



Call for Papers

Paper submissions are invited for presentations for the Australasian Law Teachers Association (ALTA) National Conference being held in **Adelaide**, South Australia from **5-8 July 2017**.

A pinnacle event on the ALTA calendar, this annual Conference is being hosted by the Law School of the University of South Australia, at the City West campus – also celebrating their 10th Anniversary. The ALTA Conference provides a supportive environment for academics and professionals to present papers on their areas of research, and it is also a great place to develop networks and friendships with other academics and professionals within Australasia.

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Conference Theme

The ALTA 2017 Program Sub-Committee seek paper submissions that are relevant to the Conference theme, *Law on the Line*:

The Law: a set of rules made by government or a ruling body and the controlling influence of such rules; the ordered condition of society brought about by their observance.

On the Line: at serious risk; imperilled; endangered.

Is the law as we know it “on the line”?

Student numbers continue to grow, while legal employment opportunities plummet. Digital disruption, in both practice and education, is beginning to change both how we deliver our services and how we conceive of the very *raison d'être* of such delivery. Civil litigation is suffering a slow strangulation, legal aid evaporating and accessibility diminishing. Judges are pilloried in the media. Fundamental rights are abandoned for political expediency. The globalisation of legal practice has begun to undermine the protected jurisdiction of domestic professional services.

The sum impact of these factors is likely to be profound. Change, in all its chaotic grandeur, is in the air, with profound implications for all aspects of the teaching and practice of the law. What does this mean for legal academics?

This conference will explore these themes with a particular focus on the teaching of law and its future practitioners. It will consider how practice should inform teaching, and how teaching can influence future practice. It aims to create an open and wide-ranging conversation about whether our very law is on the line, and what this may mean for the future of legal education and practice.

Submissions

All submissions are welcome but those from ALTA members will be given preference.

Conference Streams

A new addition to the ALTA Conference for 2017, when submitting their paper presenters are invited to nominate the Conference 'stream' which most accurately reflects their work.

The Conference Streams respond to the overarching 2017 Conference theme of 'Law on the Line', which invites participants to consider how the law should respond to changes to practice and teaching, to rapidly evolving social, environmental and institutional situations, to the emergence of technology, and to a shifting public face of the law. The Streams provide assistance to help authors guide their submissions:

1. **Teaching Methodologies:** Exploring how changing conditions drive innovation in teaching approaches and delivery.
2. **Teaching for Practice:** Examining how the legal profession can and should respond to present challenges, and how teaching law should adapt accordingly.
3. **The Public Face of Law:** Analysing the interface between the law and the public, including public awareness and community understanding, law in the media (both traditional and social) and public imagery of law.
4. **Law Responding to Changing Situations:** Exploring how law is responding to rapidly changing conditions, whether social (e.g. globalisation; internationalisation; ageing) environmental (e.g. climate change; scarce resources; degradation; transnational issues), or political (e.g. post-factual politics; challenges to neo-liberalism).
5. **The Changing Nature of the Legal Academy:** Reflecting upon how the role of the scholar/academic is evolving (e.g. increasing comparativist approaches; student engagement; changing conceptions of role of the academic; entrepreneurship).
6. **Technology and the Law:** Examining how advances in technology are changing the teaching and practice of law (e.g. big data; crowdfunding; streaming).

Interest Groups

Those who also wish their proposal to be considered as part of one or more particular ALTA Interest Group(s) should indicate this clearly:

- Clinical Legal Education and Practical Legal Training
- Competition and Consumer Law
- Company Law
- Comparative and Asian Law
- Constitutional Law
- Criminal Law
- Dispute Resolution
- Environmental Law
- Equity and Trusts
- Ethics and the Legal Profession
- Evidence and Procedure
- Family Law
- Indigenous Peoples and the Law
- Intellectual Property
- International Law
- Labour Law
- Law and Computers
- Law and Economics
- Legal Theory and Law in Context
- Law and Medicine
- Law and Social Justice
- Law for Non Law Students
- Legal Education
- Legal History
- Legal Research and Communication
- Property Law
- Revenue Law
- South Pacific and Legal Studies
- Tort and Contracts

Please note that notwithstanding the above options, the Program Sub-Committee reserves the right to allocate accepted proposals to panels according to stream or subject areas.

Submission Process

Submissions must be sent in PDF format and must be prepared using the provided template.

[CLICK HERE TO DOWNLOAD THE ALTA 2017 SUBMISSION TEMPLATE](#)

Submissions must include:

- Author/s full name and affiliation/s
- Title and abstract of the proposed paper (up to 300 words)
- *Indication of one or more particular Interest Groups and or Streams (by order of preference) is welcome but not compulsory.*

All papers need to be submitted via the online [presentation portal](#).

Once an account has been created, you will be able to make submissions via the Upload Submission area of the site. Here you will be asked to supply the following:

- Your submission title
- The Conference stream and interest that your submission covers
- Authors and affiliations
- Upload submission document (you will be instructed to browse your computer and upload your submission as a PDF document)

Please note that you will not be able to make edits to your submission once it has been submitted. It is best to save as a DRAFT until you are ready to submit.

Key Dates

Please see below for a list of key dates of ALTA 2017:

Call for submissions open	5 December 2016
Registration for ALTA 2017 open	16 January 2017
Call for submissions close	28 February 2017
Authors notified on accepted submissions	31 March 2017
Early Bird registration close	30 April 2017
Deadline for presenting authors to register	30 April 2017
Deadline for authors to submit papers	12 June 2017
ALTA 2017	5 July to 8 July 2017

Presentation

Presentations will be 20 minutes in length, including introduction and question time.

Selection Criteria

Submissions will be reviewed on the following criteria:

- Significance and relevance of paper to Conference theme, 'Law on the Line';
- Choice of topic and analysis of issues;
- Quality of originality and research;
- Relationship to literature and theory;
- Coherence of argument and structure;
- Clarity of conclusions; and
- Writing style and referencing.

Notification

The ALTA 2017 Program Sub-Committee will notify authors of acceptance by **31 March 2017**. All presenters will be required to register for the conference by **30 April 2017** to be included in the Conference program. Accepted presenters who fail to register by the deadline will be withdrawn from the Conference proceedings. Please note that all Conference costs, including registration fees, must be met from the presenter's own resources.

The lodgement of a submission does not indicate automatic inclusion in the Conference program. Receipt and acceptance will be acknowledged to the person submitting. Further communication will be with the submitting author only unless otherwise directed.

Best Paper Awards

For accepted papers to be considered for Best Overall Conference Paper, Best Early Career Academic Conference Paper or Best Legal Education Conference Paper, the full paper must be submitted by **12 June 2017**. Results will be announced during the conference.

Publication

Please note that submission of articles for JALTA is separate to the process of submitting an Abstract to present at the conference. For information regarding publication of papers in the Journal of the Australasian Law Teachers Association (JALTA) please see [JALTA 2017 Submissions - Author Guidelines and Application Form](#)