forum, presented by the Centre

for Organisational and Social Informatics in conjunction with the Centre for Australian Indigenous Studies and Castan Centre for Human Rights Law, 7 August 2009

Erica Contini

Submission

Submission to the Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs on the Inquiry into Marriage Equality Amendment Bill, (with P. Gerber, A. Sifris, and M. Smith), August 2009

Julie Debeljak

Grant

Awarded an Attorney-General's Department "Grants to Australian Organisations Program 2009-2010" to run a Workshop entitled "Legal and Criminal Justice Responses to Trafficking in Persons in Australia: Obstacles, Opportunities and Best Practice", 9 November 2009 (with S. Kneebone)

Submission

Submission to the National Consultation on Human Rights, submitted to the National Consultation on Human Rights Committee, 15 June 2009, 1-88

Paula Gerber

Article

'Making Visible the Problem of Invisibility' (2009) 83(10) *Law Institute Journal* 52

'Making Indigenous Australians 'Disappear': Problems arising from our Birth Registration Systems' (2009) 34(3) *Alternative Law*

Journal 158

'Jack & Jill / Jack & Bill: The Case for Same-Sex Adoption' (2009) 34(3) *Alternative Law Journal* 168, (with A. Sifris)

Grant

Monash Law Faculty small grant to work on the issue of Birth Registration and Indigenous People, (with M. Castan)

Other

'If I were Attorney-General ...', *Human Rights Law Resource Centre Bulletin*, June 2009

Paper

'Human Rights Education', presented to the United Nations Youth Association Conference, University of Melbourne, April 2009

'Like Ripples from a Pebble someone Tosses in a Stream: Using Human Rights Education to Create a Human Rights Culture', presented at the Victorian Equal Opportunity & Human Rights Commission Conference, Melbourne, March 2009

Submission

Submission to the Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs, Inquiry into Marriage Equality Amendment Bill, (with A. Sifris, M. Smith and E. Contini), August 2009.

Sarah Joseph

Article

'Human Rights and the WTO: Issues for the Pacific', (3009) 20 *Victoria University of Wellington Law Review*, 351-367

Chapter

'Trade and the Right to Health' in Andrew Clapham and Mary Robinson (eds) *Realizing the Right to Health* (Swissbook, Geneva, 2009), 361-369

Papers

'Human rights and Digital Story-telling', Australian Centre for the Moving Image, Melbourne, 16 May 2009

Inaugural Human Rights Lecture, North Queensland Law Association Conference, Townsville, 29 May 2009

'A Federal Bill of Rights', District and County Court Judges Conference, Sydney, 25 June 2009

'International Human Rights Cases 2008-2009', Castan Centre Annual Conference 'The Changing Human Rights Landscape', State Library of Victoria, 17 July 2009

'Israel, the Occupied Territories and Human Rights', Australian Centre for Jewish Civilisation, Monash University, 6 August 2009

'The Human Rights Council: Three Year Report Card', Lauterpacht Centre for International Law, Cambridge University, 23 October 2009

Submission

Submission to the National Human Rights Consultation, 'A Federal Human Rights Mechanism', on behalf of the Castan Centre, June 2009

Susan Kneebone

Chapter

'Trois figures de la femme: actrice, victime et réfugié. Contribution au débat sur la traite des personnes' ('The trafficking dialogue: women as agents, victims and refugees') in F. Crepeau et al (eds) *Les migrations internationales contemporaines: Une dynamique complexe au coeur de la globalisation* published (in French) by Les Presses de l'Université de Montréal (2009) pp.39-69

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Other

Review of Sara E Davies 'Legitimising Rejection: International Refugee Law in South East Asia' (Martinus Nijhoff Publishers, 2008) (2009) (22 No 2) *Journal of Refugee Studies* pp 243-245

Papers

'Governance of Labour Migration in South East Asia', presented to 6th Asian Law Institute Conference, University of Hong Kong, 29 May 2009

'Immigration Detention in Australia: Success or Smokescreen?', address to the Immigration Legal Practitioners' Association (UK), London, 10 June 2009

'Governance of Labour Migration in

South East Asia: Lessons for the Globe?' presented to IASFM 12, Nicosia, Cyprus, 29 June 2009

'Protection and Victims of Trafficking in the Greater Mekong Sub-region' presented to IASFM 12, Nicosia, Cyprus, 30 June 2009

'Refugee Futures: Perspectives from South East Asia' presented to the Refugee Futures Conference, Prato, Italy, 10-12 September 2009

'Refugees, Crime and Security: The Trafficking-refugee nexus' presented to the Refugee Futures Conference, Prato, Italy, 10-12 September 2009

Submissions

Submission to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee on the Migration Amendment (Immigration Detention Reform) Bill 2009, (with T. Penovic, H. Fabinyi and E. Moskovitch), August 2009

Submission to the Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs on the Inquiry into the Australian Citizenship Amendment (Citizenship Test Review and Other Measures) Bill 2009, (with L. Healy and M. Money), August 2009

Evidence given to the Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs on the Australian Citizenship Amendment (Citizenship Test Review and Other Measures) Bill 2009, 27 August 2009

Joanna Kyriakakis

Article

'Australia and International Criminal Law: The Responsibilities of Companies to Abide by International Criminal Law' (2009) 5(1) *Journal of International Peace Operations* 29-30

Paper

'Mental Impairment as a Defence in International Criminal Law', presented at the 24th IVR World Congress of Philosophy of Law and Social Philosophy, China Law Society, Beijing, 16 September 2009

Adam McBeth

Book

International Economic Actors and Human Rights (2009, Routledge) 364

Paper

'Balancing Competing Rights under the Victorian Charter', presented to the *Law Institute of Victoria 'Human Rights Conference 2009'*, 21 August 2009

Bernadette McSherry

Article

'Mental Health Laws for Those "Compliant" with Treatment' (2009) 17(1) *Journal of Law and Medicine* 16-21, (with D. Bruckard)

'Without Sex: Slavery, Trafficking in Persons and the Exploitation of Labour in Australia' (2009) 34(1) *Alternative Law Journal* 4-10 (with M. Cullen)

Submission

Submission to the National Justice CEOs Group, 'Diversion and Support for People

with Mental Illness', (with Prasanna Venkataraman), 31 August 2009

Maria O'Sullivan

Papers

'Protection in the Context of Refugee Status', delivered at the International Conference 'Protecting People in Conflict and Crisis: Responding to the Challenges of a Changing World', Refugee Studies Centre, University of Oxford, 23 September 2009

'The Cessation Provisions of the EU Qualification Directive – Do they provide protection against persecution or "effective protection"?'', delivered at the Cuenca Colloquium on International Refugee Law, Spain, 1 October 2009

Tania Penovic

Paper

'Public International Law and Human Rights in Australia' presentation to *Australian Institute of International Affairs ACCESS Youth Network Forum 'Inside the World of International Law'*, 30 September 2009

Submission

Submission to the Legal and Constitutional Affairs Committee on the Migration Amendment (Immigration Detention Reform) Bill 2009, (with S. Kneebone, H. Fabinyi and E. Moskovitch), August 2009

Adiva Sifris

Article

'The Legal Recognition of Lesbian-led Families: Justifications for Change' (2009) 21 *Child and Family Law Quarterly* 197-229

'Two by Two: Victoria's Relationship Register' (2009) 83 *Law Institute Journal* 50-53, (with R. Sifris)

'Jack & Jill / Jack & Bill: The Case for Same-Sex Adoption' (2009) 34(3) *Alternative Law Journal* 168, (with P. Gerber)

Papers

'Lesbian Parenting in Australia: The Chicken and Egg Dilemma of Legal Change' presented at the 5th World Congress on Family Law and Children's Rights, Halifax, Canada, 23-26 August 2009

'A Bird's Eye View of Lesbian Parenting in Australia: Much Achieved but More to Go', Children and the Law: International approaches to children and their vulnerabilities, Prato, Italy, 7-10 September 2009

Submission

Submission to the Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs, 'Inquiry into Marriage Equality Amendment Bill', (with P. Gerber, M. Smith and E. Contini), August 2009

Marius Smith

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Submission to the Standing Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs, 'Inquiry into Marriage Equality Amendment Bill', (with P. Gerber, A. Sifris, and E. Contini), August 2009