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## International Association of Refugee Law Judges

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### THE REFUGEE CONVENTION AND BEYOND

International Association of Refugee Law Judges

Australasian Chapter Regional Conference

3 February 2012

Monash University Law Chambers  
555 Lonsdale Street  
Melbourne

#### PROGRAM

- 8:30 Registration and Coffee
- 9:00 Opening and Welcome
- Justice Tony North, Federal Court of Australia**  
Immediate Past President, International Association of Refugee Law Judges
- 9:30 Regional Co-operation Frameworks
- John Menadue AO**, Board Director, Centre for Policy Development and former Secretary of the Department of Immigration
- Rick Towle**, Regional Representative, UNHCR, Regional Office for Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea and the Pacific
- Associate Professor Savriti Taylor**, School of Law, La Trobe University
- Chair:* Charlie Powles, Member, Migration Review Tribunal and Refugee Review Tribunal
- 10:30 Morning tea
- 11:00 **The Hon. Chris Bowen**, Minister for Immigration and Citizenship
- Chair:* Mary Cameron, Member, Migration Review Tribunal and Refugee Review Tribunal
- 11:30 Efficiency and Validity in a High Volume Jurisdiction
- Federal Magistrate Rolf Driver**, Federal Magistrates Court, Vice President, IARLJ
- Linda Kirk**, Senior Member, Migration Review Tribunal and Refugee Review Tribunal
- John Gibson**, President, Refugee Council of Australia
- Dr Irene O'Connell**, Principal Reviewer, Independent Protection Assessment Office
- Chair:* Sue Zelinka, Reviewer, Independent Protection Assessment Office

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- 12:30 Lunch Break
- 1:30 The Convention Ground with the Least Clarity: A Comparative Analysis of Recent Developments in Interpreting 'Membership of a Particular Social Group'
- Associate Professor Michelle Foster**, Faculty of Law, University of Melbourne
- Chair:* Luke Hardy, Reviewer, Independent Protection Assessment Office
- 2:00 Complementary Protection in New Zealand and Australia – A Comparative Perspective
- Martin Treadwell**, Member, Immigration and Protection Tribunal, New Zealand
- Chair:* Louise Nicholls, Senior Reviewer, Independent Protection Assessment Office
- 2:30 Protection of Trafficked Persons in Australia from Refoulement
- Professor Susan Kneebone**, Faculty of Law, Monash University
- Chair:* Paul Fisher, Member, Migration Review Tribunal and Refugee Review Tribunal
- 3:15 Afternoon tea
- 3:45 Using the Michigan Guidelines - A Case Study on the Internal Protection Alternative
- Professor Penelope Mathew**, Research School of Humanities and the Arts, Australian National University
- Chair:* Dr Jennifer Beard, Member, Migration Review Tribunal and Refugee Review Tribunal
- 4:30 Future Directions
- Arja Keski-Nummi**, Centre for Policy Development
- Chair:* Adam Moore, Member, Migration Review Tribunal and Refugee Review Tribunal
- 5:00 Closing remarks
- Federal Magistrate Rolf Driver**, Vice President IARLJ
- 5:30 Drinks
- 7:00 Conference Dinner
- Red Spice Road, 27 McKillop Street, Melbourne

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