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Dear friends and colleagues,

A quick update on some of the highlights of the 25-26 November 2024 IARMJ Asia Pacific conference in Melbourne:

Prof Hilary Evans Cameron is to speak on credibility and the The PRE Project (Psychological Research Evidence) in refugee status decision-making. The project looks at the degree to which decision-makers rely on assumptions about how humans think and act that are contrary to scientific evidence about human behaviour and cognition.

Upper Tribunal Judge Declan O'Callaghan, from the UK Upper Tribunal will present on the challenges of working with vulnerable claimants in the hearing room. Judge O'Callaghan was a practitioner at the refugee bar for more than 20 years. He worked extensively with community law centres and trained and mentored aspiring barristers in refugee and migration law before being appointed to the Upper Tribunal in 2018. His knowledge and insights from both sides of the bench make him an invaluable speaker on this challenging topic.

Artificial intelligence. The words conjure up either a Terminator apocalypse or a personalised online 'buddy' who writes your decisions for you via a chip in your brain while an automated bartender pours you another martini in exactly the way it knows you like it.... In reality, AI is here to stay and we need to understand how it will help our work and how it might hinder it.

Dr Sandra Peter, Director of Sydney Executive Plus and Associate Professor at the University of Sydney, will present to us on this energising (and daunting, let's admit it) topic.

If you haven't registered yet, there's still time to catch the **earlybird rate of only AU\$295**, which is in place until 31 August 2024. And don't forget the Wednesday Workshops, which promise the chance to hear from, and debate with, some of the finest legal minds around.

Visit us to register at www.iarmj.org. Looking forward to catching up in Melbourne!

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