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Winter Colloquium
Series 2018

Dr. Ron McCallum and Dr. Mary Crock



Ron McCallum AO (B Juris LLB (Hons) (Monash), LLM (Queens) was the foundation Blake Dawson Waldron Professor in Industrial Law in the Faculty of Law of the University of Sydney between 1993 and 2007 and Dean of this faculty between 2002 and 2007. Ron is the first totally blind person to have been appointed to a full professorship in any field and to have served as Dean of a Law School at any university in Australia or New Zealand. He is now an Emeritus Professor in Sydney University Law School and part time member of the Administrative Appeals Tribunal. He was elected to the UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in 2008 and served until December 2014.

Mary Crock is professor of public law at the University of Sydney. She has worked in the area of migration and refugee law since 1985, and helped to establish a community legal centre in 1989, now known as the Refugee and Immigration Law Centre Inc. (Vic). Professor Crock is the author of 13 books and reports and over 70 articles and her research has specialised in issues around vulnerable migrants, including children and people with disabilities. She was the lead investigator in the AusAID-funded *Protection of Refugees with Disabilities* project, which ran from 2012 to 2015.

“Making Every Life Count: International Law and the Protection of Persons with Disabilities in Displacement”

Armed conflicts and natural disasters both cause impairments and pose acute challenges for persons with disabilities. Yet for a variety of reasons, these people are too often neglected or ignored in disaster planning and management. Former UN High Commissioner for Refugees, Antonio Guterres, has described refugees with disabilities as the ‘forgotten refugees’. Professor Mary Crock presents the findings of a three-year, six-country study which sought to shed light on the experiences of persons with disabilities living in displacement, reflecting on the scope for international law to influence access to human rights in these settings.

Thursday, January 11th, 2018

4:00 pm, SSC 5220

Refreshments at 3:30pm in SSC 5220

All Welcome!

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