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# 2026 Sydney Centre for International Law “Year in Review” Conference

Program



Friday 27 February 2026

**Location:** [Sydney Law School](#), Law Lounge, Level 1, New Law Building Annexe (F10A), Eastern Avenue, Camperdown



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| 9am | <b>Conference starts</b><br><b>Welcome to Country and Introduction</b>   |
|     | <b>Keynote: Pacific Islands Students Fighting Climate Change: The student-led grassroots campaign that led to the ICJ's 2025 Climate Change AO</b><br>Belyndar Rikimani ( <i>Pacific Islands Students Fighting Climate Change</i> )<br><b>Chair:</b> Professor Emeritus Ben Boer ( <i>Sydney Law School, University of Sydney</i> )  |
|     | <b>Panel 1: Environment &amp; International Law</b><br><b>Chair:</b> Professor Emeritus Ben Boer ( <i>Sydney Law School, University of Sydney</i> )<br><br><b>The International Court of Justice's Climate Change Decision</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Professor Tim Stephens (<i>Sydney Law School, University of Sydney</i>)</li></ul><br><b>Green Transitional Justice</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Dr Rachel Killean (<i>Sydney Law School, University of Sydney</i>)</li></ul><br><b>The new treaty on People Displaced by Disaster</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Professor Rosemary Lyster (<i>Sydney Law School, University of Sydney</i>)</li></ul><br><b>2025 Conference of Parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Associate Professor Ed Couzens (<i>Sydney Law School, University of Sydney</i>)</li></ul> |
|     | <b>Morning tea</b>   |
|     | <b>Panel 2: Australia and International Law</b><br><b>Chair:</b> TBC<br><br><b>Australia's participation on international law proceedings in 2025</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Speaker from Office of International Law, Commonwealth Attorney-General's Department</li></ul><br><b>International law in Australian courts in 2025</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Adj Associate Professor Alison Pert (<i>Sydney Law School, University of Sydney</i>)</li></ul><br><b>Australia, International Law and Armed Conflict in 2025</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Professor Emily Crawford (<i>Sydney Law School, University of Sydney</i>)</li></ul>   |



## Literary lunch

Novelist Shankari Chandran in conversation with Dr Tamer Morris (*Sydney Law School*)

## Panel 3: Superpowers

Chair: TBC

### Nuclear in 2025

- Professor Gareth Evans (*Former Minister for Foreign Affairs of Australia*) & Honorary Professor Bill Boothby (*Australian National University*)

### America in 2025

- Professor Fleur Johns (*Sydney Law School, University of Sydney*)

*Other panellists TBC*

## Afternoon tea

## Panel 4: Israel & Palestine

*Panels and speakers TBC*

## Cocktail Reception