



AUSTRALIA 2019

BRISBANE CONFERENCE

Implications of BREXIT in Australia and the EU

Pre-Conference Dinner

Thursday, 4 April 2019

6.00pm **Howard Smiths Wharves**
Location: 5 Boundary St, Brisbane City

Conference

Friday, 5 April 2019

Location: Australian Institute of Company Directors, Riverside Centre, Level 9,
123 Eagle St, Brisbane City

9.00am **Welcome by GAPLA**
Michael Kobras and Claudia Dela Cruz, Board Members, GAPLA

Address by the Honorary Consul of the Federal Republic of Germany
Prof Michael Rosemann

9.30am **Freedom of movement? An exploration of Australian and German visa requirements and policy**
Adolf van Zyl, Principal Lawyer, Van Zyl Lawyers
Tony Hogarth, Principal Lawyer, Hogarth Law

Tony Hogarth and Adolf van Zyl will explore and discuss broad categories of the Australian visa program including employer sponsored visa categories, in both temporary and permanent residence sub-classes. They will also explain the availability of business, business talent, investor and significant investor visas in Australia and the impacts for prospective European skilled workers, investors, corporations and high net worth individuals. They will discuss the departmental policy behind visas, the volatility of the Australian migration program and the politics behind it. In relation to the German market, the presentation will discuss post-BREXIT visa arrangements in the Schengen zone for applicants from non-EU member states including the UK and provide a comparative analysis of some Australian and German business and work visas and their economic impact.

11.00am **Morning tea**

11.30am

BREXIT & Employment Law & Why We Should Care

Dr Louise Floyd, Associate Professor of Law, James Cook University Queensland

No one can really predict what will happen to employment law through BREXIT; and Dr Floyd does not pretend to know it all. But she will analyse some (actual, probable & possible) impacts of BREXIT on UK employment law with a focus on free movement of labour and the Irish border. She will discuss why these matters are important to Australian lawyers as well as German lawyers practicing in Australia. Dr Floyd will also discuss conflicts of law and international/transnational employment law, as these issues go hand-in-glove with any discussion of BREXIT and employment.

12.15pm

Private International Law

Dr Mary Keyes, Professor of Private International Law, Griffith University Queensland

Australian private international law was heavily influenced by English law before the European Union instruments radically and profoundly changed the law applicable in the United Kingdom. This presentation will consider the impact of European Union law on English law, and the likely implications of BREXIT for the future of Australian private international law.

1.00pm

Lunch

2.30pm

BREXIT Barney – Intellectual Property, Innovation Policy and Trade

Dr Matthew Rimmer, Professor of Intellectual Property and Innovation Law, Faculty of Law, Queensland University of Technology, Brisbane, Queensland

This presentation will consider the implications of BREXIT from a number of disciplinary perspectives. It will examine the media law dimensions of the Leave Campaign – particularly in the wake of the Cambridge Analytica scandal, and concerns about the manipulation of social media and Dark Money funding. This talk will examine the complex ramifications for intellectual property of BREXIT – what Dreyfus and Dinwoodie have called the ‘great unravelling’. This study will also consider the larger implications of BREXIT in respect of innovation law and policy. There has, in particular, been concerns that there will be a flight of capital and people from Great Britain in the face of BREXIT. This presentation will also examine the trade implications of BREXIT in the context of intellectual property. Australia has been involved in deep negotiations with the European Union over a new trade agreement as the United Kingdom has been promoting new possibilities in respect of trade agreements. While pushing to leave the EU, the United Kingdom has been flirting with joining the Trans-Pacific Partnership 11. Meanwhile, Scotland has been seeking to stay in the European Union and Ireland has deep concern about the collateral impact of BREXIT upon its economy.

3.15pm ***Economic Implications of BREXIT***
John Kettle, Partner, McCullough Robertson Lawyers

John will address the impact of BREXIT for Australian business with a footprint in the UK and Europe and what steps can be taken to mitigate adverse impact and to optimize success. He will draw on his direct experience of working in all three key locations of Dublin, London and Brussels and his intimate knowledge of Irish border issues (professional and personal).

4.00pm ***Afternoon tea***

4.30pm ***International Business and Trade Policy***
Professor Pascal Raimondos, Head, School of Economics and Finance
Queensland University of Technology Business School

How did BREXIT come to be such a complicated matter and how can it be done? How will multinational companies react to BREXIT and what trade agreements can the UK make with the EU and the rest of the world? These questions will be answered by referring to the basics of Preferential Trade Agreements and their proliferation during the last 3 decades.

5.15pm ***Conference concludes***

7.00pm ***Conference Dinner***
Location: Walter's Steakhouse, Old Mineral House, 219 Alice Street, Brisbane City

General Meeting & Excursion

Saturday, 6 April 2019

10.00am ***General Meeting (members only)***
Location: Langenhan Lawyers, Waterfront Place, Level 29, 1 Eagle Street, Brisbane

Chair: Michael Kobras

11.00am ***Excursion***
Location: GOMA – Gallery of Modern Art
Walk to The Wheel of Brisbane

2.00pm ***Lunch***
Location: Hofbräuhaus, 53 Stanley Street, South Brisbane

4.00pm ***Official Closure of Conference***