



### 1. Recent Publications

**Gill North**, 'Small Amount Credit Contract Reforms in Australia: Household Survey Evidence & Analysis' (2016) 27 *Journal of Banking and Finance Law and Practice* 203.

### 2. Secured Research Grants or Funding

**Christoph Antons** (with Professor Michael Blakeney; Professor Kadambot Siddique; Professor Dr Philippe Cullet; Professor Dr Yunita Triwardani Winarto; Dr Gregory Acciaioli; Dr Jagjit Plahe)

Project Title: Food Security and the Governance of Local Knowledge in India and Indonesia

Project Value: \$257,000 AUD

Funded by: Australian Research Council

Anticipated Completion Date: 2019

Project Description: This project aims to discover how local farming communities' practical knowledge can improve food security. 795 million undernourished people rely on small farmers for food. To protect these farmers from multinational agribusiness and climate change, this project will examine how small farmers turn useful plant material into cultivated crops through plant selection and breeding under conditions of climate change; identify how regulatory structures in India and Indonesia help or hinder this process; and identify opportunities to apply local knowledge and its regulatory framework in Australia. Better understanding local conditions should benefit regulators, NGOs, businesses and aid agencies.

### 3. Other Research Activities

**Roslyn Carnes** presented a paper titled '*A Case for Trauma Informed Lawyers*' at the Annual Indigenous Accounting and Business Conference: Cultural Inclusion in Business, held at Deakin University, Waterfront campus, Geelong on 28-30 October 2016.

**Pompeu Casanovas** hosted a seminar: *Privacy, Security, and Data Protection: The next steps* at the Institute for Law and Technology of the Autonomous University of Barcelona (AUB) on 24 October 2016 to launch the collaborative relationship between the Faculty of Law of the AUB and the Deakin Law School. **Louis de Koker** and **David Watts** (Victorian Commissioner for Privacy and Data Protection and adjunct professor at the DLS) were invited to present papers in conjunction with colleagues from the Institute.

**Louis de Koker** and **David Watts** (Victorian Commissioner for Privacy and Data Protection and adjunct professor at the DLS) participated in the Third GPFi-FSI/BIS Conference on Standard-Setting Bodies and Innovative Financial Inclusion. The closed door conference of senior financial supervisors and policy experts focused on increased collaboration among financial standard-setting bodies in relation to the supervision of Digital Financial Services. The conference, presented by the G20's Global Partnership for Financial Inclusion, the Financial Stability Institute and the Bank for International Settlements, was held in Basel on 26-27 October 2016. The Deakin



academics were invited to lead the discussion on data and data protection in relation to Digital Financial Services.
<b>Gill North:</b> 11 <sup>th</sup> November 2016: Invited Presentation, ' <i>Corporate Reporting and Governance: 'Is the Current Corporate Reporting Model Fit for Modern Society?'</i> ' KPMG Offices, Level 30, 147 Collins Street, Melbourne.
<b>Gill North:</b> 22 <sup>nd</sup> November 2016: Invited Consultation on Financial Advice Reforms in New Zealand: Principal Advisor Financial Markets, Commerce, Consumers & Communications Branch, Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment, New Zealand.
<b>Gill North:</b> 24 <sup>th</sup> -25 <sup>th</sup> November 2016: Presentation & Panel discussion: ' <i>Bank Culture: Future Legal and Practical Challenges</i> ' at the Bank and Financial Services Law Association (BFSLA) Academic Symposium, Sydney.
<b>Gill North:</b> 28th - 1st Dec November 2016: Invited Keynote Speaker: 'Life Cycle Based Sustainability Reporting: Real World Evidence and Future Challenges' - Conference on Life Cycle Management and Reporting for Sustainable Business, Oslo University, Norway.
<b>Oscar Roos</b> article (co-authored with Anita Mackay) titled: ' <i>The Evolutionary Interpretation of Treaties and the Right to Marry: Why Article 23(2) of the ICCPR Should Be Re-Interpreted to Encompass Same-Sex Marriage</i> ' was recently listed on SSRN's Top Ten download list for LSN: Family Law (Sexuality).
DLS PhD Student: <b>Edwin Tongoi</b> was awarded a Data to Decisions CRC scholarship of \$45 000. Edwin's topic is Mobile financial services: ' <i>Regulatory responses in Australia, Kenya and South Africa</i> '. He is undertaking the study under the supervision of <b>Louis de Koker</b> with <b>Jean du Plessis</b> as associate supervisor.
<b>David Watts</b> (Victorian Commissioner for Privacy and Data Protection and adjunct professor at the DLS) delivered a paper on digital education at the <i>38th International Conference of Data Protection and Privacy Commissioners</i> , held from 16-21 October 2016 in Marrakech, Morocco.

#### 4. Law Research Forum Upcoming Seminars

Benjamin Hayward and Neera Bhatia will be meeting in early February 2017 to discuss potential new seminar formats and dates for the upcoming 2017 academic year. If you have any ideas please contact either of us – we would welcome any ideas to re-invigorate the research forum!

#### 5. Upcoming Law School Events

Nil.

#### 6. Other Matters

Nil.



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Kind Regards, Neera Bhatia.