We are delighted to announce the second Public Law in the Classroom workshop. We were very pleased with the reception that the inaugural workshop received, and are looking forward to welcoming back teachers of Australian public law in 2016. Registrations are now open and the event is free, with lunch and afternoon tea provided.

The day will be presented in three sessions, with plenty of time for discussion and sharing of practice in each. The first session will ponder the question of the place of politics in the teaching of public law: what are our responsibilities as teachers, in providing students with a range of perspectives, and in encouraging them to develop their own critical positions? The second session will look at tools and techniques in the public law classroom, and offer people presenting posters an additional opportunity to introduce themselves and their projects to the workshop. The final session will be a discussion on using theory in the teaching of critical thinking in constitutional law, and how the practice of ‘rereading’ judgments, first seen in the Feminist Judgments Project, can introduce students to the theory and application of critical perspectives in constitutional interpretation.

We have attached below a Call for Abstracts for Poster Presentations. Remember, this year posters may also be selected for presentation during the second session.

If you are thinking of joining us for the workshop, please note that it takes place immediately before another important event on the public law calendar – the 2016 Constitutional Law Conference and Dinner, hosted by the Gilbert + Tobin Centre of Public Law at the Art Gallery of New South Wales and Parliament House.

And if you missed last year’s Public Law in the Classroom event, the papers from that workshop are being published in a special edition of the Legal Education Review (volume 25).

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CALL FOR ABSTRACTS FOR POSTER PRESENTATIONS

Abstracts are invited from tertiary teachers of public law for the poster session at the 2016 Public Law in the Classroom workshop. The posters were a dynamic aspect of the 2015 workshop. In 2016, as well as displaying the posters throughout the day with an extended afternoon tea break for discussion, we will ask a number of poster presenters to introduce themselves and their projects in the second session, ‘Tools and Techniques’.

Poster presentations are well suited for reporting on experimentation with new teaching methods, techniques and technologies; research work in progress on public law teaching; and preliminary results. Please submit abstracts by Monday 16 November 2015 to Belinda McDonald (gtcentre@unsw.edu.au). The workshop organisers will advise on successful submissions by 30 November. PDFs of posters will be required by 2 February 2016 to be made available on the event website.

Further information on the poster session, together with copies of the posters from the 2015 workshop, can be found at www.gtcentre.unsw.edu.au/events/public-law-classroom-workshop-2016

PROGRAM

11.00am Welcome, Acknowledgment of Country and Introduction
Associate Professor Gabrielle Appleby, UNSW
Associate Professor Alex Reilly, University of Adelaide

11.10am Session 1: The Politics of Teaching Public Law
Keynote: Associate Professor Dan Meagher, Deakin University
Panel: Professor Megan Davis, UNSW; Professor Kath Gelber, University of Queensland; Emeritus Professor John McMillan AO, NSW Ombudsman; Associate Professor Matthew Zagor, ANU

12.30pm Lunch

1.15pm Session 2: Tools and Techniques
Multiple, short presentations from the poster session

2.15pm Poster Session and Afternoon Tea

3.00pm Session 3: Critical Thinking through Theory and Rereading
Associate Professor Gabrielle Appleby and Professor Rosalind Dixon, UNSW
Presentations from Constitutional Critical Thinking: Re-Reading Monis v The Queen (forthcoming, Federation Press)

4.00pm Workshop Close
Associate Professor Sean Brennan, Director, Gilbert + Tobin Centre, UNSW

REGISTRATION

Registration is free and available online at www.eventbrite.com.au/e/public-law-in-the-classroom-workshop-2016-tickets-18527609579
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