RUSSLR RESEARCH REPORT 2011
Message from the Director

Welcome to the Research Report covering activities in 2011.

Established in 2007, the University of Adelaide Research Unit for the Study of Society, Law and Religion (RUSSLR) is the first centre or institute in Australia to study the relationship between society, law and religion—putting it at the leading edge in Australia of what is already a major research area worldwide.

RUSSLR's principal objective is to create a space for dialogue on significant issues involving the relationship between society, law and religion in Australia. We seek to foster an environment where divergent views can be expressed with good will and respect in order better to understand the place and role of religion and law in contemporary Australian society.

The work of members of the RUSSLR Research Cluster within the Adelaide Law School represent a diverse range of scholarship covering a wide spectrum of ideas related to the intersection of society, law and religion.

This Report contains the research-related activities of RUSSLR and its Adelaide Law School members during 2011. As you will see from the Report, it was an exciting year, with both RUSSLR and its members making outstanding national and international contributions to the ongoing dialogue surrounding law and religion.

Paul Babie
Director
RUSSLR
I. RUSSLR Activities

A. 2011 Annual RUSSLR Oration

Professor John Witte, Jr., Emory University (USA), RUSSLR 2011 Law and Religion Oration: ‘Rights, Resistance and Revolution Protestant Contributions to Western Rights Talk’, 20 July 2011

B. Speakers

Professor Robert Crotty, Director of ECSA, Book Launch of Bernadette Richards and Vic Pfitzner (eds), Issues at the Borders of Life (ATF Press, 2011), 15 June 2011


C. Honours

Global Network for Public Theology (GNPT), Member Institution (by Election)
II. Research Activities of RUSSLR Members of the Adelaide Law School

A. Books


Bernadette Richards and Vic Pfitzner (eds), *Issues at the Borders of Life* (ATF, 2010)

B. Book Chapters


Cornelia Koch, “Bis hierher sollst du kommen und nicht weiter” - The German Constitutional Court and the Boundaries of the European Integration Process’ in Nicholas Aroney, Gabrielle Appleby, Thomas John (eds), *The Future of Australian Federalism: Comparative and Interdisciplinary Perspectives* (Cambridge University Press, 2012)


Bernadette Richards, ‘Life as Loss?’ in Bernadette Richards and Vic Pfitzner (eds), Issues at the Borders of Life (ATF, 2010)

Bernadette Richards, ‘General Principles of Consent to Medical Treatment’ in Ben Whitte, Fiona McDonald, and Lindy Wilmott (eds), Health Law in Australia (Lawbook Co, 2010)

Bernadette Richards, ‘Organ and Tissue Donation’ in Ben Whitte, Fiona McDonald, and Lindy Wilmott (eds), Health Law in Australia (Lawbook Co, 2010)

C. Articles


Paul Babie, ‘Expanding the Scope of Restorative Justice: Some Thoughts on Private and Public Law’ (2011) 5 International Perspectives in Victimology 72-74


Nigel Wilson, ‘Regulating the Information Age – How will we cope with technological change?’ (2010) 33 Australian Bar Review 119

D. Conference/Seminar Presentations


Paul Babie, ‘Community, Monotheism and the Marketplace’, 7 June 2011, Faculty of Law, University of Windsor, Canada, Faculty Seminar


Peter Burdon, ‘Whose Planet is it Anyway?’, 22 October 2011, Earth Station Festival: The Planet Talks, Belair National Park


Peter Burdon, ’Introduction to Wild Law’, 16 September 2011, Earth Jurisprudence: Building Theory and Practice, Griffith University


Laura Grenfell and Anne Hewitt, ‘Choosing Gender and the Law’, The Fay Gale Centre Conference: Gender/Sexuality: Perspectives on Social Inclusion & Citizenship, 9-11 November 2011, University of Adelaide, Australia

Daniel McLoughlin, “After the Failure of Peoples': Agamben on the Camp, the Nation-State, and Political Nihilism’, Gilbert and Tobin Centre, Public Law and Legal Theory Series, May 2011


Ngaire Naffine, ‘The Duck/Rabbit and the Common Measure’, Staff Seminar Series 2011, UCC Law School (Cork)

Bernadette Richards, Panel Member, Plenary Panel, ‘The Advance Care Directives Draft Framework - Will it meet expectations?’ Australasian Association of Bioethics and Health Law, July 2011


E. Community Service

Paul Babie, Steering Committee, Member, Australian Human Rights Commission, ‘Intersections between Law, Religion and Human Rights Project’
Paul Babie, Chair, Editorial Board (by invitation), *Interface: A Forum for Theology in the World* (Australia)

Paul Babie, Commissioned Book Reviewer (by invitation), *Journal of Law and Religion* (Hamline University Law School, USA)

Paul Babie, Editorial Board (by invitation), *International Perspectives in Victimology* (California State University, Fresno, USA, and Tokiwa International Victimology Institute, Japan)

Paul Babie, *Ethics Series* Editorial Board – Chair (by invitation), ATF Press (Australia)

Paul Babie, Editorial Committee – Member (by invitation), *Australasian Theological Book Reviewer* (Australia)


Anne Hewitt, Member, Editorial Committee, Legal Education Review Committee Member, Law Council of Australia Equalising Opportunities in the Law Committee

Nigel Wilson, attended ‘Digital Divide or Digital Bridge: Can Information Technology Alleviate Poverty?’, University of California Berkeley, School of Information, April 2011

Nigel Wilson, attended ‘Indigenous Technology Design and its Challenges’, Berkman Center for Internet and Society, Harvard University, September 2011

**F. Teaching**

Paul Babie, ‘A Comparison of the Treatment of Religion and Property under the Australian and American Constitutions’ (JD), University of Detroit Mercy School of Law (USA), June 2011

Anne Hewitt, ‘Anti-discrimination and equality law’, Native Title Internship Programme

Daniel McLoughlin, ‘Legal Theory’ (LLB) (two weeks on Schmitt, sovereignty and political theology), Adelaide Law School, 2011

Nigel Wilson, ‘Evidence and Proof in Theory and Practice’ (LLB) (topic on customs, spirituality and religious communications), Adelaide Law School, 2011

Nigel Wilson, ‘Insurance Law’ (LLM) (topics on Takaful (Insurance from an Islamic Perspective) and Insurance Law, Professional Liability Law and Legal Ethics), Adelaide Law School, 2011

Nigel Wilson, ‘Technology, Law and Society’ (LLM) (topics on identity, privacy and data-mining, the law of virtual worlds and social networks), Adelaide Law School, 2011
G. Higher Degrees by Research - Completions


H. Visiting Appointments

Paul Babie, Visiting Professor of Law, University of British Columbia, Faculty of Law (Canada), Winter 2011

Paul Babie, Visiting Professor of Law, University of Detroit Mercy School of Law (USA), Winter 2011

Paul Babie, visiting Professor and Ron W Ianni Scholar in Residence, University of Windsor, Faculty of Law (Canada), Winter 2011

Joshua Neoh, Visiting Scholar and Associate Member of the Senior Common Room, St Benet’s Hall, University of Oxford (UK), Michaelmas Term 2011