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HUMAN RIGHTS SEMINAR SERIES



Australia's Human Rights performance has recently been examined as part of the United Nations Universal Periodic Review. United Nations member states have recommended increased attention to human rights in several areas, including Australia's policies with respect to asylum seekers; children's rights and juvenile justice; and LGBTIQ rights and marriage equality.

UNAA Victoria, in partnership with Deakin University School of Humanities and Social Sciences, is proud to present a series of seminars which bring together academic and community experts in constructive dialogue about positive human rights change with respect to these issues. Join us for these seminars to be held at the Deakin City Centre on 28 September and 17 October.

The seminars are free of charge but registration is required.

> ASYLUM SEEKER POLICIES

DATE: Wednesday 28 September, 2016

TIME: 4:00pm - 5:30pm

VENUE: Deakin City Centre, Level 3, 550 Bourke St Melbourne

RSVP: Monday 26 September, 2016

> SAVE THE DATE: CHILDREN'S RIGHTS AND AUSTRALIA'S CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

DATE: Monday 17 October

TIME: 3:30pm for a 4:00pm start - 5:30pm

VENUE: Deakin City Centre, Level 3, 550 Bourke St Melbourne

SPEAKERS: Megan Mitchell National Children's Commissioner
Dr Wendy O'Brien Lecturer, Criminology, Deakin University



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▶ SPEAKERS

▶ ERIKA FELLER

From January 2005 to April 2013 Ms Feller held the post of Assistant High Commissioner {Protection}, one of the four top management positions of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees. A political position within UNHCR and the broader UN system, it carried the United Nations grade Assistant Secretary General. Her professional career has included 14 years and three international postings with the Australian diplomatic service, followed by 26 years of progressively more senior appointments with UNHCR, both in Geneva and the field. As the High Commissioner’s Representative in Malaysia, Singapore and Brunei, she concurrently served as UNHCR’s Regional Coordinator for Status Determination for the Indo-Chinese refugee outflow.



Ms Feller initiated and managed the 2001-2 Global Consultations on International Protection, which generated the Agenda for Protection, an internationally endorsed multi-year “road map” for global refugee protection. Her accountabilities have ranged from running refugee camps to undertaking many protection advocacy, negotiation and oversight missions to major refugee emergencies. As Assistant High Commissioner, Ms Feller exercised oversight of the performance by UNHCR of its core protection responsibilities world-wide, in the some 127 countries where the office is represented. Ms Feller retired from UNHCR in April 2013. She is a Fellow of the Australian Institute of International Affairs and in July 2014 she took up her appointment as Vice Chancellor’s Fellow at the University of Melbourne. She was recently awarded the 2015 Arts Alumni Award for Leadership.



▶ DR AMY NETHERY

Amy is Lecturer in Politics and Policy Studies at Deakin University. Her research addresses the challenge for Australia and Asia of developing effective and humane asylum policy. In 2015 she was awarded the Boyer Prize for the article ‘Australia-Indonesia Cooperation on Asylum Policy’ (Australian Journal of International Affairs), judged to have the potential for a lasting contribution to the field. Recent publications include Immigration Detention: The Migration of a Policy and its Human Impact (with SJ Silverman, Routledge 2015). On Australian asylum policy, her doctoral thesis entitled Immigration Detention in Australia won the Isi Leibler Prize in 2011.



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