CONSTITUTIONAL LAW 2015
Conference and Dinner
Friday, 13 February
Domain Theatre
Art Gallery of New South Wales
Followed by Dinner at New South Wales Parliament House

INVITATION

I invite you to register for a major conference on constitutional law to be held in Sydney on Friday 13 February 2015 at the Art Gallery of New South Wales. The conference dinner will be held at New South Wales Parliament House and will be hosted by Mr Greg Smith SC MP. Participants at this event will be updated on recent important developments in the High Court, Federal Court and State Courts and will gain an understanding of the issues that will emerge in 2015 and beyond. The conference will be addressed by leading practitioners, academics and judges.

This event has been organised by the Gilbert + Tobin Centre of Public Law at the Faculty of Law, University of New South Wales, with the support of the Australian Association of Constitutional Law.

For more information on the Centre and about this event see www.gtcentre.unsw.edu.au.

I hope to see you in Sydney on Friday 13 February 2015.

Associate Professor Sean Brennan
Director, Gilbert + Tobin Centre of Public Law

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**PROGRAM**

**FRIDAY 13 FEBRUARY 2015**

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8.30 am  
Registration and coffee

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9.00 am  
**Session One:** The Courts on Constitutional Law: The 2014 Term  
Speakers:  
Professor Rosalind Dixon, UNSW  
The High Court on Constitutional Law: The 2014 Term  
The Hon Justice John Basten, Judge of Appeal, NSW Supreme Court  
The Federal and State Courts on Constitutional Law: The 2014 Term  
Professor George Williams AO, UNSW  
Statistics on the 2014 High Court Term  
Chair:  
Associate Professor Sean Brennan, UNSW

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10.45 am  
Morning tea

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11.15 am  
**Session Two:** Recent Cases: Federal  
Speakers:  
Associate Professor Kristen Walker SC, University of Melbourne and Victorian Bar  
CPFC v Minister for Immigration and Border Protection  
Dr Brendan Lim, NSW Bar  
Australian Communications and Media Authority v Today FM  
Professor Andrew Lynch, UNSW  
Williams v Commonwealth (No 2)  
Chair:  
The Hon Chief Justice Helen Murrell, Supreme Court of the ACT

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12.45 pm  
Lunch

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1.45 pm  
**Session Three:** Recent Cases: State and Territory  
Speakers:  
Ms Naomi Sharp, NSW Bar  
Tajjour v New South Wales  
Mr Andrew Buckland, Australian Government Solicitor  
Attorney-General (NT) v Emmerson  
Dr Rebecca Ananian-Welsh, University of Queensland  
Kuczberski v Queensland  
Chair:  
Mr Grant Donaldson SC, Solicitor General for Western Australia

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3.15 pm  
Afternoon tea

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3.45 pm  
**Session Four:** A Federal ICAC: would a general anti-corruption commission improve on existing constitutional mechanisms?  
Panel:  
Professor Nicholas Aroney, University of Queensland  
The Hon Melissa Parke MP, Ex-Chair, Joint Committee on ACLEI  
Mr Chris Merritt, Legal Affairs Editor, The Australian  
Mr Ian Temby AO QC, NSW Bar  
Moderator:  
Mr Damien Carrick, ABC Radio National

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5.00 pm  
Conference close

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5.15pm  
Book Launch by the Hon Chief Justice Robert French AC,  
The High Court, the Constitution and Australian Politics edited by Rosalind Dixon and George Williams (Cambridge University Press, 2015)

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7.00 pm  
DINNER  
Strangers Dining Room, New South Wales Parliament House  
Macquarie Street, Sydney  
Hosted by Mr Greg Smith SC MP  
Speaker:  
The Hon Marilyn Warren AC, Chief Justice of Victoria

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**2015 Constitutional Law Conference & Dinner Registration Details**  
ABN 57 195 873 179

**REGISTRATION FEES**  
Conference and dinner: $559  
Conference only: $449  
Dinner only: $110

Registration and payment are available online at: www.gtcentre.unsw.edu.au

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Payment forms accepted: Visa, Mastercard or cheque  
Payment instructions available online  
Registration closes 6 February 2015  
No refunds can be issued for cancellations after 6 February 2015

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