

Where, after all, do universal human rights begin? In small places, close to home... - Eleanor Roosevelt



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The Australian Human Rights Centre, the Initiative for Health and Human Rights and the Diplomacy Training Program welcome you to a celebration of the:

60th Anniversary of the **UN Declaration of Human Rights**

with **Lord Bingham**, leading human rights jurist and former Master of the Rolls and Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales

and **Elizabeth Evatt AC**, former member of the UN Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women and the United Nations Human Rights Committee



**Eleanor Roosevelt, Chairperson of the first
UN Human Rights Commission, 1948**

AGENDA

Wednesday, 10th December, 2008

Law Theatre, Law Building, UNSW, Kensington Campus

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| 10:30-10:35 | Welcome and Introduction
Prof. Andrew Byrnes, Australian Human Rights Centre |
| | Welcome to Country
Uncle Norm Newlin |
| 10:35-10:45 | Welcome to the University of New South Wales
Vice Chancellor Prof Fred Hilmer |
| 10:45-10:50 | Introduction to Elizabeth Evatt
A/Prof Andrea Durbach, Australian Human Rights Centre |
| 10:50-11:10 | Address Prof Elizabeth Evatt |
| 11:10-11:15 | Introduction to Lord Bingham
Patrick Earle, Director, Diplomacy Training Program |
| 11:15-11:35 | Address Lord Bingham |
| 11:35-11:40 | UDHR and WHO at 60
Prof Daniel Tarantola, UNSW Initiative for Health & Human Rights |
| 11:40-11:55 | The UDHR Performance
Ethnic Communities Council of NSW - Youth Wing |
| 11:55-12:00 | Closing
Prof David Dixon, Dean of the Faculty of Law |

Elizabeth Evatt was the first Chief Judge of the Family Court of Australia and the first woman to preside in an Australian Federal Court. She studied law at the University of Sydney and at Harvard Law School. A barrister at law at Inner Temple and the New South Wales Bar and editor of the *International and Comparative Law Quarterly*, in 1968 she joined the English Law Commission where she worked for five years. Prior to her appointment as first Chief Judge of the Family Court of Australia (1976-1988), Elizabeth Evatt was a Deputy President of the Australian Industrial Relations Commission from 1973-76. From 1988-1993 she was President of the Australian Law Reform Commission and Chancellor of the University of Newcastle from 1988-1994.

Between 1984-1992, Elizabeth Evatt was a member of the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women, serving as Chair of the Committee from 1989-1991.

She was elected to the United Nations Human Rights Committee where she served from 1993-2000.

From 1995-1998, she was a part-time Commissioner of the Australian Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission, from 1998 – 2006 she was a judge of the World Bank Administrative Tribunal and in 2003, she was elected a Commissioner of the International Commission of Jurists. A niece of former Labor leader Dr H. V. Evatt, Elizabeth Evatt served as Vice-President of the Foundation from 1982-1987. She is a Visiting Professor at the Faculty of Law, UNSW and member of the Management Committee of the Australian Human Rights Centre.

Lord Bingham of Cornhill read modern history at Balliol College, Oxford and became a barrister at Fountain Court Chambers, London and took silk in 1972. He was appointed a judge of the High Court in 1980 and promoted to the Court of Appeal in 1986. He became Master of the Rolls in 1992 and Lord Chief Justice of England and Wales in 1996. After 8 years as Senior Law Lord of the House of Lords, the highest judicial office in the United Kingdom, Lord Bingham retired in September 2008.

A leading human rights jurist, Lord Bingham's landmark rulings under the Human Rights Act 1998 (UK) and the European Convention on Human Rights have contributed significantly to promoting and protecting fundamental rights and freedoms and the rule of law in the UK and beyond.

Lord Bingham is a Knight of the Garter and Chairman of the British Institute of International and Comparative Law.

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The University of New South Wales' Initiative for Health and Human Rights (IHHR) is a multidisciplinary research, teaching, service and advocacy initiative founded collectively by the Faculties of Arts and Social Science, Law and Medicine. Established in July 2005, the IHHR advances health and human rights as both an area of study and a new, composite method of research. This work serves as the foundation for an interdisciplinary and international research network. The results will be used to support teaching and orient further research.

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Australian Human Rights Centre

The Australian Human Rights Centre (AHRC) is an inter-disciplinary research and teaching institute based in the Faculty of Law at the University of New South Wales (UNSW). Established in 1986, the AHRC's primary focus is on economic, social and cultural rights. The Centre undertakes research projects on contemporary human rights issues and provides accessible information on developments within the field via its main publications, the *Australian Journal of Human Rights* and the *Human Rights Defender*.

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Diplomacy Training Program

Founded in 1989 by HE Jose Ramos-Horta, 1996 Nobel Peace Laureate and current President of Timor-Leste, the Diplomacy Training Program (DTP) is an independent NGO which seeks to advance human rights and empower civil society in the Asia Pacific region through quality education and training, and the building of skills and capacity in non-governmental organisations and for individual human rights defenders and community advocates.

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