

PRIVATE LAW RESEARCH GROUP PUBLIC SEMINAR

Trusts and Statutes in the Australian Federation

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Monday 22 November 2021, 5.00pm to 6.30pm (SGT) / 8.00pm to 9.30pm (MEL)

This paper explores the interaction of statute law with judge-made trusts law against the backdrop of the Australian federal system of government. The speaker will highlight ways in which this interaction brings into clearer focus the distinctive policy objectives that underpin judge-made trusts law, as well as ways in which judge-made trusts law has identified and addressed social problems in advance of Australian statute law. In doing so, he considers charitable trusts, trusts of the family home, and trading trusts.



ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Matthew Harding is an internationally recognised expert on private law and the law of charities and other not-for-profit organisations. His published work combines theoretical, doctrinal and practical insights. He has published extensively on topics in the theory and doctrines of equity (especially fiduciary law), charity and not-for-profit law and regulation, the law of property, judicial practice and precedent, and the philosophy of trust and trustworthiness.

Matthew teaches a range of subjects in private law, legal theory and charity law at the Melbourne Law School and elsewhere, and he has supervised a number of PhD students working on topics in his fields of interest, several of whom are themselves well-known academics. Matthew has been a visiting scholar at the University of Toronto, Queen's University Belfast, the University of Otago, and the University of the Western Cape, and in 2020 he was the Kwa Geok Choo Distinguished Visitor at the National University of Singapore. He is currently the Chair of the Charity Law Association of Australia and New Zealand, an editor of the Journal of Equity, a member of the editorial boards of Oxford Studies in Private Law Theory and the Third Sector Review, and a member of the Charities Committee of the Law Council of Australia.

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