

Farewell but not goodbye

By Professor Susan Kneebone

Recently I reluctantly made the decision to resign from my position as a Deputy Director of the Castan Centre for Human Rights Law as I felt that I needed to devote my time to two major writing commitments which I have underway, and to my other projects. The first that I am working on is a book for Routledge entitled *Australia's Response to Human Trafficking, Transnational Crime and Human Rights in the Greater Mekong Sub-region*, which arises from an ARC Linkage grant, for which I have an imminent deadline. Secondly, this year I have to complete my ARC Discovery Grant on 'Law, Governance and Regulation and Regulation of Labour Migration in Southeast Asia'. This requires organisation of a major workshop on *Exit and Integration Strategies for Labour Migrants in South East Asia: Putting Principles into Practices* to be held at the end of 2011. In addition, I am drafting a monograph on *Law, Governance and Regulation and Regulation of Labour Migration in Southeast Asia*.

Apart from these two projects I am also working on a third ARC project 'Delivering Effective Protection to Victims and Prevention of Human Trafficking in the Greater Mekong Sub-Region' which requires international travel and collection of qualitative data.

I am also co-organising a workshop with Dr Dallal Stevens of Warwick University to be held in Prato in May 2011. This small invitation-only workshop, which is endorsed by the UNHCR as part of its 60th anniversary celebrations, will explore the themes of *Refugees and The Refugee Convention 60 Years On: Protection and Identity*. The keynote speakers at the workshop are Ms Erika Feller (Assistant High Commissioner to UNHCR) and Professor Roger Zetter (Director, RSC, University of Oxford). We are planning to publish the papers as an edited collection with a high quality publisher. I am writing a paper for the workshop.

I am also currently supervising seven Higher Degree by Research students on refugee, migration and trafficking related topics. Some of these supervisees are planning to submit in 2011.

All these exciting commitments, projects and responsibilities unfortunately reduce my time and capacity to fulfil my role as a Deputy Director at the level which it requires, and that is why I have resigned. However, I intend to continue the close association which I have developed with the Castan Centre and to work with them in a less formal capacity in the future.

