

Seminar Series – Islamic Law

The Faculty of Law at the NTU is to host a series of seminars on Islamic Law.

The seminars will be presented by Ms Jamila Hussain who is currently the Associate Dean (Research & Postgraduate Studies) at the Faculty.

Jamila joined the Faculty in 1995, and has been closely involved in the commencement of the Master of Laws in Comparative Laws program. She has a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Sydney, and a Master of Comparative Law and Graduate Diploma in Shariah Law and Practice from the International Islamic University of Malaysia. She has written a number of articles on multiculturalism and is currently preparing a volume on strata title in Malaysia. Jamila has also served on the Cross-cultural Relations Committee of the Law Society of NSW and as a part time member of the Western Suburbs Regional Committee of the NSW Ethnic Affairs Commission.

Jamila was admitted to practice on NSW in 1986, and was involved in general practice, mostly in the fields of Family Law, conveyancing, probate and small business. She taught law at Technical and Further Education level before moving to university teaching. Jamila spent two years living in Malaysia, teaching and studying at the International Islamic University.

The seminar program will be conducted over a five week period and will cover a wide range of topics in Islamic law. It is expected that the series will be of special interest to members of the profession and people working in areas dealing with issues which involve cross-cultural values.

Seminars will be held on Thursday evenings at 7pm in the Law Theatre at the Faculty of Law, commencing on 5 September. Teas and coffee will be available after the lectures.

For further information, contact Jamila Hussain at the Faculty of Law on tel: 8946 6959 or Pam Palmer on tel: 8946 6852.

SEMINAR 1: Introduction to Islamic Law

What need is there for Australians to learn about Islamic law? What is Islamic law? Approached to Islamic law.

700-8.00pm
Thursday 5 September

SEMINAR 2: Islamic Jurisprudence

Sources. The contemporary dilemma - traditional vs modern thought.

700-8.00pm
Thursday 12 September

SEMINAR 3: Women & Family Law

The position of women. Marriage, divorce and polygamy.

700-8.00pm
Thursday 19 September

SEMINAR 4: Islamic Criminal Law & Evidence

Criminal law. The Hudud crimes and their punishments- the Salman Rushdie case

700-8.00pm
Thursday 26 September

SEMINAR 5: Islamic Commercial Law

The rules and principles set out in the Quran and the Hadith. Banking without interest - is it possible?

700-8.00pm
Thursday 3 October

Nuffield Fellowships

The Institute of Advanced Legal Studies at the University of London is calling for nominations for candidates for the next Nuffield Fellowship Programme which will take place at the IALS in 1997.

The Nuffield Mixed Research/Training Fellowships provide support for lawyers from many sectors to undertake research and training at the IALS in London for three months between February and April 1997.

The areas for research are:

(a) research relating to an area of law shortly to undergo (or in the process of) reform coupled with in many cases, training in associated skills such as legislative drafting or skills relating to implementation and enforcement;

or

(b) creation of professional legal education programmes, usually post qualification training (ie continuing legal education) for lawyers in private practice but also development of existing vocational training by introducing new subject and methods.

Nominations for candidates wishing to undertake Research/Training Fellowships in 1997 must reach IALS no later than October 4, 1996. Candidates are advised to fax applications as soon as possible, as they are processed as they are received.

Joint proposals, involving up to a maximum of three candidates are welcome. In addition to research facilities, the practical training and network of contacts provided are tailored to meet individual or group requirements.

The Law Society has information on the Fellowship and how to apply, or interested parties may contact the IALS on fax: + 44 171 580 9613

