

International Law



5.30-7.30pm Thursday 28th April 2005
NSW Bar Association, Common Room
Basement, 174 Phillip St, Sydney

**Speakers: Nicole Abadee, Barrister & Academic
Dr. Sarah Pritchard, Barrister**

Chair: Her Honour Justice Margaret Beazley

Nicole Abadee practised at the NSW Bar for 9 years, and appeared as Junior Counsel in a number of cases in the High Court concerning Public International Law. In 2002 she moved into the academic sphere following the birth of her son.

She has a Masters of International Law from the University of Cambridge, and is currently lecturing in International Law at the University of Sydney Law School. Last year she lectured with Professor Don Rothwell in "International Law and the Use of Armed Force" to postgraduate students at Sydney University, and she has also lectured in International Law at the University of NSW.

"Public International Law – much ado about a shoe?"
Nicole will talk about the increasing relevance of Public International Law in both the international and domestic arenas, with particular reference to some recent events, such as the "expulsion" of the Israeli diplomat, Amir Laty, from a Public International Law perspective.

Dr Sarah Pritchard is a Sydney barrister who has appeared in a number of significant refugee and native cases in the High Court, including *Yorta Yorta v Victoria* (2002) 194 ALR 538; *Western Australia v Ward* (2002) 191 ALR 1; *Appellant S395/20002 v Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs* (2003) 203 ALR 112; and *Minister for Immigration and Multicultural Affairs v Khawar* (2002) CLR 201.

She holds a Doctor of Laws (*Dr.lur.*) and Master of Laws (*LL.M.*) from the University of Tuebingen, Germany, and is a former senior lecturer in the Faculty of Law at the University of New South Wales, having taught Public International Law, Human Rights Law, and International and Comparative Indigenous Legal Issues. She is also a former director of the Human Rights Centre at UNSW. She has worked with numerous indigenous delegations and human rights organisations at the United Nations, and has been a consultant to the United Nations in Cambodia, East Timor and the Solomon Islands on matters of constitutional law and human rights.

Sarah will talk about the challenges to the international legal order posed by the so-called War Against Terror, and the significance of international law for legal practice in Australia.



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