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CULTURES AND THE LAW

Hilton on the Park

East Melbourne

FRIDAY 12 OCTOBER

3-5.30 pm **Registration** – Hilton on the Park, East Melbourne

6.00 pm – 7.30 pm **Opening Reception** – Government House, Melbourne

SATURDAY 13 OCTOBER

8.00 am **Registration** (tea and coffee available)

9.00 am **Welcome to Country** – Ms Joy Wandin-Murphy, Wurundjeri Elder

Opening **The Hon Justice Virginia Bell**, AIJA President

9.15 am **Keynote address: *SPEAKING IN TONGUES - COURTS AND CULTURES***

Speaker: **The Hon Justice Robert French**, Federal Court of Australia

Convenor: Professor Greg Reinhardt, Executive Director, AIJA

10.15 am **The Response of Courts to the Challenges of Cultural Diversity**

Speakers: The Hon Justice Catherine Davani, Supreme and National Court of Papua New Guinea
The Hon Justice Robert [Torres PPT](#), Supreme Court of Guam

Convenor: Mr George Lekakis, Chairperson, Victorian Multicultural Commission

11.15 am **Morning Tea**

11.45 am **Alternative Sessions**

Addressing Social and Cultural Diversity in Judicial Process - Putting Ourselves in Context

Speaker: Professor Brettel Dawson [PPT](#), Academic Director, National Judicial Institute of Canada

Convenor: Professor Hilary Astor, Faculty of Law, University of Sydney

Culture and the Legal Recognition of Cultural Differences

Speaker: Professor Leti Volpp, Professor of Law, UC Berkeley, Boalt Hall School of Law, California, United States of America

Panel: Magistrate Anne Goldsbrough, Victoria, Ms Padma Raman, Chief Executive Officer, Victorian Law Reform Commission

Convenor: Ms Maria Dimopoulos, Principal, Myriad Consultants

1.00 pm **Lunch**

2.00 pm *Speaker:* Mr Patrick Dodson, Chairman, Lingiari Foundation, Broome, Western Australia

3.15 pm **Afternoon Tea**

3.45 pm **Emerging Communities: Court Users' Experiences**

A Judicial College of Victoria presentation involving representatives from emerging communities who will discuss the court room experience from a cross cultural perspective.

Speakers: Ms Joumanah El Matrah, Executive Director, Islamic Women's Welfare Council
Ms Elleni Bereded-Samuel [PPT](#), Commissioner, Victorian Multicultural Commission & Community Engagement Coordinator, Victoria University
Mr Hieng Lim, Mediation Coordinator, Dispute Settlement Centre and Neighbourhood Justice Centre

Convenor: Magistrate Brian Barrow, Victoria

4.45 pm **CLOSE**

5.00 pm **AIJA AGM**

7.00 pm **Conference Dinner**

Speaker: Ms Randa Abdel-Fattah, Lawyer and Author, New South Wales

SUNDAY 14 OCTOBER

9.00 am	Alternative Sessions	
	<p>Cross Cultural Communication in Court Room Cross Examination</p> <p><i>Speaker:</i> Dr Diana Eades PPT, Honorary Research Fellow, School of Languages, Cultures and Linguistics, University of New England</p> <p><i>Commentator:</i> Dr Michael Cooke, Principal Consultant, Intercultural Communications</p> <p><i>Convenor:</i> Ms Jennie Cooke, AIJA Council Member</p>	<p>Cultural Defences and Indigenous Issues</p> <p><i>Speaker:</i> Dr Richard Perry, Professor of Justice Studies, San José State University, California, United States of America</p> <p><i>Commentator:</i> Ms Maria Dimopoulos</p> <p><i>Convenor:</i> Mrs Anne Coghlan, Deputy President – General, Victorian Civil & Administrative Tribunal</p>
10.15 am	Morning Tea	
10.45 am	<p>The Approach of Courts and Tribunals to the Needs of their Communities</p> <p><i>Speaker:</i> The Hon Justice Diana Bryant PPT, Chief Justice, Family Court of Australia</p> <p><i>Panel:</i> Mr Tony Parsons, Managing Director, Victoria Legal Aid Mr Peter Kent PPT, Director, Courts Innovation Programs, Magistrates Courts, Department of Justice & Attorney-General, Queensland</p> <p><i>Convenor:</i> Professor Greg Reinhardt</p>	
12.00 noon	<p>Concluding Session: Facilitated by the Hon Justice Sally Brown AM, Family Court of Australia</p> <p>A final opportunity to discuss initiatives towards Cultures and the Law with some of the speakers from the sessions.</p>	
12.45 pm	Close	

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