



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



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



	<p>Literary lunch</p> <p>Novelist Shankari Chandran in conversation with Dr Tamer Morris (Sydney Law School)</p>
	<p>Panel 3: Superpowers</p> <p>Chair: TBC</p> <p>Nuclear in 2025</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Professor Gareth Evans (<i>Former Minister for Foreign Affairs of Australia</i>) & Honorary Professor Bill Boothby (<i>Australian National University</i>) <p>America in 2025</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Professor Fleur Johns (<i>Sydney Law School, University of Sydney</i>) <p>Other panellists TBC</p>
	<p>Afternoon tea</p>
	<p>Panel 4: Israel & Palestine</p> <p><i>Panels and speakers TBC</i></p>
	<p>Cocktail Reception</p>