

New Castan Centre Books

Gideon Boas and Susan Kneebone Publish Important New Volumes

The Milosevic Trial, a First Hand Account

By Dominic Yau

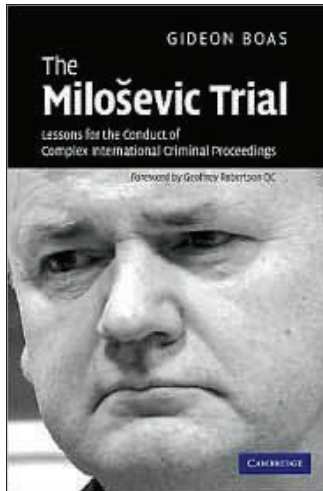
The new book by Castan Centre Faculty Member, Dr Gideon Boas, has been labelled by Geoffrey Robertson QC as the 'most authoritative post mortem on the proceedings against Slobodan Milosevic.'

Prior to joining the Law Faculty in 2007, Dr Boas was the senior legal advisor to the Chamber in the trial of Slobodan Milosevic, former President of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

Beginning in February 2002, and hailed as the 'trial of the century', the proceedings were the first to be brought against a former head of state by an international criminal tribunal. In total, Milosevic was on trial for sixty-six counts of genocide, crimes against humanity, grave breaches of the Geneva Conventions and violations of the laws and customs of war.

The trial developed into one of the

most complex and lengthy war crimes trials in history, but ended prematurely with the death of Milosevic from heart problems on 11 March 2006.



The Milosevic Trial is a thorough analysis of the trial and its impact on the development and future of international criminal law, and recommends a number of reforms to improve the

conduct of future trials of heads of states and senior political and military officials.

While Dr Boas concluded that the trial itself was fair, he warned against future cases adopting a prosecutorial approach that was 'zealous and overly expansive'. On the contrary, what is required is a case that is focused, comprehensible and manageable.

Additionally, the approach of Milosevic to his trial, as well as some 'key trial and appellate decision-making', combined to produce a trial that was unreasonably long. With hindsight, Milosevic's case could reasonably have been completed within two years, thus avoiding the abrupt ending caused by his death.

The Milosevic Trial is both an expert and an insider account. It contains many important lessons critical to the continued development of international criminal law.

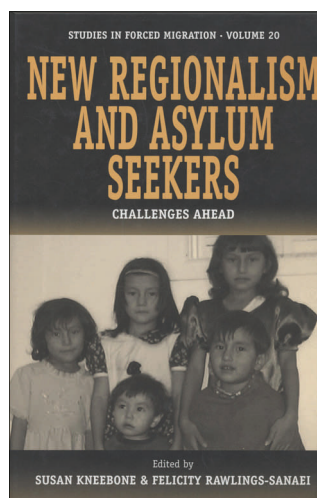
Deputy Director Susan Kneebone Launches Book on Asylum Seekers

By Jenna Donsky

For many countries, migration has always been a significant issue, however within the last century of war, natural disasters and newer and faster ways to travel, the issue of migration and particularly that of asylum seekers and refugees has become one of the utmost importance to any country or region.

Castan Centre Deputy Director Susan Kneebone a Professor of Law at Monash who teaches Migration Law and International Refugee Law and Practice, and who has been a Visiting Research Fellow at the Refugee and Studies Centre, recently edited the topical new book, 'New Regionalism and Asylum Seekers: Challenges Ahead' (in conjunction with Felicity Rawlings-Sanaei), which considers many of the issues involved with migration in this contemporary age.

The book is part of an informative series relating to forced migration and the plight of asylum seekers and refu-



gees. It addresses the role that regional institutions such as the EU and ASEAN play in shaping asylum policies and procedures. It examines the causes of forced migration move-

ments, the direction of global forced migration flows and their effect upon the immediate region. The book explores community responses to the problem, as well as cooperative arrangements between states, and the protection of human rights.

The book also considers experiences of specific countries and regions and identifies the challenges ahead for the international refugee protection system in achieving durable solutions for asylum seekers and refugees. It examines the contemporary significance of regionalism and specifically whether regionalism and regional responses are likely to play a more effective role in determining the direction of asylum policy in the future.

This book is highly relevant considering the tumultuous state the global community is in, and the ever increasing movement of people in the modern world.