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Dear Members,

Welcome to the 7<sup>th</sup> edition of the International Law Committee's Newsletter. I hope you enjoy the range of articles featured in this edition. As always, if you have any suggestions for future issues (including articles, news items, events, cases and the like), please email me at [intlaw.chair@younglawyers.com.au](mailto:intlaw.chair@younglawyers.com.au) or Peter at [intlaw.vicechair@younglawyers.com.au](mailto:intlaw.vicechair@younglawyers.com.au). Thank you to Peter Anagnostou and Tom Levi for contributing to this edition of the newsletter.

Regards

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**ILC NEWS & UPDATES**

**Law Week Wrap-Up**

On Thursday, 20 May 2010, the ILC held a special Law Week event titled "Working in International Law: Internships and More" attended by around 40 people. The event was made possible due to our 5 panellists – Tom Levi, Laura Brown, Amy Ward, Celia Barnett and Dr Natalie Klein – who each spoke about their experiences working (and studying) in fields relating to international law. The general focus was on internships with international tribunals and NGOs.

We received an overwhelmingly positive response to the forum. As a result, the ILC is looking at holding one or two follow-up sessions focussing on other areas of international law and international legal practice. To ensure that these careers events are as relevant as possible to our members, we would like to encourage members to provide some input into the types of follow-up events that will be of greatest benefit. As a result, we are asking for your assistance in the following two ways.

1. Please provide feedback on what sorts of areas of international legal practice you would like to see featured in future forums (e.g., international criminal justice, working for governmental departments and instrumentalities, academia etc) and we will try to secure relevant speakers.

2. If any members have any experience as interns, academics or international lawyers and would like to nominate themselves to talk at a future careers forum event, we would love to hear from you.

Please email me at [intlaw.chair@younglawyers.com.au](mailto:intlaw.chair@younglawyers.com.au) if you are interested in providing feedback in relation to the careers forums, or if you would like to nominate yourself as a potential panellist.

### ILC on LinkedIn

As notified in the previous Newsletter, the ILC now has a dedicated LinkedIn group for those members who are interested. Our Vice Chair, Peter Anagnostou, is the group administrator and regularly updates the link with current and topical articles that are of relevance to the ILC's interests. This page is exclusively open to members of the International Law Committee to read and post current news items relating to international law and conduct online discussions. If you have not already done so, I encourage you to join by clicking on the following link:

<http://www.linkedin.com/groups?home=&qid=3014631&trk=anet Ug hm>

If you have any enquiries about joining or participating in LinkedIn, please email Peter at [intlaw.vicechair@younglawyers.com.au](mailto:intlaw.vicechair@younglawyers.com.au).

### Results of Election and Notice of Further Election

Congratulations to Fedaa Dabbagh who assumed the role of International Environmental Law Stream Administrator at the last monthly meeting. Fedaa has taken over from Amy Ward who is pursuing further studies overseas. We look forward to Fedaa's input on international environmental law issues.

Sohrab Irannejad has tendered his resignation from the position of Public International Law Stream Administrator. We thank Sohrab for his involvement. An election for this vacant position will be held at the next monthly meeting on **Thursday, 24 June 2010**. Any member of our Committee is entitled to nominate for the position but an election will only be held if more than one member nominates for the position. To be eligible, nominees must fulfil the criteria of a young lawyer (i.e., under 36 or within their first 5 years of practice or a law student).

### End of Financial Year Drinks

The ILC will be holding drinks to mark the end of the financial year after the next monthly meeting on **Thursday, 24 June 2010**. Drinks will be held immediately following the monthly meeting and will commence around 7:00pm. Further details will be advertised in upcoming Newsletters. The location will be the Sydney CBD. All Committee members are welcome to attend.

## **Property Law Committee Event – Sex and the City 2**

I have received the following email from the Vice Chair of the Property Law Committee about an upcoming event. Please email Kate Freeman at [propertylaw.vicechair@younglawyers.com.au](mailto:propertylaw.vicechair@younglawyers.com.au) if you are interested in attending.

*Dear Committee Members,*

*On behalf of the NSW Young Lawyers Property Law Committee, I cordially invite you to attend an Australian premiere screening of Sex and the City 2 on Wednesday, 2 June 2010 (1 night before the movie is officially released!).*

*The theme of the evening is 'Women in Property'. The committee have organised a range of key guest speakers from the NSW property sector to accommodate this theme.*

*The evening will start at the prestigious Paddington boutique, 17thC, where guests will be shown the latest range of ready to wear fashion items and accessories from the US. There will also be 'fashion experts' who will help you 'find the right fit' for any clothing you may wish to purchase on the evening.*

*Your formal invitation is attached which contains full particulars of the event.*

*I encourage you to forward this invitation to colleagues, friends or family members who would be interested in attending this worthwhile event.*

*Kind regards*

*Kate*

***Kate Freeman | Vice Chair, Property Law Committee***

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## **Young Lawyers Photo Gallery**

The following link will take you to the photo gallery on the Young Lawyers website:

<http://ylphotos.lawsociety.com.au/?year=2009>

A 2010 photo gallery is currently under construction and will feature the photos from the 2010 Mid-Year Assembly.

## CONFERENCES, SEMINARS AND TALKS

### Sydney Law School Events

<http://sydneylaw.e-newsletter.com.au/link/id/80872514bf1d7624c5ceP15404954b569bab827c4/page.html>

### Sydney Ideas Lectures

**3 June 2010:** Dr Per Pinstруп-Anderson – “*Where is the Global Food System Headed?*”

<http://www.usyd.edu.au/news/93.html?eventcategoryid=2&eventid=5793>

**9 June 2010:** Pedro Sanchez, Director of The Tropical Agriculture Program of the Earth Institute, Columbia University, USA – “*Ending hunger in Africa through science-based policies*”

[http://www.usyd.edu.au/sydney\\_ideas/lectures/2010/pedro\\_sanchez.shtml](http://www.usyd.edu.au/sydney_ideas/lectures/2010/pedro_sanchez.shtml)

### World Trade Organisation (WTO) Law 1 – Course at the University of Sydney

6 - 7 August & 20 - 21 August, Sydney Law School.

To apply, email [law.info@sydney.edu.au](mailto:law.info@sydney.edu.au) or phone 9351 0351. For more information, click on the following link:

<http://www.law.usyd.edu.au/subjects/PG/2010/LAWS6063.shtml>

## OTHER NEWS & EVENTS

### Australian Human Rights Commission seeks feedback on draft submission

The Australian Human Rights Commission welcomes comments on its draft submission for Australia's appearance before the United Nations Human Rights Council's Working Group on the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) in January 2011.

[View Commission's UPR draft submission.](#) Feedback should be provided by COB Wednesday 2 June.

## ARTICLES & PRESS RELEASES

### Australia to take Japanese Whalers to the ICJ

Members are encouraged to read the following articles and Press Release from the Attorney-General's Department concerning the decision to commence legal proceedings against Japan in the International Court of Justice for its “scientific” whaling in the Southern Ocean. If members become aware of further articles or editorials on this issue, I encourage you to post them on LinkedIn or email them to Peter at [intlaw.vicechair@younglawyers.com.au](mailto:intlaw.vicechair@younglawyers.com.au) so that he can add them to the LinkedIn page.

<http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2010/05/28/2911849.htm>

[http://jurist.org/paperchase/2010/05/australia-to-intiate-legal-action-against-japan-whaling.php?goback=%2Envr\\_3014631\\_2](http://jurist.org/paperchase/2010/05/australia-to-intiate-legal-action-against-japan-whaling.php?goback=%2Envr_3014631_2)

[http://www.ag.gov.au/www/ministers/mcclelland.nsf/Page/MediaReleases\\_2010\\_SecondQuarter\\_28May2010-GovernmentInitiatesLegalActionAgainstJapaneseWhaling](http://www.ag.gov.au/www/ministers/mcclelland.nsf/Page/MediaReleases_2010_SecondQuarter_28May2010-GovernmentInitiatesLegalActionAgainstJapaneseWhaling)

### Japan Court Begins Trial of Anti-Whaling Activist

In semi-related news, the Tokyo District Court last Wednesday began the trial of New Zealand anti-whaling activist Peter Bethune on five criminal charges in connection with boarding a Japanese whaling vessel as part of a protest in the Antarctic:

[http://jurist.org/paperchase/2010/05/japan-court-begins-trial-of-anti-whaling-activist.php?goback=%2Envr\\_3014631\\_3](http://jurist.org/paperchase/2010/05/japan-court-begins-trial-of-anti-whaling-activist.php?goback=%2Envr_3014631_3)

### Human Rights in the Asia Pacific Region

The Australian Human Rights Centre recently circulated a paper by Catherine Renshaw titled "The Role of Networks in the Implementation of Human Rights in the Asia Pacific Region", a copy of which is **attached** as a PDF in the cover email to this Newsletter.

### International Declaration to Combat Organised Crime

Click on the attached link for a press release from the Federal Attorney-General's Office concerning a joint declaration signed on behalf of Australia, the US, Canada and New Zealand on combating international organised crime:

[http://www.ag.gov.au/www/ministers/mcclelland.nsf/Page/MediaReleases\\_2010\\_SecondQuarter\\_1May2010-InternationalDeclaratioontoCombatOrganisedCrime](http://www.ag.gov.au/www/ministers/mcclelland.nsf/Page/MediaReleases_2010_SecondQuarter_1May2010-InternationalDeclaratioontoCombatOrganisedCrime)

### High Court of Australia Press Release - Republic of Croatia v Daniel Snedden [2010] HCA 14

The following press release summarises the decision in the High Court Appeal arising out of Croatia's application for extradition of Daniel Snedden who was accused of war crimes during the Serbian-Croatian conflict in the 1990s:

<http://www.hcourt.gov.au/media/snedden.pdf>

The full decision can be accessed via Austlii:

<http://www.austlii.edu.au/au/cases/cth/HCA/2010/14.html>

### ANZSIL – The Australian and New Zealand Society of International Law

ANZSIL has recently released its May 2010 Newsletter and it's filled with interesting developments in both Australian and New Zealand International Law:

[http://my.chalkmail.com/T/ViewEmail/r/5BCC88DE0CE8A3C7?goback=%2Envr\\_3014631\\_4](http://my.chalkmail.com/T/ViewEmail/r/5BCC88DE0CE8A3C7?goback=%2Envr_3014631_4)

## Canada Supreme Court to Hear Case on Defamation Liability for Hyperlinking

The outcome of this case could set an international precedent for defamation. The Supreme Court will now decide whether hyperlinking could constitute publication in some circumstances where the writer invited or actively encouraged viewers to read the defamatory materials or adopted the defamatory content.

[http://www.mondaq.com/canada/article.asp?articleid=100702&email\\_access=on&goback=%2Envr\\_3014631\\_6](http://www.mondaq.com/canada/article.asp?articleid=100702&email_access=on&goback=%2Envr_3014631_6)

## Sharia Compliant Investment in Australia

The UNCTAD Survey 2009-2011 ranks Australia in the top 10 of the most attractive countries in which to invest. Whilst domestic growth eased in 2009, it is picking up and the general consensus to date is that most of the problems directly related with the GFC did not significantly affect Australian financial institutions.

[http://www.mondaq.com/australia/article.asp?articleid=101318&email\\_access=on&goback=%2Envr\\_3014631\\_3](http://www.mondaq.com/australia/article.asp?articleid=101318&email_access=on&goback=%2Envr_3014631_3)

## Historic Agreement with Hague Institution

The world's oldest institution for international dispute resolution, the Permanent Court of Arbitration, has signed an agreement with the Australian Centre for International Commercial Arbitration to promote arbitration in the Asia-Pacific.

[http://www.lawyersweekly.com.au/blogs/top\\_stories/archive/2010/05/25/historic-agreement-with-hague-institution.aspx?goback=%2Envr\\_3014631\\_3](http://www.lawyersweekly.com.au/blogs/top_stories/archive/2010/05/25/historic-agreement-with-hague-institution.aspx?goback=%2Envr_3014631_3)

## The Growing Importance of Arbitration

In a recent case, the New South Wales Court of Appeal has reaffirmed the court's commitment to upholding Parliamentary policy to restrict judicial review of and interference with arbitral awards. The decision comes as part of an increasing recognition in Australia across the legislative and judicial spectrum of the growing importance of both domestic and international arbitration.

[http://www.freehills.com.au/6310.aspx?goback=%2Envr\\_3014631\\_4](http://www.freehills.com.au/6310.aspx?goback=%2Envr_3014631_4)

## OPINION

### Call for Submissions

Members are encouraged to submit any opinion pieces for publication in the Newsletter. Please email either Diane [intlaw.chair@younglawyers.com.au](mailto:intlaw.chair@younglawyers.com.au) at or Peter at [intlaw.vicechair@younglawyers.com.au](mailto:intlaw.vicechair@younglawyers.com.au).

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