

THE AUSTRALIA/US
FREE TRADE AGREEMENT

Speakers:

- Stephen Bouwhuis, Attorney-General's Department, Canberra
- Anne Flahvin, Baker & McKenzie
- Andrew L. Stoler, Institute for International Business, Economics and Law, University of Adelaide
- Professor Linda Weiss, University of Sydney

Chair:

Dr Brett Williams, Faculty of Law, University of Sydney

Date/Location:

Wednesday 12 May 2004, 5.00 pm - 7.15 pm

Venue: Faculty of Law, 173 Phillip Street, Sydney

General Convenor:

Professor Donald R. Rothwell

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The Australia/US Free Trade Agreement (FTA) concluded in February 2004 is one of the most significant trade agreements ever proposed for Australia. Not only does it give Australian access to the largest economy in the world, but it also give reciprocal rights of US access, and raises a multitude of issues at the legal, policy and economic level. These include issues relating to agriculture, SPS measures, safeguards, cross-border trade in services, investment, telecommunications, financial services, competition-related matters, government procurement, e-commerce, labour, and the environment.

As Australia and the US prepare for the signing of the FTA in mid-May, this seminar aims to explore a number of legal issues raised by the Agreement, including the processes that may lead to its eventual entry into force. The seminar will draw on a range of speakers to address questions regarding the content of the FTA, its legal and policy implications for Australia, and in particular intellectual property and copyright issues

Mr Stephen Bouwhuis is a Principal Legal Officer with the Office of International Law in the Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department. He was a negotiator of the free trade agreement with the United States and was also a negotiator of the Singapore and Thailand free trade agreements.

Ms Anne Flahvin is a Senior Associate at the Sydney offices of Baker & McKenzie advising on copyright, and in particular copyright issues arising from digital technology and digital amendments to copyright law. She also lectures regularly on copyright and media law. Anne's practice also includes defamation litigation, and pre-publication advice for a range of media and publishing clients, including the Australian Broadcasting Corporation.

Mr Andrew L. Stoler is Executive Director of the Institute for International Business, Economics and Law at the University of Adelaide, an Institute dedicated to giving practical support to those who work in today's global economy. From November 1999-October 2002 he served as Deputy Director-General of the World Trade Organization where he played a central role in supporting the Doha Round of multilateral trade negotiations.

Professor Linda Weiss of the Department of Government and International Relations of the University of Sydney has an international reputation for her work in the comparative and international politics of economic development. A co-founder of *The Australian Interest* public forum dedicated to informed debate on aspects of Australian foreign economic policy, Professor Weiss is a regular contributor to debate on the Australia-US FTA.

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173-175 Phillip Street, Sydney**Cost:** (includes light refreshments)
Full registration: \$120.00 (gst free)
Students(full-time)/unwaged: \$60 (gst free)

This seminar is part of the Continuing Legal Education Program administered by the Faculty of Law at the University of Sydney. Attendance at the seminar will qualify participants for 2 MCLE/CPD units if this particular educational activity is relevant to their immediate or long term needs in relation to their professional development and practice of the law.



This seminar series is an initiative of the Sydney Centre for International and Global Law. Based at the Faculty of Law at the University of Sydney, this Centre was created in 2003 with regional international law as its primary focus. The Centre specialises in teaching and research in international law and on issues pertaining to the global practice of law. The Centre offers advisory and related services to governments in Australia and throughout the Asia Pacific region, as well as to non-governmental organisations and others in the public and private sectors. Through initiatives such as this seminar series, the Centre is working to create links among those involved in the practice of international law throughout Australia. For more information about the Centre, please contact Associate Professor Donald R. Rothwell, Director, Sydney Centre for International and Global Law, Faculty of Law, University of Sydney, 173-175 Phillip Street, Sydney NSW 2000; Tel: (+612) 9351 0308; Fax: (+612) 9351 0200; Email: donr@law.usyd.edu.au.

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Speaker: Stephen Girvin (National University of Singapore)
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The Trials of Saddam Hussein and David Hicks

Date: Monday 7 June 2004, 5.30 - 7.00 pm
Chair: Donald Rothwell
Speaker: Professor Ivan Shearer (University of Sydney)
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