

## Professor Janice Bellace



The honorary degree of Doctor of Science in Economics was conferred upon Janice Bellace by the Chancellor, Ms Belinda Hutchinson AM at a Faculty of Business graduation at 2.00pm on 12 May 2017.

### Citation

Chancellor, it gives me great pleasure to present Professor Janice Bellace to you for admission to the degree of Doctor of Science in Economics (*honoris causa*) for her significant contribution in the fields of international labour law and industrial relations.

Professor Bellace is among the most eminent international scholars in her fields. She is arguably one of the most influential academics of her generation in terms of her impact on both scholarship and policy developments.

Professor Bellace graduated with a Bachelor of Arts and a Juris Doctor from the University of Pennsylvania and holds a Master of Science in Industrial Relations from the London School of Economics which she attended as a Thouron Scholar.

Professor Bellace is currently the Samuel Blank Professor of Legal Studies and Professor of Management in the Wharton School of Business at the University of Pennsylvania in the USA and is Professor of Legal Studies and Business Ethics, and Professor of Management. Since January 2016, she has been the Director of the Tanoto ASEAN Initiative by which the School, supported by a generous gift from the Tanoto Foundation, which seeks through research and teaching, to engage faculty and students in business and economic developments in Indonesia and ASEAN.

She previously held a range of high level positions including undergraduate dean and Deputy Dean of the Wharton School (which is one of the highest ranked Business Schools in the world) as well as Deputy Provost of the University of Pennsylvania. She was the Founding President of the Singapore Management University and Chair of the Wharton-Singapore Management University Research Centre. She is currently the chair of SMU's International Academic Review Panel. Until recently, she was also Director of the prestigious Huntsman Program in International Studies and Business at the University of Pennsylvania, the undergraduate joint degrees program she designed to give students the opportunity to pursue an integrated curriculum leading to the awarding of two degrees (the B.S. Econ from the Wharton School and the B.A. from Penn's College of Arts and Sciences).

At the International Labour Organisation (ILO), Professor Bellace has served in a number of influential roles including Chair of the Committee of Experts, which is the most important body for determining whether nation states are complying with the ILO conventions to which they are signatories. Professor Bellace also served as President of the International Labour and Employment Relations Association (ILERA) which has its secretariat at the ILO and is the oldest and most pre-eminent scholarly association in this field. Currently she is an executive officer of the International Society for Labour and Social Security Law. At the national level, she currently is president of the Labor and Employment Relations Association of the United States, and she is a former Secretary of the Section on Labor and Employment Law of the American Bar Association.

Professor Bellace undertook ground-breaking research thirty years ago on the need for greater transparency and information sharing by corporations with their employees and the general public. Her research helped to make this an important public policy issue. She has also undertaken important research on other critical policy issues such as gender equity, labour and human rights, corporate social responsibility and the role of labour standards in trade agreements.

Professor Bellace has served as a senior editor of the prestigious *Comparative Labor Law and Policy Journal* since 1997. She is also the author and editor of important publications such as *Labour Law at the Crossroads: Changing Employment Relationships*. She has been a major contributor to landmark ILO reports dealing with subjects such as Equality in Employment and Occupations as well as the *ILO's 2008 Declaration on Social Justice for a Fair Globalisation*.

Professor Bellace has played a prominent role in supporting industrial relations and labour law scholarship around the world and has been a visiting professor at leading universities. Professor Bellace has also forged close links with scholars, policy makers and practitioners in Australia. As President elect of ILERA, she played a key role in Australia hosting the World Congress in Sydney in 2009 and organised the subsequent World Congress in Philadelphia in 2012. She has been an outstanding contributor to seminars and conferences at the University of Sydney and to the *Journal of Industrial Relations*, published at this university.

Chancellor, I present Professor Janice Bellace for admission to the degree of Doctor of Science in Economics (*honoris causa*), and I invite you to confer the degree upon her.