



# The Australian Network for Japanese Law

**Newsletter – November 2008**

## Events & Initiatives

### Stop Press

**30 Nov 2008** ANJEL/Blake Dawson Essay Prize submissions are due. Cover sheet and details available at [http://www.anjel.unsw.edu.au/content/anjel\\_teaching\\_essaypriz.html](http://www.anjel.unsw.edu.au/content/anjel_teaching_essaypriz.html).

**6-7 Dec 2008** The eight members of ANJEL's 4<sup>th</sup> 'Team Australia' will compete in Tokyo as back-to-back defending champions in the **Intercollegiate Negotiation and Arbitration Competition**. ANJEL's participation is largely due to significant sponsorship from the Australia-Japan Foundation, the ANU Vice Chancellor, the ANU College of Law, the Dean of Sydney Law School, Nagashima Ohno & Tsunematsu, and Blake Dawson. We are also grateful for a variety of generous in-kind support, including from former competitors now in practice. This year's intensive preparation will be held at Hitotsubashi University: [http://www.anjel.unsw.edu.au/content/anjel\\_teaching\\_comp.html](http://www.anjel.unsw.edu.au/content/anjel_teaching_comp.html).

**50% Members Book Discount until 31 January 2009** on ANJEL's first book, *Corporate Governance in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: Japan's Gradual Transformation* (Edward Elgar, 2008). See the attached flier: to obtain your discount order via [info@e-elgar.co.uk](mailto:info@e-elgar.co.uk) or +44 1242 226934.

**29 Nov & 6 Dec 2008** The Japan Foundation will be showing "I Just Didn't Do it", an award-winning film on the Japanese criminal justice system, as part of the **12<sup>th</sup> Japanese Film Festival**: Greater Union, George St, Sydney at 6 pm on 29 November; National Film & Sound Archive, Canberra at 7.30 pm on 6 December. See [http://12thjff.jpj-sydney.org/f\\_justdidntdoit.html](http://12thjff.jpj-sydney.org/f_justdidntdoit.html).

### February 2009 Japan Events

**1st ANJEL Tokyo CLE:** 14 February 2009 - ANJEL is hosting its first CLE seminar; "ANJEL Update on Australian-Japanese Law" at the Tokyo campus of Ritsumeikan University near Tokyo Stn. The \$200 registration fee includes free attendance at the afternoon academic conference "Crisis and the Law in Japan and Beyond": [http://www.anjel.unsw.edu.au/content/anjel\\_events\\_up.html](http://www.anjel.unsw.edu.au/content/anjel_events_up.html). The attached brochure provides program and registration details: MCLE credit may also be available for Japanese and American practitioners.

**7<sup>th</sup> ANJEL International Conference:** 14 February 2009 - "Crisis and the Law in Japan and Beyond" What is the role of law in crisis? How do Japanese institutions and processes compare with those in other countries in dealing with such crises? See [http://www.anjel.unsw.edu.au/content/anjel\\_events\\_up.html](http://www.anjel.unsw.edu.au/content/anjel_events_up.html), **propose brief presentations by 15 December 2008**, and watch our websites for a preliminary program.

**2009 Kyoto/Tokyo Seminars:** now 2 February (Sydney) 9-13 February (Kyoto) 16-20 February (Tokyo). An updated flier is attached; see also [www.kyoto-seminar.jp](http://www.kyoto-seminar.jp). Full LLB / LLM credit is available via the University of Sydney: <http://www.usyd.edu.au/news/law/436.html?newscategoryid=67&newsstoryid=2811>.

**ANJEL Book Workshop** 15 February 2009 - 3-5 pm, Seminar Room E, International House Japan, Roppongi, (followed by pay-as-you-go informal dinner). We have had encouraging feedback from around a dozen potential authors regarding ANJEL's planned second book, tentatively titled *Who Judges Japanese Law? Popular Participation in Japan's Legal Process*. If you are interested in contributing or coming to the Workshop and have not yet made contact, **please email** [leon.wolff@unsw.edu.au](mailto:leon.wolff@unsw.edu.au) **by 15 December 2008**.

## New Developments

### Lost Members

Some e-mail addresses for members are no longer current.

ANJeL asks that each member advises us of the following via the ANJeL email address [ANJeLinfo@gmail.com](mailto:ANJeLinfo@gmail.com):

a second (permanent, non-institutional) email address;

any relevant changes in professional affiliation; &

whether you consent to be listed in the Selected Members list on the ANJeL website.

**Trevor Ryan** has been appointed as ANJeL Competitions Convenor and **Dan Puchniak** has been appointed as ANJeL-in-ASEAN Convenor: [http://www.anjel.unsw.edu.au/content/anjel\\_people\\_prog.html](http://www.anjel.unsw.edu.au/content/anjel_people_prog.html)

Kokushikan University **Professor Tatsuya Nakamura**, the General Manager of the Arbitration and Mediation Departments of the Japan Commercial Arbitration Association (JCAA), will be an ANJeL Research Visitor at the University of Sydney Law School from September 2009 to March 2010: [http://www.anjel.unsw.edu.au/content/anjel\\_people\\_vis.html](http://www.anjel.unsw.edu.au/content/anjel_people_vis.html).

**East Asia Forum** <http://eastasiaforum.org/> The East Asia Forum is a 'blog' founded in mid-2008 by the East Asian Bureau of Economic Research in the Crawford School of Economics and Government at the Australian National University. The Forum provides a platform for the best in East Asian analysis, research and policy comment on the Asia-Pacific region and world affairs by nearly 30 academics from the region. The Forum now lists some 200 posts and has attracted over 45,000 hits, with 1,500 hits in one day recently. An article on the value of academic blogging can be found at <http://news.anu.edu.au/?p=801>. For some collated blogs from July-October, edited and updated, see also **Luke Nottage** "Economics, Politics, Public Policy and Law in Japan, Australasia and the Pacific: Corporate Governance, Financial Crisis, and Consumer Product Safety in 2008" (3 November 2008) Sydney Law School Research Paper No. 08/134: <http://ssrn.com/abstract=1295064>.

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### Research Spotlight



ANJeL Member and Associate Director **Dr Hitoshi Nasu** will shortly publish his first book, *International Law on Peacekeeping: A Study of Article 40 of the UN Charter* (Martinus Nijhoff Publishers; forthcoming 2009). The book presents the first systematic and comprehensive analysis of Article 40 of the *UN Charter* as the legal basis and framework for the UN Security Council's peacekeeping measures: <http://www.brill.nl/default.aspx?partid=210&pid=31631>.

Dr Nasu's Japan-related publications include co-authoring an article on the recent Supreme Court decision on nationality (Issue No. 26, *Journal of Japanese Law*; forthcoming) and an article on Article 9 of the Japanese Constitution from an international law perspective that is relevant to the current debate on constitutional revision: [http://law.anu.edu.au/anjel/documents/ZJapanR/ZJapanR18\\_08\\_Nasu.pdf](http://law.anu.edu.au/anjel/documents/ZJapanR/ZJapanR18_08_Nasu.pdf).

Since joining the ANU in 2006, Dr. Nasu has published on topics including international peace and security law, US free trade agreements and pharmaceutical patents regulation, Australia's temporary business visa program reform, and nanotechnology: <http://law.anu.edu.au/scripts/StaffDetails.asp?StaffID=410>.