



THE COMMONWEALTH LEGAL EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

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**First Call for Papers
CLEA Conference March 2017**

Educating the Commonwealth Lawyers of the Future

Melbourne, Australia



The Commonwealth Legal Education Association invites law teachers and practitioners from around the Commonwealth and other Common law jurisdictions to submit abstracts of papers (of not more than 500 words) for this forthcoming conference. Abstracts should be submitted by 28th October 2016. Acceptances will be intimated within three weeks of receipt subject to the availability of spaces within the conference programme. The CLEA Conference will take place alongside the Commonwealth Lawyers Conference in Melbourne from 21st-24th March 2017, exact dates to be confirmed.

Conference Themes

Today's law students live in an ever changing world. Globalisation profoundly affects our life experience, competition is much greater than ever before and technology has opened our minds in a way not previously imagined. Tomorrow's lawyers need to be more capable of responding to change. They need to be capable of functioning in that new world and legal education needs to be able to adapt to prepare them. Commonwealth countries share certain common legal traditions but how far do the similarities extend to cross border education and professional mobility? How will law schools in the Commonwealth deal with change to provide law students with the tools they need?

The conference will comprise a series of strands which will include, but are not restricted to, the following themes:

- *Developing an inclusive practice to equality of access to legal education in the Commonwealth and other Common law countries ([Commonwealth Theme 2016](#))*
- *The role of ethics in legal education in the Commonwealth*
- *The challenges of teaching law in small jurisdictions in the Commonwealth*
- *Clinical legal education in the Commonwealth and other Common law countries*
- *Encouraging human rights teaching in the Commonwealth and other Common law countries*
- *Preventing corruption and the misuse of public office: How can law teachers assist in fighting the scourge of corruption in the Commonwealth and other Common law countries?*
- *Best practice in teaching of Islamic law in the curricula of Commonwealth and other Common law country law schools*
- *How mobile is the common law LLB?*

Delegates are also invited to submit abstracts on other topics of interest to the legal education community in the Commonwealth and Common law jurisdictions.

Please submit your abstract of 500 words to: the [CLEA conference webpage](#) indicating which author(s) will attend to deliver the paper at the conference.

The conference will include the Commonwealth Lecture which is part of an international lecture series. Previous lectures have been delivered in South Africa, Ghana and the UK.

Journal of Commonwealth Law and Legal Education

Authors and presenters are invited to submit their papers for inclusion in a special Conference Edition of the Journal of Commonwealth Law and Legal Education (the CLEA's official Journal, published in conjunction with the Open University). Full draft papers will be required by 30th April 2017 for consideration. Detailed submission guidelines are given at <http://www.open.ac.uk/law/main/why-study-law/journal-commonwealth-law-and-legal-education>. The editors can be contacted at JCLLE@open.ac.uk.

Conference Registration Fees

Developing Countries and full time PhD students \$150 Aus
Developed Countries \$450 Aus

A variety of accommodation options are available and recommended conference hotels will be listed on the Melbourne 2017 conference page. The conference organiser is Michael Bromby and he can be contacted at m.bromby@gcu.ac.uk.