

LEGAL INTERSECTIONS RESEARCH CENTRE (LIRC) **CONNECT: SCHOOL OF LAW**

You are invited to a Legal Intersections Research Centre Seminar and Journal Launch

Date: Wednesday 9 April 2014
Time: 4:30 - 6:00pm
Location: Research Hub, Building 19, Room 2072B
RSVP: [Online](#) by 7 April
Refreshments will be served
Free event

SEMINAR: One-Punch Laws, Mandatory Minimums and 'Alcohol-Fuelled' as an Aggravating Factor: Implications for NSW Criminal Law

Abstract: This seminar will critically examine the New South Wales State Government's latest policy response to the problem of alcohol-related violence and anxiety about 'one punch' killings: the recently enacted Crimes and other Legislation Amendment (Assault and Intoxication) Act 2014 (NSW). Based on an analysis of both the circumstances out of which it emerged, and the terms in which the new offences of assault causing death and assault causing death while intoxicated have been defined, I argue that the Act represents another example of criminal law 'reform' that is devoid of principle, produces a lack of coherence in the criminal law and, in its operation, is unlikely to deliver on the promise of effective crime prevention in relation to alcohol-fuelled violence.

Biography: Dr Julia Quilter is a Senior Lecturer in the School of Law who has written widely on the topic of one-punch killings, criminal law reform and responses to alcohol fuelled violence. She has been regularly engaged as an expert media commentator on these issues including on ABC Radio National's *The Law Report*, ABC TV's *7.30*, the *Sydney Morning Herald* and *The Telegraph* (UK). Julia's recent publications on this topic include: 'One Punch Laws, Mandatory Minimums and "Alcohol-Fuelled" as an Aggravated Factor: Implications for NSW criminal law' (2014) *International Journal for Crime, Justice and Social Democracy* (in press); 'Populism and criminal justice policy: An Australian case study of non-punitive responses to alcohol related violence' (2014) *Australian and New Zealand Journal of Criminology* (in press); 'More Law and Order on the Run' (2014) *Alternative Law Journal* (in press); 'The Thomas Kelly case: Why a "one punch" law is not the answer' (2011) 38(1) *Criminal Law Journal* 16-37; and 'Responses to the Death of Thomas Kelly: Taking Populism Seriously' (2013) 24(3) *Current Issues in Criminal Justice* 439.



LAUNCH: Law Text Culture Volume 17 - 'Re-orienting Hospitality, Re-orienting Law'



The seminar will be followed by the launch of the latest issue of the interdisciplinary peer reviewed journal published by the Legal Intersections Research Centre: *Law Text Culture*.

Edited by Professor Anne Cranny-Francis and Dr Elaine Kelly (Transforming Cultures Research Centre, UTS), Volume 17 of LTC examines the way in which the treatment of strangers is understood socially, culturally, politically and legally. It includes contributions from UOW's Nadir Hosen and Rick Mohr, and UOW PhD graduate, Ben Hightower.