

**INTERNATIONAL CHARITY LAW SYMPOSIUM -  
CHARITY LAW & POLICY UNIT, UNIVERSITY OF LIVERPOOL**

11th April 2014

Foresight Centre, University of Liverpool

Registration 9-9.30am

9.30-11am – Thornton Room

- 1) **Context session:** exploring recent international charity law developments, focussing on problems and reforms

Five speakers from five jurisdictions will set the scene by exploring recent charity law developments in their country. They will focus on particular problems experienced and reforms either underway or contemplated.

Australia

- **Dr Fiona Martin: University of New South Wales**

Canada

- **Adam Parachin: Western University**

England and Wales

- **Professor Lizzie Cook: Law Commission**

Ireland

- **Dr Oonagh Breen: University College Dublin**

USA

- **Professor Evelyn Brody: Chicago-Kent College of Law**

BREAK – 11-11.30am

11.30-1pm – The Hub

- 2) **Comparative session:** exploring similarities and differences between common law countries, both in terms of the charity law challenges faced and in terms of national responses to these challenges.

All Symposium participants will join in one of three workshops in which they will explore similarities and differences in their countries, both in terms of the charity law challenges faced and in terms of national responses to these challenges.

The workshop themes will be:

Definition – led by **Professor Matthew Harding, Melbourne Law School**

Regulation – led by **Mr Julian Smith – Charity Law Association**

Taxation – led by **Professor Ann O’Connell, Melbourne Law School**

Each workshop will be led by a participant who will steer the discussion and make a note of the key points raised.

LUNCH 1-2pm

Afternoon 2-3.30pm – Thornton Room

- 3) **Synthesis session:** exploring and evaluating the impact and effectiveness of responses to recent developments, and identifying further opportunities for reform.

Panel session

The third session will be a plenary **Synthesis Session** in which we will explore and evaluate the impact and effectiveness of responses to recent developments, and seek to identify further opportunities for reform. This will be undertaken by way of a panel discussion, which will also allow for feedback of the workshop themes.

**Alison Dunn (Newcastle Law School), Peter Luxton (Cardiff Law School), Sir John Mummery (Retired Court of Appeal judge), Mark Sidel (University of Wisconsin Law School)**

BREAK – 3.30-4pm

4pm-4.30pm

CLOSING SESSION – Thornton Room

In the concluding session, the organisers (**Debra Morris, Warren Barr and Karen Atkinson**) will sum up the day's proceedings. We then plan to write up three papers which summarise the key discussions from the day and these will be focussed around the three workshop themes.

The three themed papers, together with the country reports from the Context Session at the start of the day will then be published in the *Charity Law & Practice Review*.

4.30pm

BOOK LAUNCH AND RECEPTION – The Hub

At the close of the Symposium, there will be a reception to mark the launch of *Not-for-Profit Law Theoretical and Comparative Perspectives* edited by Matthew Harding, Ann O'Connell and Miranda Stewart, all of University of Melbourne. Please do stay and join us to drink a toast to celebrate the forthcoming publication of this important contribution to the field of Charity Law. A number of the contributors to the book, together with two of the editors, will be present. There will also be an opportunity to pre-order the book at a discounted rate.