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**27th Annual Conference of the
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***International Law Futures: The Intersection of Law with Knowledge,
Information and Expertise***

Call for papers and panel proposals: Deadline 1 March 2019

For ANZSIL's 27th Annual Conference, to be held in Canberra, the conference theme is "International Law Futures: The Intersection of Law with Knowledge, Information and Expertise."

International law increasingly faces a complex future. New challenges are constantly arising for the international community, often driven by technological developments. At the same time, existing challenges continue but manifest in new ways. Key to how future international law and international lawyers will manage novel challenges, or new iterations of old ones, is the field's intersection with knowledge, information and expertise. Whose information, knowledge or expertise is considered, how these sources are gathered and evaluated, and what mechanisms are used for dealing with information deficits and uncertainty are questions of growing importance for international law in managing possible futures. The 27th Annual Conference is an opportunity to explore these questions as they arise across a range of international legal contexts.

The organising committee for the 27th Annual Conference invite paper submissions and themed panel proposals relevant to the conference theme. Paper and panel proposals may relate to any area of international law and address issues such as:

- The role of expertise in international law-making, implementation and adjudication, including the role of other knowledges or ways of knowing such as indigenous traditional knowledge or the place of practice-based experience versus academic knowledge;
- Processes for gathering and accessing knowledge, information and expertise in international law such as fact-finding, investigation and multidisciplinary expert panels;
- Mechanisms for dealing with information deficits and uncertainty in international legal decision-making;
- Debates over the role of public views, participation and popular/democratic opinion in international legal processes, the consequences of growing resistance to evidence-based policy approaches in some areas, and the challenges of deploying expertise and communicating international law in an era of social media, "fake news" and disputed facts;
- The role of networks in disseminating knowledge and information in international law;



- Challenges presented by new technologies such as satellites and space technologies, cyberwarfare, cybercrime or digital trade and by new information systems like big data, drones and artificial intelligence, including questions of transparency, public participation, data privacy, human rights protections and the regulation of private conduct;
- Characteristics of international law that might need to be developed to accommodate possible futures.

Submission of Paper Proposals

Those proposing papers for presentation at the Conference should submit a single Word document comprised of:

- An abstract of no more than 250 words (papers with abstracts in excess of 250 words will not be considered);
- A biographical note of no more than 200 words (for possible inclusion in the Conference program); and
- A one page curriculum vitae.

The information requested above should be provided in a single Word document entitled “ANZSIL Conference 2019 Paper Proposal: [Your Name] [Title of Paper]”. Please submit your paper proposal using the application form on the ANZSIL website.

Submission of Panel Proposals

Submissions for well-constructed panels relevant to the conference theme are strongly encouraged. Those proposing panels for presentation at the Conference should submit:

- A synopsis of no more than 250 words, explaining the rationale and theme of the panel; and
- Three or four paper proposals, including in each case the information requested above (250-word abstract, 200-word biographical note and one-page curriculum vitae).
- Proposed panels are expected to have a balanced gender representation. Also, panel proposals should endeavour to seek out a diversity of presenters in other respects, including their stage of career, type and place of work, discipline or sub-discipline, and so on.

The information requested above should be provided in a single Word document entitled “ANZSIL Conference 2019 Panel Proposal: [Your Name] [Title of Proposed Panel]”. Please submit your panel proposal using the application form on the ANZSIL website. We would encourage you to consider also proposing a chair for your panel as part of your proposal.



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Process and Dates

The closing date for proposals is 1 March 2019. The Conference Organising Committee will endeavour to inform applicants of the outcome of their proposals by early April. All presenters will be required to register for the Conference by early May to be included in the final Conference program. Further information about the Conference, including program and registration details, will be available on the ANZSIL website at anzsil.org.au/events.