



1. Recent Publications

Mirko Bagaric and **Theo Alexander**, 'The Fallacy Of Punishing Offenders For The Deeds Of Others: An Argument For Abolishing Offence Prevalence as a Sentencing Aggravating Consideration' (2016) 38 (1) *Sydney Law Review* 23-47. [C1]

Mirko Bagaric, **Victoria Lambropoulos** and **Lidia Xynas**, 'The Irrelevance to Sentencing of (Most) Incidental Hardships Suffered by Offenders' (2016) 39 (1) *University of New South Wales Law Journal* 47 - 83. [C1]

Mirko Bagaric and **Sandeep Gopalan**, 'A Sober Assessment Of The Link Between Substance Abuse And Crime - Eliminating Drug and Alcohol Use From The Sentencing Calculus' (2016) 56(2) *Santa Clara Law Review* 243-302. [C1]

2. Secured Research Grants or Funding

Ian Parsons (with **Mirko Bagaric**): Social Cohesion Research Grants Program 2015-16
Project title: 'Social Cohesion, Marginalisation and Violent Extremism in Regional and Rural Victoria. Amount secured': \$65,000 AUD (excl. GST).

Christoph Antons: Deakin University International Research Development Grant for collaboration with researchers at the Centre for Development Research, University of Bonn: Project on 'FAO and UNESCO approaches to agricultural heritage and biodiversity conservation in developing Asia and Africa': \$10,000 AUD.

3. Other Research Activities

Mirko Bagaric presented at the Prison Servicing Conference in ACT on Wednesday 11 May 2016. Topic: *Mitigating the Crime that is The Over-Imprisonment of Women: Why Orange Should not be the New Black.*

Christoph Antons was among a selected group of experts invited to comment on the report on patent policy and the right to science and culture of the UN Special Rapporteur in the field of cultural rights: Statement by Dr. Farida Shaheed. The final report (UN Doc. A/70/279, acknowledging the comments received) can be viewed on the [OHCHR](#).

4. Law Research Forum Upcoming Seminars

Special Event: Associate Professor, Andrew Hutchinson, University of Cape Town. Dr. Hutchinson will present on the topic of: *Decolonising South African Contract Law: An Argument for Synthesis.*

Date: Friday 20th May 2016 at 1-2pm.

Where: Moot Court (EA2.51) AT Burwood; AD2.308 at Waterfront; via Skype for Business from Warnambool; VMP 39325.



5. Upcoming Law School Events

Associate Professor **Tarunabh Khaitan** (Oxford University) will be discussing his new book '*A Theory of Discrimination Law*' (2015, Oxford University Press).

The evening will include a panel of Australian discrimination law scholars, including Professor Beth Gaze (Melbourne University Law School), Dr Colin Campbell (Monash University Law School) and Dr Dominique Allen (Deakin University Law School).

Date: Tuesday 17th May 2016 at 6-8pm:

Where: Deakin Melbourne City Centre, Level 3, 550 Bourke St, Melbourne.

Dress Code: Business Attire. Refreshments will be provided.

Please Note: RSVP's for this event closed 10th May 2016.

6. Other Matters

Associate Dean (Research), Faculty of Business and Law, Professor Ingrid Nielsen has provided the final HERDC 2016 Specifications, following feedback to the Department from HEPs (Higher Education Providers).

Please note the following:

Section 4.5.1:

In 2015, the Department sought feedback from HEPs regarding the treatment of partner income received in addition to schemes listed on the Australian Competitive Grants Register (ACGR). The consultation paper presented two options:

- Option A: Proposed that partner contributions to grants awarded by schemes listed on the ACGR could be reported under Category 1 if those arrangements were identified in the original application.
- Option B: Proposed that partner contributions to grants awarded by schemes listed on the ACGR should be reported in the relevant category.

Feedback was received from 26 HEPs and one peak body. Six respondents preferred option A and 21 preferred option B. Option B ensures that only funds received from funding bodies responsible for administering schemes listed on the ACGR could be reported in Category 1. This supports a 'first principles' view of the purpose of HERDC and its relationship to research block grant funding. This option assists to better align the performance based research block grant funding with the policy intent of the various schemes.

Section 4.5.1 has been amended accordingly, with the revised wording also informed by the sector's feedback.

Kind Regards, Neera Bhatia