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School of Law and Justice
Academic Research Seminar presented by
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**Beyond Doctrine: Alternative and Critical Approaches
to Law in Australia**

This research seminar discusses a work-in-progress: an edited collection titled *Beyond Doctrine: Alternative and Critical Approaches to Law in Australia*. The book is intended to provide the first comprehensive resource in Australia for approaching law as something more than simply a bundle of sterile rules. This edited collection draws upon the talents of an impressive array of Australian scholars, each of whom specialises in thinking about law from a different perspective. Whether viewing law as a tool to legitimise oppression (Marxism), as a mechanism to provide the most efficient outcomes (law and economics), as an artefact of particular historical events and forces (legal history), as a method to impose and undo gender hierarchies (Queer and feminist legal theory), as the means to explain—and perhaps ameliorate—the effects of the ‘Age of Discovery’ (decolonialisation studies), and much, much more, these theories ask us all to think more deeply about law and what it means.



Dr Harry Hobbs is an Associate Professor in the Faculty of Law at the University of Technology Sydney. An experienced constitutional and human rights legal academic, Harry’s recent scholarship has explored Indigenous constitutional recognition and treaty-making, as well as the rise of pseudolaw, micronations and sovereign citizens. Prior to his academic career, Harry worked as a Principal Research Officer in the Parliamentary Joint Committee on Human Rights, a Human Rights Legal and Policy Adviser at the ACT Human Rights Commission, and as the Legal Research Officer at the High Court of Australia. Harry has authored two works with Federation Press, the second edition of *Treaty* (with George Williams), and *Treaty-Making 250 Years Later* (with Alison Whittaker and Lindon Coombes).

Dr Jeremy Patrick is a Senior Lecturer at the UniSQ School of Law and Justice, where he developed and teaches a core course on alternative approaches to legal scholarship. Jeremy has studied and taught law in the United States, Canada, and Australia. His scholarship draws upon legal history, comparative law, and legal realism, and is primarily in the areas of constitutional law and law and religion. He previously collaborated on a project with Federation Press: the 2016 edited collection *Constitutional Recognition of First Peoples in Australia: Theories and Comparative Perspectives*.



Date and Time:	Wednesday 24 July 2024, 12:30pm to 1:30pm (AEST)
Location:	UniSQ Toowoomba Campus (Q402), Ipswich Campus (T108) and Online via Zoom
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