

Conference: The Politics of Death Penalty Abolition in Australia and Beyond

Thursday 6 May 2021

8.45 am Arrival and registration

9.10 am Welcome: **Associate Professor Mai Sato**, Director, Eleos Justice; Faculty of Law, Monash University

9.15 am Session 1: ***Australia and the death penalty: where are we, where are we going?***
Julian McMahon AC SC, Barrister

09.55 am Session 2: ***Politics and the death penalty in Indonesia: reform as mirage***
Professor Tim Lindsey AO, Redmond Barry Distinguished Professor, Malcolm Smith Professor of Asian Law, Director, Centre for Indonesian Law, Islam and Society, University of Melbourne (*via Zoom*)

10.35 am Morning tea (30 minutes)

11.05 am Session 3: ***The politics of death penalty reform in China's Xi Jinping Era***
Tobias Smith, Wilson China Fellow, Wilson Center (*via Zoom*), **Professor Sue Trevaskes**, School of Humanities, Languages and Social Science, Griffith University, and **Matthew Robertson**, PhD scholar, Australian National University (*via Zoom*).

11.45 Session 4: ***Retention in the Pacific: Papua New Guinea and Tonga***
Associate Professor Daniel Pascoe, City University of Hong Kong (*via Zoom*) and **Dr Andrew Novak**, Assistant Professor, Department of Criminology, Law and Society, George Mason University (*via Zoom*)

12.25 pm Session 5: ***Politics of abolition: international advocacy against the death penalty***
Associate Professor Mai Sato, Director, Eleos Justice; Faculty of Law, Monash University

1.05 Lunch (60 minutes)

2.05 pm Session 6: ***'Upholding the cause of civilization' – the Australian death penalty in war and colonialism***
Professor Mark Finnane, School of Humanities, Languages and Social Science, Griffith University (*via Zoom*)

2.45 pm Session 7: ***Thwarted abolition: New South Wales, 1925***
Professor Carolyn Strange, School of History, Australian National University (*via Zoom*)

3.25 pm Afternoon tea (15 minutes)

3.40 pm Session 8: ***Panel discussion – Implementing Australia's strategy for abolition of the death penalty***
- Chair: **Stephen Keim SC** (President, Capital Punishment Justice Project)
- Panellists:

- o **Mary Ellen Miller**, Assistant Secretary, Human Rights Branch, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
- o **Sara Kowal**, Eleos Justice, Monash Law; Anti-Death Penalty Asia Network
- o **Simone Abel**, CEO, Capital Punishment Justice Project

4.30 pm Closing remarks – **Professor Mark Finnane** and **Professor Sue Trevaskes**