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2026 Sydney Centre for International Law “Year in Review” Conference

Program

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[Sydney Law School](#), Law Foyer, Level 2, New Law Building (F10),
Eastern Avenue, Camperdown

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We gather together on the beautiful lands of the Gadi people

9am	<p>Welcome to Country Metropolitan Local Aboriginal Land Council</p> <p>Conference aims & themes Professor Jacqueline Mowbray, Co-Director, Sydney Centre for International Law</p>
9.30am- 11.15am	<p>Keynote and Panel 1: Environment & International Law</p> <p>Chair: Professor Emeritus Ben Boer (<i>Sydney Law School, University of Sydney</i>)</p> <p>Keynote: Responsibility for climate change: From student campaign to the ICJ Belyndar Rikimani (<i>Pacific Islands Students Fighting Climate Change</i>)</p> <p>The International Court of Justice's 2025 Advisory Opinion on Climate Change</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Professor Tim Stephens (<i>Sydney Law School, University of Sydney</i>) <p>The new treaty on People Displaced by Disaster</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Professor Rosemary Lyster (<i>Sydney Law School, University of Sydney</i>) <p>2025 Conference of Parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Associate Professor Ed Couzens (<i>Sydney Law School, University of Sydney</i>)
11.15am- 11.45am	<p>Morning tea</p>
11.45am- 12.45pm	<p>Panel 2: Australia and International Law</p> <p>Chair: Professor Jacqueline Mowbray (<i>Sydney Law School, University of Sydney</i>)</p> <p>Australia & private international law in 2025 The Hon. Associate Justice Joanne Harrison (<i>Supreme Court of New South Wales</i>)</p> <p>Australia's participation in public international law proceedings in 2025</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jesse Clarke (<i>Office of International Law, Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department</i>) <p>Public international law in Australian courts in 2025</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Adj Associate Professor Alison Pert (<i>Sydney Law School, University of Sydney</i>)



<p>12.45pm -1.30pm</p>	<p>Literary lunch Novelist Shankari Chandran in conversation with Dr Tamer Morris (<i>Sydney Law School</i>)</p>
<p>1.30pm- 3pm</p>	<p>Panel 3: Superpowers, Smaller States and International Law: The Changing World Order Chair: Professor Vivienne Bath (<i>Sydney Law School, University of Sydney</i>)</p> <p>USA</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor Fleur Johns (<i>Sydney Law School, University of Sydney</i>) <p>China</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor Bing Ling (<i>Sydney Law School, University of Sydney</i>) <p>European Union</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor Jie (Jeanne) Huang & Professor Luke Nottage (<i>Sydney Law School, University of Sydney</i>) <p>Iran</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Irene Baghoomians (<i>Sydney Law School, University of Sydney</i>) <p>Small states</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor Douglas Guilfoyle (<i>School of Humanities and Social Sciences, UNSW Canberra</i>)
<p>3pm- 3.20pm</p>	<p>Afternoon tea</p>
<p>3.20pm- 4pm</p>	<p>Panel 4: Nuclear in 2025 Chair: Professor Emily Crawford (<i>Sydney Law School, University of Sydney</i>) Professor Gareth Evans (<i>Former Minister for Foreign Affairs of Australia</i>) Honorary Professor Bill Boothby (<i>Visiting Professor, University of Johannesburg</i>)</p>
<p>4pm- 5pm</p>	<p>Panel 5: Israel, Palestine – A long shadow Chair: Professor Chester Brown SC (<i>Sydney Law School, University of Sydney</i>)</p> <p>Australia, International Law and Armed Conflict in 2025</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor Emily Crawford (<i>Sydney Law School, University of Sydney</i>) <p>ICJ update: Advisory Opinion on Policies and Practices of Israel in the Occupied Palestinian Territory; South Africa v Israel; Nicaragua v Germany</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professor Ben Saul (<i>United Nations Special Rapporteur on Human Rights and Counter-terrorism; Challis Chair of International Law, Sydney Law School, University of Sydney</i>) <p>International Criminal Law update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Rosemary Grey (<i>Sydney Law School, University of Sydney</i>)
<p>5pm</p>	<p>Closing words: Professor Jacqueline Mowbray, Co-Director, Sydney Centre for International Law Cocktail Reception outside Law Lounge</p>

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