

CONSTITUTIONAL LAW CONFERENCE 2027

PROGRAM

Hosted by the Gilbert + Tobin Centre
of Public Law, with the Australian
Association of Constitutional Law
(AACL) & Federation Press

Friday 5 February
Gilbert + Tobin
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Barangaroo Ave, Sydney





WELCOME

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We invite you to register for the 2027 Constitutional Law Conference, to be held in a hybrid format on Friday 5 February 2027 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 and territory courts and provide an overview of the key public law debates in 2026. The conference will include papers on the implied freedom of political communication, the separation of powers, the intersections between constitutional law and private law remedies, and the implications of Treaty for government legal practice, 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. Drinks will be hosted after the conference for those attending in person at Gilbert + Tobin. Zoom details will be forwarded to online attendees closer to the date.

Professor Janina Boughey
Director, Gilbert + Tobin Centre of Public Law

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8:30am - 8:45am	Arrival
8:45am - 9:00am	Welcome & Welcome to Country
9:00am - 10:15am The High Court on constitutional law in 2026	Professor Adrienne Stone, University of Melbourne Commentator: Kieran Pender, Human Rights Law Centre and ANU Law School Chair: The Hon Justice Robert Beech-Jones, High Court of Australia
10:15am - 10:45am	Morning Tea
10:45am - 11:45am State, Territory and Federal Courts on constitutional law in 2026	The Hon Justice Kristina Stern, NSW Court of Appeal Chair: Professor Rosalind Dixon, UNSW
11:45am - 12:45pm Chapter III	<i>Deripaska</i> - Emma Dunlop, NSW Bar Lim cases: <i>EGH19</i> , <i>TCXM</i> , <i>NAAJA v NT</i> - Lisa De Ferrari SC, Victorian Bar Chair: Professor Janina Boughey, UNSW
12:45pm - 1:30pm	Lunch (and trivia quiz)
1:30pm - 2:30pm Implied Freedom of Political Communication	<i>Hopper</i> - Associate Professor Yee-Fui Ng, Monash University <i>Jarrett</i> - Chris Tran SC, NSW Bar Chair: Celia Winnett, NSW Bar

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2:30pm - 3:30pm Public and Private Law intersections	<i>Binsaris</i> - Tim Goodwin, Victorian Bar <i>Abdel-Hady</i> - Associate Professor Ellen Rock, UNSW Chair: The Hon John Basten AO
3:30pm - 4:00pm	Afternoon Tea
4:00pm - 5.15pm Treaty and government legal practice	Meriki Onus, Co-Chair, First Peoples' Assembly of Victoria Tony McAvoy SC, NSW Bar Professor John Borrows OC FRSC, University of Toronto Chair: Associate Professor Harry Hobbs, UNSW
5:15pm - 5:30pm	Launch: Australian Law Journal, Special Issue on Democratic Resilience
5:30pm - 6:30pm	Drinks
6:30pm	Conference Close

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COST AND REGISTRATION

IN-PERSON - Full conference: \$285 (100-person capacity; first come, first served)

ONLINE - Full conference: \$220 | Individual sessions: \$55 each |

Organisation online ticket: \$1,140

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

MORE INFORMATION

For more information head to the registration page:

[conlawconference2027](https://conlawconference2027.com)

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

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

