



## 2025 CONSTITUTIONAL LAW CONFERENCE PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY 7 FEBRUARY 2025

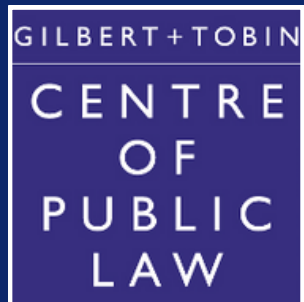
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We invite you to register for the 2025 Constitutional Law Conference, held in a hybrid format on Friday 7 February 2025 and organised by the Gilbert + Tobin Centre of Public Law at the Faculty of Law and Justice, UNSW, with the support of the Australian Association of Constitutional Law and Federation Press.

The conference will feature discussions of important developments in the High Court, Federal Court and state courts and provide an overview of the key public law debates in 2024. The conference will include papers on the constitutional separation of powers, migration, native title, and the role of government lawyers in Australian public law, among other topics.

The conference will be held in hybrid format, with attendees able to register in person (100 pax capacity) or online via Zoom. The in-person element of the conference will be held at the offices of Gilbert + Tobin in Barangaroo, Sydney. There will be multiple opportunities for informal interaction throughout the day. A cocktail party will be hosted for those attending in person at Gilbert + Tobin. Zoom details will be forwarded to online attendees closer to the date.

*Professor Rosalind Dixon*  
Director Gilbert + Tobin Centre of Public Law



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8.45am	ZOOM LINK OPEN	
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9.00am	WELCOME & WELCOME TO COUNTRY	
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9.15am	<b>SESSION ONE</b> <b>The High Court on Constitutional Law in the 2024 Term</b>	Dr Anne Carter, University of Adelaide – <i>The Constitution and the 2024 Term</i>  Commentator: Mr Daniel Reynolds, NSW Bar  Chair: Justice Robert Beech-Jones, High Court of Australia
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10.30am	MORNING TEA BREAK	
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11.00am	<b>SESSION TWO</b> <b>The State and Federal Courts on Constitutional Law in the 2024 Term</b>	Justice Angus Stewart, Federal Court of Australia  Chair: Dr Elisabeth Perham, UNSW
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12.15pm	LUNCH BREAK	
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12.45pm	<b>SESSION THREE</b> <b>Commonwealth Liability, Judicial Immunity, Parliamentary Privilege</b>	Ms Kateena O’Gorman SC, Victorian Bar – <i>Yunupingu v The Commonwealth</i>  Mr Derek Wong, NSW Bar – <i>Vasta &amp; Judicial Immunity</i>  A/Professor Ryan Goss, ANU – <i>Casimaty &amp; Parliamentary Privilege</i>  Chair: A/Professor Sean Brennan, UNSW
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2.15pm	COFFEE/STRETCHING BREAK	
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2.30pm	<b>SESSION FOUR</b> <b>Chapter III, the Executive and the Constitution</b>	Dr Lynsey Blayden, University of Sydney – <i>ASF17 v Commonwealth</i>  Justice James Stellios, Federal Court of Australia – <i>YBFZ v Commonwealth</i>  Chair: Justice Kristina Stern, NSW Court of Appeal
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3.30pm	AFTERNOON TEA BREAK AND HIGH COURT TRIVIA!	
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4.00pm	<b>SESSION FIVE</b> <b>The Role of Government Lawyers (in the 2024 Term)</b>	Professor Gabrielle Appleby, UNSW  Mr Andrew Buckland, Australian Government Solicitor  Mr Mike Wait SC, Solicitor-General of South Australia  Chair: Professor Rosalind Dixon, UNSW
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5.30pm	CONFERENCE CLOSE	
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5.30pm - 6.30pm	CONFERENCE DRINKS	
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### COST AND REGISTRATION

IN-PERSON - Full conference: \$275 (100-person capacity; first come, first served)  
ONLINE - Full conference: \$220 | Individual sessions: \$55 each | Organisation ticket: \$1100

Academics will receive a 50% discount when using code ACADEMIC50 at checkout. If you are experiencing financial hardship and are unable to purchase a ticket please contact

[gtcentre@unsw.edu.au](mailto:gtcentre@unsw.edu.au)

### MORE INFORMATION

For more information head to the registration page:

<https://conlawconference2025.eventbrite.com.au>

Alternatively, check out the Gilbert + Tobin Centre of Public Law website:

<http://www.gtcentre.unsw.edu.au>