National elections will be held in Myanmar in late 2015. You are invited to attend an evening panel discussion on what lies ahead for the law reform process in Myanmar. This event is co-hosted by the Gilbert + Tobin Centre of Public Law and the Australian-Myanmar Constitutional Democracy Project. It builds on legal education and constitutional law initiatives already established by several UNSW Law School faculty members who engage with Myanmar.

The speakers are all contributors to a recently published book ‘Law, Society and Transition in Myanmar’ (Hart Publishing, 2014), the first book to explore the dynamics of Myanmar’s legal reform process in their social, historical and political context. The panel will be chaired by the book’s co-editor, Professor Tim Lindsey of the University of Melbourne, and will include presentations by the other co-editor, Dr Melissa Crouch of UNSW; and contributors Associate Professor Sean Turnell of the Economics Faculty at Macquarie University, Dr Catherine Renshaw of the Law Faculty at UWS, and Melinda Tun of Baker & McKenzie, Sydney. They will address contemporary issues in constitutional reform, economic reform, corporate law reform and Myanmar’s role in regional networks.

Professor David Dixon, Dean of UNSW Law, will launch the book after the panel discussion. A drinks reception will follow.

The event is free but registration by Thursday 26 March is essential. Registration can be completed online at: http://myanmar-beyond2015.eventbrite.com.au

Registration inquiries should be addressed to Belinda McDonald, Administrator at the Gilbert + Tobin Centre of Public Law on 02 9385 2257 or gtcentre@unsw.edu.au
PROFILE OF SPEAKERS

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Professor Tim Lindsey is Malcolm Smith Professor of Asian Law and Director of the Centre for Indonesian Law, Islam and Society at the Melbourne Law School. He is the Chair of the Australia Indonesia Institute and a member of the Victorian Bar. In addition to Law, Society and Transition in Myanmar, his publications include Islam, Law and the State in Southeast Asia; Indonesia: Law and Society; Law Reform in Developing Countries; and The Indonesian Constitution: A Contextual Analysis.

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Ms Melinda Tun is an Australian lawyer of Burmese origin who has practised corporate law for over six years at international firm Baker & McKenzie in Sydney, Hong Kong and Singapore. She is an expert on company law in Myanmar, and has been a legal advisor at the Centre for Economic and Social Development of the Myanmar Development Resource Institute, and at the Directorate for Investment and Company Administration (DICA).

Associate Professor Sean Turnell is based at the Economics Faculty at Macquarie University in Sydney. Sean has been an advisor and consultant to a number of government departments, multilateral agencies, and INGOs. He is the author of Fiery Dragons: Banks, Moneylenders and Microfinance in Burma, and a regular commentator on the economy of Myanmar.