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## **2026 Annual Workshop: 12 and 13 February 2026, Perth, Australia**

Jointly hosted by Curtin University & University of Western Australia

### **International Law Under Pressure: Reform or Reinforcement?**

Agenda (as at 4 February 2026)

#### **DAY ONE**

**THURSDAY, 12 FEBRUARY 2026**

**Curtin University Law School, 57 Murray St, Perth  
Room 208**

12:00pm-12:15pm

Arrival/Registration

12:15pm-12:45pm

Welcome and Dean's address

12:45pm-2:30pm

**Session 1: Law of Armed Conflict**

Chair: *TBC*

Dr Jeong Woo (Jimmy) Kim, Handong International Law School  
(South Korea)

*The Distant Gaze: Drone Warfare, Military Honor, and the Duty  
of Verification*

Dr Yvonne Breitwieser-Faria, Curtin University

*An International Legal Obligation to Safeguard Private Ryan's  
Psychological Wellbeing to Prevent War Crimes*

Cristina Valdés Argüelles, University of Copenhagen (DK)

*Lost in Drafting: Where Victims Stand in the International Law  
on Mercenarism*

	<p>Maria Rabino-Neira, Victoria University of Wellington (NZ) [remote] <i>The Origins of Humanitarian Exemptions to International Sanctions: Legal Evolution and Colonial Inequality at the League of Nations</i></p>
2:30pm-3:00pm	Afternoon Tea
3:00pm-4:45pm	<p><b>Session 2: Global Perspectives</b> Chair: <i>TBC</i></p> <p>Dr Myra Williamson, Auckland University of Technology (NZ) [remote] <i>The use, abuse and need for reform of Article 51</i></p> <p>Dr Linda Mushoriwa, University of the Western Cape (South Africa) [remote] <i>The African Union's Call for a Reformed United Nations Security Council: Opportunities and Challenges for Transformation</i></p> <p>Johan Pahlepi, National University of Singapore (Singapore) <i>The ASEAN Way of Peace-Making</i></p> <p>Dr Anzanilufuno Munyai, University of the Western Cape (South Africa) [remote] <i>Deterioration of Transitional Justice: Corruption, Political Interference and the Decay of International Legal Principles in Post Conflict Sub-Saharan African Societies</i></p>
4:45pm-5:30pm	Break/Overflow time
5:30pm-6:30pm	<p><b>Keynote Lecture: 'A Tale of Two Roosevelts'</b> Welcome: Dr Yvonne Breitwieser-Faria, Curtin University</p> <p>Devika Hovell, Professor of Public International Law at the London School of Economics (UK)</p>
7.15pm	<p>Informal Dinner for Workshop Participants (optional) <i>Location: TBC</i></p>

## DAY TWO

**FRIDAY, 13 FEBRUARY 2026**

**University of Western Australia, Crawley Campus, 35 Stirling Highway, Crawley  
Senate Room**

- 9:30am-10:00am Welcome remarks, Prof Melanie O'Brien, UWA
- 10:00am-11:45am **Session 3: Contemporary Challenges**  
Chair: *TBC*
- Dr Suzanne Varrall, Melbourne University  
*Climate Change, Security Threats and Corporate Accountability*
- Dr Monique Cormier, Monash University  
*Is Article 14 of the IAEA Safeguards Agreement a 'Loophole'?  
Rhetoric, Legality, and the AUKUS Debate*
- Dr Anna-Marie Brennan, Waikato University (NZ)  
*Judicial Enforcement of International Legal Norms in Outer  
Space: The Prospects and Limitations of the International Court  
of Justice and Regional Courts*
- Andrea Furger, Monash University  
*International Crimes Investigations in the Digital Era*
- 11:45am-12:15pm Morning tea and group photo
- 12.15pm-1:00pm **Session 4: Government Lawyers and Practitioners Panel**  
Chair: *TBC*
- Dr Eve Massingham & Natasha Chabbra, Australian Red Cross
- Grace Corbiau, Director, Indo-Pacific Centre for Military Law,  
Australian Department of Defence
- Talia Siataga, Legal Adviser, New Zealand Ministry of Foreign  
Affairs
- 1.00pm-1.10pm UWA Law Review Special Issue briefing, Dr Jessica Kerr, Editor
- 1.10pm-1.20pm Concluding remarks and thanks
- 1.20pm-2.00pm Lunch and end of workshop

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