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Risks vs Rights

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

23-26 OCTOBER, 2008 | **MANLY PACIFIC HOTEL**

ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR ABSTRACTS



The political climate in Australia and in many overseas countries has fostered the erosion of long-established and valued jurisprudential tenets. At the same time, innovative programs such as mental health and other specialist courts are generating optimism. To achieve a balance between an individual's rights and community perspectives of risk, the intersection of psychiatry, psychology and law remains significant. The language of risk assessment and risk management is not only the province of the forensic system but is increasingly applied in civil arenas, such as family relationships, the workplace, immigration and special interventions for minority groups. Systems adopted merely to reduce perceived risks are in urgent need of scrutiny on philosophical, legal and pragmatic grounds. An open debate informed by empirical research can advance evidence-based policies and best practices.

The conference will explore the themes of mental health, risk assessment and management, and the impact of risk management approaches on civil rights. Papers are sought on these and related themes.

Students will be particularly welcome at the congress, with a Student Reception on the Thursday prior to conference at 6 pm.

Stephen Allnutt, Astrid Birgden, Kelly Fishburn, Matt Frize, Jane Goodman-Delahunty, Christopher Lennings, Peter McGhee, Anna Robilliard, Christine Thompson

Tania Evers (Chair) on behalf of the Committee:

Keynote Speakers



Amita Dhanda

Dr Amita Dhanda is Professor of Law at National Academy of Legal Studies and Research (NALSAR) Hyderabad, India where she teaches courses in Legal Theory, Law and Psychology, Comparative Disability Jurisprudence and Law and Poverty. She is a Visiting Fellow at Faculty of Law, University of New South Wales where she has been exploring the intersections between CEDAW and the newly adopted Disability Rights Convention.

Dr Dhanda is an internationally acknowledged expert in mental health law and her book *Legal Order and Mental Disorder* (Sage 2000) examining the legal status of persons living with mental illness is a pioneering study on how Indian laws address human rights of persons living with mental illness.

Her services have been utilised by the Supreme Court of India to investigate and advise on the problem of persons with mental illness being housed in prisons. The Government of India invited her to head a high powered Committee to suggest amendments to the Indian Persons with Disabilities (Equal Opportunity Protection of Rights and Full Participation) Act 1995. More recently she was actively involved in the deliberations of United Nations Ad Hoc Committee which has negotiated the Disability Rights Convention and her research and drafting contribution to the legal capacity of persons with Disabilities was commended.



Mairead Dolan

Mairead Dolan is Professor of Forensic Psychiatry and Neuroscience at the University of Manchester, hoping to take up a similar appointment at Monash University and Forensicare, Melbourne, later in the year. She graduated in medicine from University College Dublin and went to the Manchester University in 1987 to specialise in forensic psychiatry. She held a Wellcome Trust training fellowship between 1993-6 and completed her PhD on serotonergic function in impulsive aggressive personality disordered offenders. She was awarded a NARSAD independent investigator award in 2005 to look at behavioural inhibition and emotional information processing in violent patients with schizophrenia. Professor Dolan's two main themed programmes of research (funded by the Department of Health, MRC and

NARSAD) focus on the neurobiology of antisocial behaviour across the lifespan and on personality disorder and risk assessment in mentally disordered offenders. Professor Dolan has published widely in these fields and has contributed to and co-edited a textbook on adolescent forensic psychiatry (Eds Bailey & Dolan) and the soon to be published *Handbook of Forensic Mental Health* (Eds Soothill, Rogers & Dolan).



Mark Ierace

Mark Ierace SC was admitted to the Bar in 1981. Since then he has practiced in criminal law as a private barrister briefed by the defence or prosecution, a public defender, in-house counsel for the Commonwealth DPP, counsel assisting the Police Integrity Commission and currently as the Senior Public Defender of NSW. He is the author of the text *Intellectual Disability: a Criminal Lawyers Manual* (1989), and was one of the authors of *Drug Law in New South Wales* (2nd Edition).

Mark has a Masters of International Law from Sydney University, and has practised as an international criminal lawyer. Between 2000 and 2004, he was a Senior Trial Attorney for the Office of the Prosecutor in the UN International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia,

based in The Hague, Netherlands. In that role, he led the prosecution team against the Bosnian Serb General (General Galic) who from 1992 perpetrated the Siege of Sarajevo (the state capital of Bosnia) for two years. Over those two years, General Galic, who commanded approximately 18,000 soldiers, gave orders to his sniper, mortar, artillery and tank units to deliberately target civilians, leading to the deaths of over a thousand civilians, and the serious injury of at least 10,000. He was found guilty and sentenced to life imprisonment.



Friedrich Lösel

Professor Friedrich Lösel is Director of the Institute of Criminology at the University of Cambridge and Professor of Psychology at the University of Erlangen-Nuremberg. He was a Professor of Psychology at Bielefeld, Senior Lecturer at Bamberg, and Project Director

in two Advanced Research Centres of the German Research Council. His research topics are juvenile delinquency and violence, offender treatment, football hooliganism, school bullying, psychopathy, resilience, risk assessment, close relationships, family education and programme evaluation. He has published 18 books and over 280 articles and chapters. Currently, he is conducting a longitudinal and prevention study of 700 children and their families. Friedrich Lösel was President of the European Association of Psychology and Law, President of the Criminological Society of the German-Speaking Countries, Chair of the Psychology-Law Division of the German Psychological Society, and Chair of the Psychology Panel of the Violence Commission of the German Government. Currently, he serves on the Steering Committee of the Campbell Crime and Justice Collaboration and as Chair of the Correctional Services Programme Accreditation Panel in England and Wales. He is a Fellow of the Academy of Experimental Criminology and has received various awards, e.g. the Sellin-Glueck Award of the American Society of Criminology, the EAPL Lifetime Award, an honorary Doctor of Science, the German Psychology Prize and the Stockholm Prize in Criminology.



Tony Ward

Tony Ward is Professor of Clinical Psychology and Clinical Director at Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand. He was previously director of the Kia Marama Programme for sexual offenders at Rolleston Prison, Christchurch, New Zealand and has taught

clinical and forensic psychology at Canterbury and Melbourne Universities. His research interests include the offense process, cognition in offenders, ethical issues in forensic practice, models of rehabilitation. He has published over 220 research articles, chapters and books. These include *Theories of Sexual Offending* (2006), *Rehabilitation* (2007), and *Morals, Rights and Practice in the Human Services* (2008).

HOST CITY:

Sydney, Australia

There's no place in the world like Sydney! The gateway city to Australia, life in Sydney revolves around its spectacular harbour, its golden beaches, parklands and national parks. Visitors soon fall in love with the attractions, experiences and atmosphere of this cosmopolitan, stylish city which has a well deserved reputation for being friendly, clean and vibrant. Attractions include world class art galleries, museums, parks, waterways that stretch into all parts of the city, wildlife parks, the majestic sails of the Sydney Opera House, the iconic Sydney Harbour Bridge, luxury cruises, aquariums, beaches, The Royal Botanic Gardens, theatre, entertainment, shopping, culture and sport. Visitors are drawn by the sunny climate, year round outdoor lifestyle, outstanding restaurants and wide range of entertainment choices, from opera to festivals and comedy clubs.

If you've never been to Sydney, don't miss this fantastic opportunity!

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Conference Venue

The Manly Pacific Hotel (www.manlypacificsydney.com.au)

Relax and indulge in the tranquillity of this 4-star ocean front hotel with wonderful views of the rolling Pacific Ocean on one side and the world famous Sydney Harbour on the other. Positioned in a superb location right on the beach, you are close to everything under the sun and situated only 15 exhilarating minutes from Circular Quay and Sydney's central business district. The nearby Manly Corso also has extensive dining and entertainment venues. The hotel features a restaurant, cocktail bar, rooftop swimming pool, gymnasium, sauna and spa.

Social Program

The Congress **Welcome Reception** and **Poster Session** will be held at the Manly Pacific on Friday evening.

The **Congress Dinner** will be held on Saturday night at Sydney's famous and long-established Le Kiosk Restaurant on Shelly Beach.

The Congress will conclude with an optional Yum Cha at the **Manly Phoenix** at 1.30pm on the Sunday.

The cost of the welcome reception and dinner will be included in the full registration fee.

Congress Format

The first afternoon of the Congress will be devoted to workshops; keynote and invited addresses, paper sessions and a poster session will fill the remaining 2.5 days. The Congress finishes with a feature session at the Manly Court House.

It is anticipated that the full registration fee for the Congress will be approximately \$485 for ANZAPPL members and \$355 for full time students.

Invitation to attend

If you are not on the ANZAPPL mailing list and wish to receive the advance program and registration brochure, please email your postal address to:
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FIRST AND FINAL CALL FOR ABSTRACTS. CLOSING DATE FOR RECEIPT OF ABSTRACTS: FRIDAY 16 MAY, 2008

Proposals for papers (30 minutes INCLUDING 10 minutes for discussion), symposia (3-4 related papers), and posters are invited. Possible themes include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Sexual predator legislation and preventative detention
- Indigenous rights
- Mentally disordered offenders
- Intellectual disability and the law
- Mental health legislation
- Children, families and the law
- Violence and risk assessment and management in civil and/or forensic settings
- Psychopathy
- Expert evidence
- Psychiatric / psychological injury
- Euthanasia
- Capacity in decision making
- Legislation governing punishment and detention of forensic patients
- Mental health resources

Please ensure that you comply with the following and forward your abstract(s) no later than **Friday 16 May, 2008**.

Abstract must be:

- typed in Microsoft Word (Arial 11-point)
- no more than 300 words
- submitted by email as an attachment or by post on a CD (faxes will not be accepted)

Abstracts should include:

- Name of congress ("ANZAPPL Congress")
- Title of presentation/poster in Title Case
- Author/s name(s), with name of presenting author underlined
- Authors' organisations
- Main author's address and contact details (postal and email addresses, phone and mobile numbers)
- Preferred format, i.e., paper, poster or symposium
- Days when you would **NOT** be available to present

Please Note:

Presentation of accepted abstracts is contingent on registration for the congress.

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