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**REFUGEE AND MIGRATION LAW – ADDRESSING  
VULNERABILITIES IN PROCESSES,  
SYSTEMS AND DECISION MAKING**

**A CONFERENCE FOR JUDGES AND DECISION-MAKERS IN PROTECTION AND MIGRATION MATTERS**



**PROGRAMME**

**Conference – Monday 25- Tuesday 26 November 2024**

**Workshop – Wednesday, 27 November 2024**

**Peter McMullin Centre on Statelessness – University of Melbourne Law  
School – 185 Pelham Street Carlton Victoria**



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CONFERENCE DAY 1 – Monday, 25 November 2024

9:00 – 9:30 (30m)	<b>Registration and coffee</b>		
9:30 – 10:45 (1 hr 15m)	<p><b>Session 1 (Chair: Sean Baker, President, IARMJ Asia Pacific)</b>  <b>Opening Ceremony</b></p> <p>Welcome to Country – Professor Michelle Foster, PMCS</p> <p>Chief Justice Debbie Mortimer, Federal Court of Australia – vulnerabilities of unrepresented applicants before the courts</p> <p>Justice Emilios Kyrou, President AAT/ART – the new Tribunal and vulnerable applicants</p> <p>UNHCR</p>		
10:45 – 11:30 (45m)	<b>Conference photo (photographer: TBD) and refreshments</b>		
11:30 – 12:30 (1 hr)	<p><b>Session 2 (Chair: Radha Govil PMCS)</b>  <b>Vulnerability, harm and mental health</b></p> <p>Bernard Sama: Addressing Harm in New Zealand Refugee and Protection Status Determination: A Therapeutic Jurisprudence Lens</p> <p>Frances Simmons and Chantal Bostock: Vulnerability and effect upon review decision making</p>		
12:30 -1:30 (1 hr)	<b>Lunch</b>		
1:30 -2:30 (1 hr)	<p><b>Session 3 (Chair: Justice Kyrou)</b>  <b>Vulnerability in the hearing room</b></p> <p>Upper Tribunal Judge Declan O’Callaghan, UKUT</p>		
2:30 – 3:30 (1 hr)	<b>Session 4 Breakout Sessions</b>		
	<b>Moderator – TBD</b>		
	<b>Statelessness topic session</b>	<b>Vulnerability and judicial resilience</b>	<b>Perspectives of representatives and applicants</b>
		Judge Humphreys FCFA Jade Murphy AAT Martha Roche IPT	Katie Robertson PMCS / TBD
3:30 – 4:00 (30m)	<b>Refreshments</b>		
4:00 – 5:00 (1 hr)	<p><b>Session 5 (Chair:TBD)</b>  <b>Detention</b></p> <p>S Taylor, H Dickinson, G Hoffstaedter, S Verma – Justice, human rights and community protection in the aftermath of indefinite detention: Lessons from Canada, the UK and the EU</p> <p>Yukari Ando, Larissa Wakim, Alison Murphy – Some Developments and Case Studies Concerning Detention</p>		
6:30	<b>Official Conference Dinner – University House Woodward Centre</b>		

**CONFERENCE DAY 2 – Tuesday, 26 November 2024**

7:30 – 8:45 (1 hr 15m)	<b>President’s breakfast (by invitation)</b>		
9:00 – 10:00 (1 hr)	<b>Session 6 (Chair: Judge Martin Treadwell, Chair, IPT)</b> <b>Credibility</b> Professor Hilary Evans Cameron – The PRE Project: Psychology Research Evidence in Refugee Status Decision-making		
10:00 – 11:00 (1 hr)	<b>Session 7 (Chair: Judge Maria J S-J (Joy) Torres, Philippines)</b> <b>Statelessness</b> Professor Michelle Foster and Katie Robertson, PMCS – Understanding Statelessness in Australian Law and Practice UNHCR - TBD		
11:00 – 11:30 (30m)	<b>Refreshments</b>		
11:30 – 12:30 (1 hr)	<b>Session 5 Breakout Sessions</b> <b>Moderator – TBD</b>		
11:30 – 12:30 (1 hr)	<b>Protection of refugees in India</b>  TBD	<b>Gender and SOGI</b>  TBD	<b>Developments in refugee law in Japan</b>  TBD
12:30 – 1:45 (1 hr 15 mins)	<b>Women Judges Lunch / Lunch</b>		
1:45 – 2:45 (1hr)	<b>Session 9 (Chair: former Judge Rolf Driver AO)</b> <b>Foreseeability - imminence</b> Sharelle Aitchison – The Reasonably Foreseeable Future: Refugee Law’s Vulnerability to the Due Diligence Doctrine		
2:45 – 3:15 (30m)	<b>Refreshments</b>		
3:15 – 4:15 (1 hr)	<b>Session 10 (Chairs: Christine Cody and UK Upper Tribunal Judge John Keith)</b> <b>Artificial Intelligence – vulnerabilities and opportunities</b> Dr Sandra Peter - Director of Sydney Executive Plus / Associate Professor, The University of Sydney Professor Kai Riemer - Director of Sydney Executive Plus / Professor of Information Technology and Organisation, The University of Sydney		
4.15-4.45 (30 m)	<b>Drinks and Closing Event</b>		
4.45 – 5.15 (30 m)	<b>Chapter Annual General Meeting</b>		

# CONFERENCE WORKSHOP

## WEDNESDAY 27 NOVEMBER 2024

8:15-8:45	<b>Check-in, early registration, and coffee</b>
8:45 – 9:00 (15 mins)	<b>Welcome and introduction</b> Sean Baker, President, IARMJ Asia Pacific
9:00-11:00 (2 hrs)	<b>Decision writing masterclass</b> Judge Martin Treadwell, Chair IPT
11:00-11:30 (30m)	<b>Morning tea</b>
11:30-1:00 (1 hr, 30 mins)	<b>Credibility masterclass / Questioning technique -- Plain English in hearings</b> Sean Baker, President, IARMJ Asia Pacific
1:00-2:00	<b>Lunch</b>
2:00-3:00 (1 hr)	<b>Domestic violence</b> Adrienne Anderson, AAT
3:00-3:15 (15m)	<b>Afternoon tea</b>
3.15-4.00 (45 mins)	<b>Exclusion</b> Judge Declan O’Callaghan, UK Upper Tribunal
4:00-4:45 (45 mins)	<b>Non state actors as agents of persecution</b> TBD
4:45-5:00 (15 mins)	<b>Q &amp; A (Facilitator: Louise Moor, IPT)</b>
From 5:30pm	<b>Closing Drinks</b>

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