

## **GAJE Newsletter: Volume No. 4 Issue No. 1 (Feb 2008)**

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## **1. GAJE News**

### **5th GAJE Global Conference**

The GAJE Steering Committee has announced the dates for the 5<sup>th</sup> GAJE Global Conference. The conference will take place December 7-13 2008 in the Philippines, at Law School of Ateneo de Manila University, located in the City of Makati in metropolitan Manila.

The overall theme and sub-themes of the conference will be finalized by the end of February 2008 and posted to GAJE members via email and on the GAJE website. The Conference Planning Committee invites and welcomes suggestions on themes and sub themes for the conference, in addition to the following proposed topics: Using community-based law clinics to teach social justice; The role of justice education in dealing with violence against women and children; The role of clinical legal education in promoting human rights; The global clinical movement and its role in global social justice. For more information, see the GAJE website at [www.gaje.org](http://www.gaje.org) or contact the GAJE Executive Committee at [gaje.ec@gmail.com](mailto:gaje.ec@gmail.com).

### **International Conference on the Future of Legal Education**

GAJE is co-sponsoring an International Conference on the Future of Legal Education that will be held February 20-23, 2008, at Georgia State University College of Law, Atlanta, Georgia USA. Clark Cunningham, Convenor of the GAJE Steering Committee, is the Conference Chair.

Twenty-one GAJE members will be joining more than 150 other law teachers and lawyers at the conference. Most of these GAJE members will be speaking at the conference and several are delivering major keynote addresses. The conference is sponsored by GAJE, the Council of Australian Law Deans, the American Bar Association, the National Institute for Teaching Ethics and Professionalism (USA), the Consortium of Professionalism Initiatives (USA), the Professional Development Consortium (USA) and the W. Lee Burge Endowment for Law & Ethics at Georgia State University. This conference will be the first major academic conference to address the widely-discussed report issued a year ago by the prestigious Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. The Carnegie Report criticizes legal education which produces only smart problem solvers when the need is for responsible professionals who have learned through realistic and real-life experience what it means to be committed to the needs of both clients and the larger society. Most of the speakers are preparing working papers in advance of the conference which will be posted on the conference web site by February 15 along with a detailed program. Plenary sessions on February 21 and 22 will be video recorded for later webcasting on the conference web site. For further information, visit the conference web site at <http://law.gsu.edu/FutureOfLegalEducationConference/>.

Informal GAJE meetings will take place in Atlanta on Thursday evening (February 21), Saturday afternoon (February 23), and Sunday morning (February 24) to discuss strategic planning, fund-raising, and the upcoming GAJE conference next December in the Philippines.

## 2. Other news, events and courses

**News:** The latest issue of Sur - International Journal on Human Rights is already online ([www.surjournal.org](http://www.surjournal.org))! This is a special issue on transitional justice, produced with the International Center for Transitional Justice (ICTJ).

**News:** Tushar Kanti Saha of the National University of Lesotho has completed a book, Constitution of Lesotho-A Comparative Research Study. He will deliver an address, War on Words in the Cyberspace-Legal Conflicts and Constraints between the Rights of Privacy and Freedom of Speech, at the First Cyber Law Conference in Cairo in June, 2008.  
More information: Souray Taru Saha at [sts\\_saha@rediffmail.com](mailto:sts_saha@rediffmail.com)

**News:** You can post your clinical scholarship with the Clinical Research Institute ("CRI"), an electronic law review sponsored by New York Law School. CRI is part of SSRN, an extensive network of online journals. CRI posts works of clinical scholarship, broadly defined. We do not edit your work; as long as it is clinical in nature, we will post it. When you post with CRI, your paper will be available in three ways. It will be circulated when the issue is distributed. Your paper will remain on the CRI site, downloadable at any time (check out the CRI website, <http://www.ssrn.com/link/Clinical-Research-Institute.html>). Finally, you will receive your own SSRN author page with its own URL, so you can refer people to your site to download your work. There are several other benefits of posting on the CRI. The CRI does not hold the copyright to your work, meaning that you are welcome and encouraged to submit your paper to traditional law reviews and that you can post with us after you have published in a traditional law review (provided you have their permission). CRI encourages the publication of works in progress. Your paper is easily accessible to a wide audience, including readers not connected with law schools. Finally, from your author's page, you can see the number of people who have viewed and downloaded your work. We encourage all clinicians to subscribe to the CRI; the more of us who subscribe, the more the CRI can become not just a way to distribute what's already been written but also a path for feedback and discussion of works-in-progress. As a subscriber, you will receive issues of the CRI issues by e-mail. Each issue reports the posting of approximately five pieces, and provides abstracts of each piece and a clickable link from which you can download each one. If your law school has a site license for the SSRN, it is easy (and free) to subscribe. Just go to <http://www.ssrn.com>, enter your user name (your e-mail address) and password (if you're a new user, SSRN will generate a password for you), and follow the instructions. (You can find the CRI by selecting "Legal Scholarship Network" and then selecting "Law Research Centers Papers." The CRI is listed there.) If you do not wish to subscribe but wish to have access to the CRI's papers, you can view and download them by going to the CRI's URL, <http://www.ssrn.com/link/Clinical-Research-Institute.html>  
More information: contact Richard Marsico, New York Law School, [rmarsico@nyls.edu](mailto:rmarsico@nyls.edu), (212) 431-2180.

**Event:** International Human Rights and Humanitarian Law Lectures Spring 2008, Robson Square Theatre, 800 Robson Street, Vancouver  
Dates: Jan 26, Feb 23, Mar 15, Apr 19, 2008 from 7 - 9:00 pm, PST  
Theme: This four-lecture series will provide information about the development, purpose and substance of international human rights and humanitarian law and its application to current humanitarian and human rights crises. Each lecture will offer a unique opportunity to engage with a distinguished expert on the law and its application to specific issues of global concern.  
January 26, 2008, The Development of International Human Rights and Humanitarian, Honourable Claire L'Heureux-Dubé; February 23, 2008, Bush's War on the Rule of Law, Marjorie Cohn; March 15 2008, Security Integration and Rights Disintegration in the War on Terror, Maureen Webb; April 19, 2008, Transferring to Torture: Canada, Human Rights, and Detainees, Michael Byers.  
More information: contact Lawyers Rights Watch Canada <http://www.lrwc.org/> or [lrwc@portal.ca](mailto:lrwc@portal.ca)

**Event:** 5 day course: Inquests, Inquiries and Commissions-La Trobe University, Melbourne Australia  
Date: 14, 15 & 18 -19 February and 11 April 2008

Content: This course is taught by Professor Ray Watterson and examines inquisitorial law and practice in Australia specifically in the coronial jurisdiction. Its contribution to justice, social policy and advancement of the public interest is examined and critically assessed. Lawyers and policy makers are particularly encouraged to attend.

More Information: [www.latrobe.edu.au/law/pubint](http://www.latrobe.edu.au/law/pubint) or email Jennifer Mahon on [postgradlaw@latrobe.edu.au](mailto:postgradlaw@latrobe.edu.au)

**Event:** "Contemporary questions of the people's rights in the modern world", Tatar State Humanitarian and Pedagogical University, Kazan, Russia

Date: May 19, 2008

Theme: The questions which will be discussed are: indigenous people's rights, national minorities rights, self-determination right, self-government right, lands and natural resources rights, language and religious rights. I await articles from you.

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**Event:** Advanced Course on the International Protection of Human Rights

Date and Location: from 18 August until 29 August 2008, in Turku, Finland

Organizer: Institute for Human Rights at Abo Akademi University, Finland

Theme: The course aims at providing a profound insight into, and analysis of, the system of international human rights protection in the light of contemporary problems and relevant case law. The course is composed of lectures, case studies in working-groups, seminars and an optional essay.

More information: Detailed information can be downloaded from

<http://www.abo.fi/institut/imr/courses.htm> or contact Ms Johanna Bondas, e-mail: [courses.imr@abo.fi](mailto:courses.imr@abo.fi)

**Event:** Conference, Society of Legal Scholars, London School of Economics and Political Science, London, UK.  
Date: Sep 15-18, 2008

Theme: The Legal Education Section invites you to submit abstracts for papers to be presented at this year's SLS Conference at the London School of Economics and Political Science. As in previous years, papers are welcomed on any aspect of legal education and from jurisdictions beyond England and Wales. Please note that presenters are required to pay the usual Conference fee and the Legal Education section will take place on the 17th and 18th September. The Section Convener is happy to discuss any proposals prior to submitting an abstract. Abstracts and paper proposals (no more than 250 words) should be sent to [chris.ashford@sunderland.ac.uk](mailto:chris.ashford@sunderland.ac.uk) by March 3, 2008. Early submission is welcome and will help with conference planning.

More information: <http://www.legalscholars.ac.uk/conference/index.cfm>

**Course:** Call for applications for 2008 distance learning courses by Human Rights Education Associates (HREA)

Date: Deadlines for applications are 1 March and 1 June.

Courses: "Mainstreaming Human Rights" (31 March-15 June 2008); "Terrorism, Human Rights and Human Security" (31 March-15 June 2008); "Human Rights Monitoring" (3 September-25 November 2008); "Introduction to the European System of Human Rights Protection and Promotion" (3 September-25 November 2008); "Research & Evaluation in the NGO Sector" (8 September-14 December 2008); "Genocide: What Role for International Law?" (10 September-25 November 2008); "Einführung in die Menschenrechtsbildung" (15. September-7. Dezember 2008); "Armed Conflict, Human Rights and Humanitarian Law" (17 September-16 December 2008); "Le Monitoring des droits de l'homme" (17 septembre-16 décembre 2008); "Project Development and Management in the NGO Sector" (22 September-14 December 2008).

More information: <http://www.hrea.org/courses/> .

**Course:** Bridges Across Borders 2008 Legal Studies Internship Program adds study abroad course and experiential, hands-on social justice legal work - from Northern Thailand to the gulf coast of Cambodia  
Dates: May-Aug, 2008

Theme: The Bridges Across Borders (BAB) Southeast Asia Community Legal Education Program is preparing to host the 5th Annual BAB International Legal Studies Internship Program from May through August, 2008. The internship program seeks to connect the skills of aspiring lawyers and law related persons from around the world with a project that will give them insight into social justice and public interest law internationally and specifically in Southeast Asia. The internship aims to produce a tangible work product that will be utilized in the communities in which BAB works, and will directly result in disadvantaged populations gaining greater awareness of and access to their legal systems, as well as helping to provide support to our partner universities and organizations. The legal interns gain a greater understanding of the law as it is applied and practiced in developing legal systems, while having an incredible cultural immersion and exchange in the beautiful sub-tropics of Thailand and Cambodia. More information: Bridges Across Borders Southeast Asia CLE [www.babsea.org/programs/clip/clip.htm](http://www.babsea.org/programs/clip/clip.htm), or contact Michael Otto at michael.otto@bridgesacrossborders.org or Bruce A. Lasky at [blasky@bridgesacrossborders.org](mailto:blasky@bridgesacrossborders.org).

**Course:** CHULS: THE LAW SCHOOL AND THE CHANGING HIGHER EDUCATION ENVIRONMENT, Scarman House, University of Warwick, Coventry, England.

Dates: February 21-22, 2008

Theme: This year's annual away-day for heads of university law schools focuses on a range of issues of concern in a rapidly changing HE environment. Topics for consideration include: retention and progression issues, change management issues and discussions around the concept of leadership.

More information: <http://www.ukcle.ac.uk/newsevents/ukcleevent.html?event=494> or contact Hansa Surti, Events Coordinator, e-mail: [H.Surti@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:H.Surti@warwick.ac.uk)

**Course:** MAKING ASSESSMENT WORK, Kingston University, London.

Date: April 24, 2008

Theme: This one-day seminar is aimed at law teachers who would like to improve and develop their skills in assessing students in way that is not only efficient for the assessor but also contributes to student learning. A number of topical issues will be addressed, including an examination of the reliability of assessment marking, an issue highlighted by the study recently undertaken by a number of the contributors to this event and funded by UKCLE.

More information: <http://www.ukcle.ac.uk/newsevents/ukcleevent.html?event=493> or contact Hansa Surti, Events Coordinator, e-mail: [H.Surti@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:H.Surti@warwick.ac.uk)

**Course:** CREATIVITY AND THE LAW CURRICULUM, Aston University, Birmingham

Date: June 23, 2008

Theme: Creativity should be at the heart of any effective higher education curriculum. This seminar will explore how some of the best examples from across the sector can be used in the delivery of learning and teaching in law. The speakers at this seminar are senior and highly experienced educators and the day promises to be interesting, informative and enjoyable. For more details, see:

<http://www.ukcle.ac.uk/newsevents/ukcleevent.html?event=492> or contact Hansa Surti, Events Coordinator, e-mail: [H.Surti@warwick.ac.uk](mailto:H.Surti@warwick.ac.uk)

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