

2024 Centre for Law and Social Justice Symposium

The Centre for Law and Social Justice invites expressions of interest from academics, lawyers, advocates and other interested contributors to participate in its 2024 Symposium, which will focus on Australia's human rights framework. The Symposium will be held on **Monday 25 November 2024** at the University of Newcastle's Sydney Campus at Martin Place in Sydney (55 Elizabeth Street).



CALL FOR ABSTRACTS

Australia has reached a moment of significant opportunity in human rights terms. The Australian Human Rights Commission has concluded its landmark Free and Equal inquiry and published a report recommending major reform of Australia's human rights framework. The Parliamentary Joint Committee on Human Rights has reported on its own inquiry, issuing several complementary recommendations to Government, including for the passage of a national Human Rights Act.

This November, the [Centre for Law and Social Justice](#) will host its annual symposium at the Sydney campus of the University of Newcastle. This one-day event will welcome speakers with diverse perspectives on Australia's legal system to present research and share lived experiences relevant to Australia's human rights framework. We welcome expressions of interest to present papers or convene sessions on human rights topics including, but not limited to:

- National human rights law reform
- The Australian Human Rights Commission and its role in Australia's human rights system
- Anti-discrimination law
- Human rights and criminal justice
- Lived experiences of specific cohorts and intersectional perspectives
- Challenges for rights claimants
- The rights of people with disabilities, including in relation to the NDIS
- Specific topics in human rights law, policy, practice and advocacy

To submit an abstract, please email SocialJustice@newcastle.edu.au by Monday 30 September 2024.

All submissions will be reviewed by the organising committee. Please include 'Call for Abstracts – Full Name' in the subject line of your email, and the following:

- Title of your paper
- Abstract (up to 200 words)
- 5 keywords
- A short biography of presenter/s (up to 50 words)

We plan a mixed format event, including presentation panels, roundtables and in-conversation sessions. We welcome proposals for symposium sessions and collaborative submissions. Time available for presentations and sessions will be confirmed after all proposals are considered. In addition to participants presenting papers, academics, lawyers, advocates and other interested persons are encouraged to attend.

The registration fee for participants and attendees will be \$195, which will cover all catering including morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea. A discounted registration fee will be available for research students. The organising committee welcomes abstract submissions prior to the deadline and will aim to open registrations by 11 October.

About the Centre for Law and Social Justice

The Centre for Law and Social Justice is a site for research, engagement, learning and advocacy. We operate as a dynamic hub to promote social justice initiatives and contribute to law reform and policy making. We benefit from integration with academic experts in the disciplines of Law and Criminology, and collaboration with the University of Newcastle Legal Centre and the Justice Clinic. The Centre's advocacy capacity has been demonstrated through invitations to provide expert evidence to government inquiries, citations in parliamentary reports, and invitations to brief senior parliamentarians on research outputs. Through collaborative research and advocacy among Centre Members, Associates, Fellows, and partner organisations, we maximise our policy impact and link academic, industry, professional, policy and community audiences.

About the University of Newcastle's School of Law and Justice

As Australia's leading clinical law school, the School of Law and Justice enables world-class applied research, and offers an innovative legal education incorporating experiential learning that is interdisciplinary and internationally focused. Through exceptional research-led legal education, the school integrates the study and practice of law. Newcastle graduates are ethically responsible global citizens who have a strong sense of social justice, understand how technology is reshaping the justice system, uphold the rule of law, and are committed to the highest professional standards.