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Associate Professor Rosemary Langford, The University of Melbourne  
Michael Ryland, Centre for Social Finance Law  
Trevor Danos AM, Advisor  
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Panel: The Hon Justice SC Derrington, ALRC  
Professor Peter Greste, Alliance for Journalists' Freedom  
Jacinta Carroll, Australian National University  
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# THE FUTURE OF LAW REFORM - DEFAMATION

MONDAY 27 JULY 2020  
1.00pm - 2.00pm AEST

Join an expert panel comprising thought leaders on defamation law addressing questions such as: Should defamation law reform be a priority? What are the particular problems that any future defamation law reform inquiry should seek to solve? What benefits might be expected from reform of defamation law?

**WELCOME:** Professor Simon Bronitt, Head of School and Dean, The University of Sydney Law School

## PANEL:



**The Hon Justice SC Derrington**  
*Australian Law Reform Commission*

The Honourable Justice Sarah Derrington was appointed President of the Australian Law Reform Commission and a Judge of the Federal Court of Australia from 10 January 2018. Prior to her appointment, Justice Derrington was the Dean of Law at the University of Queensland and a barrister specialising in maritime and shipping law, general commercial law and arbitration.

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**Professor David Rolph**  
*The University of Sydney*

David is a Professor at the University of Sydney Law School, specialising in media law. He is the author of *Reputation, Celebrity and Defamation Law* (Ashgate, 2008) and *Defamation Law* (1st ed., Thomson Reuters, 2016) and the editor of *Landmark Cases in Defamation Law* (Hart Publishing, 2019), as well as many book chapters and journal articles, on all aspects of media law. From 2007 to 2013, David was the editor of the *Sydney Law Review*, one of Australia's leading law journals. Since 2015, he has been an assistant editor of the *New South Wales Law Reports*. He currently serves on the editorial boards of the *Media and Arts Law Review*, the *Communications Law Bulletin*, *Communications Law* and the *International*

*Journal of the Semiotics of Law*. David is also a regular columnist for the *Gazette of Law and Journalism* and a frequent media commentary on a range of media law issues. He is a member of the Australian Academy of Law.



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**Judge Judith Gibson**  
*District Court of New South Wales*

Judge Gibson, who has been Bulletin Author for Australian Defamation Law and Practice since 1993, was appointed Judge of the District Court of NSW in 2001. She has written a number of seminar papers and articles on defamation law issues, most recently for the *Media and Arts Law Review* (J C Gibson "Adapting defamation law reform to online publication" (2018) 22(2) *MALR* 119). She has written articles on social media and online publications, most recently for the *International Journal for Court Administration* ("Social Media and the Electronic "New World" of Judges" (2016) 7 *IAWJ* 1). Her other judicial activities include being a member of the Costs Assessor Rules Committee ("CARC") set up under the Legal Profession Uniform Law 2014 (NSW).



**Bruce McClintock, Senior Counsel**  
*NSW Bar*

Bruce was called to the Bar in 1983 after practising as a solicitor in Sydney and an attorney in New York. He was appointed Senior Counsel in 1996. Bruce conducts cases in, and advises on, the areas of media and defamation law, commercial and corporate law, competition and consumer law, equity and trusts, and environmental law. Bruce graduated from the Australian National University in 1975 (BA, LLB(Hons)) and Columbia University in 1978 (LLM).



**Georgia-Kate Schubert**  
*Australia's Right to Know Coalition*

Georgia-Kate was appointed Head of Policy and Government Affairs at News Corp Australia in 2012. She is responsible for policy issues and government affairs for News Corp Australia and its assets across Federal and State jurisdictions.

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# AUTOMATED DECISION MAKING AND ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

MONDAY 10 AUGUST 2020  
1.00pm - 2.00pm AEST

Join an expert panel comprising thought leaders on automated decision making and administrative law addressing questions such as: Should administrative law reform be a priority in light of increasing automation in decision making by government agencies? What are the particular problems that any future law reform inquiry should seek to solve? What benefits might be expected from reform?

**WELCOME:** Professor Dan Hunter, Executive Dean, Queensland University of Technology (QUT) Law Faculty

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**Professor Dan Hunter**  
*ARC Centre of Excellence for Automated Decision-Making and Society*

Dan is the Executive Dean of the Faculty of Law, Queensland University of Technology (QUT), and was previously the Founding Dean of Swinburne Law School. He is an international expert in internet and intellectual property law, in artificial intelligence and cognitive science models of law, and in legaltech and legal innovation. He holds a PhD from Cambridge on the nature of legal reasoning, as well as computer science and law degrees from Monash University, and a Master of Laws by research from the University of Melbourne.

He is a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Law, and a chief investigator in the \$71M ARC Centre of Excellence for Automated Decision-Making and Society. He also founded the Future

Law Podcast (<http://thefuturelawpodcast.com>), which talks about how law is changing during this time of massive disruption.



**Professor Marek Kowalkiewicz**  
*QUT Business School*

Marek is an academic and industry leader with extensive experience in conducting academically sound research, co-innovating with industry and university partners, and delivering innovative products to the market. Currently, as founding director of Centre for the Digital Economy, he leads QUT's research agenda to inform and influence a robust digital economy in Australia. Marek manages a contemporary research portfolio and converts industry driven opportunities into research outcomes of global relevance. He is an invited government expert, university lecturer and project lead, as well as an inventor and author.

Marek is recognised as a top quality manager and excellent public speaker and has an interest in working with stakeholders in developing innovative ideas, ground-breaking business applications and high-impact new technologies.



**Anna Huggins**  
*QUT LAW*

Anna joined the Law School as a Senior Lecturer in 2015, and is the Director of Undergraduate Programs (Curriculum). Her primary research interests lie in the areas of regulation and compliance. Her current projects explore compliance with national and international environmental laws, and digital, automated and data-driven regulation. Anna's book, *Multilateral Environmental Agreements and Compliance: The Benefits of Administrative Procedures*, was published by Routledge in 2018.

Anna holds a PhD from UNSW Law, for which she received a 2015 PhD Excellence Award.

She also has a Master of Laws (Research) degree from QUT, and a Bachelor of International Studies/Bachelor of Laws (Hons) degree from UNSW. Anna is an Assistant Editor of *Transnational Environmental Law*, a peer-reviewed journal published by Cambridge University Press. She is a member of QUT Law's Ecological Justice and Digital Social Contract research groups, and an affiliate member of QUT's Digital Media Research Centre.



**Lisa Keeling**  
*Services Australia*

Lisa is the Acting Chief Counsel at Services Australia, following a series of leadership roles in the Australian Government. She is the Chair of the Board of Directors for Hartley Lifecare. Lisa graduated from the Australian National University with a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) (Hons) and Bachelor of Arts (BA) in Political Science and Government. Her postgraduate studies include a Master of Taxation at the University of New South Wales and a Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice at the Australian National University.



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## REFORM OF LEGAL STRUCTURES FOR SOCIAL ENTERPRISES

MONDAY 17 AUGUST 2020  
1.00pm - 2.00pm AEST

Social enterprises are businesses that seek to make a profit while also pursuing social and/or environmental goals. Join an expert panel comprising thought leaders on social enterprise addressing questions such as: Should an inquiry into legal structures for social enterprises be a priority? What are the particular problems that any future law reform inquiry should seek to solve? What benefits might be expected from any future reform?

**WELCOME:** Professor Pip Nicholson, Dean of Law, The University of Melbourne Law School

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**Professor Matthew Harding**  
*The University of Melbourne*

Matthew is a professor of law and Deputy Dean at the Melbourne Law School. He has published widely on issues in moral and political philosophy, the theory and doctrines of equity, property law, judicial practice and precedent, and the law of charity. He is the author of *Charity Law and the Liberal State* (Cambridge University Press, 2014), the editor of *Research Handbook on Not-for-Profit Law* (Edward Elgar 2018), and the co-editor (with Professor Paul Miller) of *Fiduciaries and Trust: Ethics, Politics, Economics, and Law* (Cambridge University Press 2020), (with Professor Elise Bant) of *Exploring Private Law* (Cambridge University Press, 2010), and (with Professors Ann O'Connell and Miranda Stewart)

of *Not-for-Profit Law: Theoretical and Comparative Perspectives* (Cambridge University Press, 2014). From 2012-2017 he was the Co-Director (with Professor Elise Bant) of the Melbourne Law School's Obligations Group. He is currently an editor of the *Journal of Equity*, the Chair of the Charity Law Association of Australia and New Zealand, and a member of the Law Council of Australia's Charities Committee. Matthew has been a visiting scholar at the University of Toronto, Queen's University Belfast, the University of Otago, and the University of the Western Cape. In 2020 he was the Kwa Geok Choo Distinguished Visitor at the National University of Singapore.

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## Associate Professor Rosemary Langford

*The University of Melbourne*

Dr Rosemary Teele Langford is an Associate Professor with the Melbourne Law School, University of Melbourne, where she is currently conducting a three-year project on governance and regulation of charities funded by an Australian Research Council grant.

Rosemary has published and presented nationally and internationally on the topic of directors' duties and on other aspects of corporate law. Her publications include *Directors' Duties: Principles and Application* (Federation Press, 2014) and *Company Directors' Duties and Conflicts of Interest* (Oxford University Press, 2019). Two of her upcoming articles (to be published in the September 2020 issue of the *University of New South Wales Law Journal*) critically analyse issues concerning purpose-based entities such as social enterprises. Rosemary edits the *Directors' Duties* section of the *Company & Securities Law Journal* and is an active member of the Corporations Committee of the Business Law Section of the Law Council of Australia, the Not for Profit Law Committee of the Law Council of Australia and the AICD Law Committee. Prior to entering academia Rosemary practised with Allens Arthur Robinson (now Allens Linklaters).



## Michael Ryland

*Centre for Social Finance Law*

Michael is the principal and founding director of the Centre for Social Finance Law and a consultant at Ashurst where he leads the firm's impact investment practice. He has over 35 years of broad ranging experience in corporate finance, investment funds and commercial law, including 20 years as a partner at global law firms. He has worked in Australia, Japan and Indonesia, and has spent two years as a full time Commissioner of the Australian Law Reform Commission.

Michael has particular experience in the law relating to social investment, working with a range of for-purpose and for-profit clients on social impact projects, both domestic and cross-border. This has included work on social investment fund structures, social impact bonds and other financial instruments, social infrastructure projects, social and affordable housing, disability services and accommodation, and community initiatives and projects.



## Trevor Danos AM

*Advisor*

Trevor is a lawyer, company director and a strategic advisor. He chairs Northern Sydney Local Health District and the NSW Treasury Social Investment Expert Advisory Group. He is a board member of Endeavour Energy, NSW Circular and Summer Housing. Trevor worked with the Council of Australian Governments on the design of the national regulatory system for the reform of the community housing sector. He advised the NSW and Queensland governments on their social benefit bond programs and advised the Commonwealth government on the establishment of the National Housing Finance and Investment Corporation.



## Andrew Davies

*B Lab*

Andrew joined B Lab as CEO after a career spanning commercial law practice and executive management roles, and most recently running a family office and his own businesses in the finance and recreation industries. Andrew is passionate about the role business can and should have in improving the world, contributing positively to change, and enriching the lives of everyone in our community. B Lab is a nonprofit that serves a global movement of people using business as a force for good. B Lab's initiatives include B Corp Certification, administration of the B Impact Management programs and software, the SDG Action Manager and advocacy for governance structures like the benefit corporation.



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## LAW REFORM RELATING TO PRESS FREEDOM

MONDAY 24 AUGUST 2020

1.00pm - 2.00pm AEST



Join an expert panel comprising thought leaders on press freedom and national security addressing questions such as: Should an inquiry into press freedom be a priority? What are the particular problems that any future law reform inquiry should seek to solve? What benefits might be expected from any future reform?

**WELCOME:** Professor Patrick Parkinson AM, Academic Dean and Head of School, TC Beirne School of Law, The University of Queensland

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**Professor Peter Greste**  
*Alliance for Journalists' Freedom*

Peter is an award-winning foreign correspondent who spent 25 years working for the BBC, Reuters and Al Jazeera in some of the world's most volatile places. From Afghanistan, to Latin American, Africa and the Middle East, he reported from the frontlines and beyond, although he is best known for becoming a headline himself, when he and two of his colleagues were arrested in Cairo while working for Al Jazeera, and charged with terrorism offences. In letters smuggled from prison, he described the arrests as an attack on media freedom. The letters helped launch a global campaign that eventually got them released after more than 400 days in prison. He has since become a vocal campaigner and advocate for media freedom – a

stance that has earned him awards from Britain's Royal Television Society, the Walkley Foundation, the RSL's ANZAC Peace Prize, the Australian Human Rights Commission's Human Rights Medal, and the International Association of Press Clubs' Freedom of Speech Award. He has written about his experiences in Egypt and what he regards as the global war on journalism in a book, *The First Casualty*.

### Jacinta Carroll

*Australian National University*

Jacinta joined the National Security College as the Director, National Security Policy, in August 2017. Previously, Jacinta was the inaugural Head of ASPI's Counter Terrorism Policy Centre, a position she held since August 2015. Jacinta joined ASPI from the Australian Government where she had held a variety of Senior Executive appointments, and worked in the Department of Defence and the Attorney-General's Department. Her career experience includes working on national security, counter-terrorism, strategic policy, border security, military operations, campaign planning and scenario development, information management, and international policy with a particular focus on the Middle East and Afghanistan; she has served in Iraq. Jacinta is a graduate of the Australian National University, has post-graduate qualifications in management from Flinders University, and holds Masters degrees from the University of Sydney and Deakin University. Her Masters theses examined United Nations Peacekeeping, and Asia-Pacific Regional Security.



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### Dr Rebecca Ananian-Welsh

*The University of Queensland*

Rebecca is a constitutional law scholar and Senior Lecturer at UQ Law with combined expertise in national security law, courts and press freedom. She has published widely in these fields, including two edited collections and articles in leading academic journals. In 2019, Rebecca's research in counter-terrorism law, fair trial rights and press freedom was recognised in the Academy of Social Sciences in Australia's Paul Bourke Award for Early Career Research and a UQ Faculty of Business, Economics and Law Research Award. Her book 'The Tim Carmody Affair: Australia's Greatest Judicial Crisis' (co-authored with Gabrielle Appleby and Andrew Lynch), was shortlisted for a 2017 Queensland Literary Award. Before commencing her academic career, Rebecca held positions with DLA Piper Sydney and the Federal Attorney-General's Department Canberra. Her current research combines legal and empirical approaches to examine the impact of national security law on press freedom.



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