

NZCPL Conference 2013

“Unearthing New Zealand’s Constitutional Traditions”

IT IS OFTEN SAID that New Zealand’s dominant constitutional tradition is pragmatism – the “number eight wire” approach to constitutional change. But this hides other, and often richer, narratives from our constitutional past. This conference seeks to take a deeper look at, and to shed more light on, the fundamental ideals on which our constitution is based. It will carry on the Centre for Public Law’s own tradition of inquiry into our constitution by bringing together a number of distinguished scholars from New Zealand and abroad to reflect on these important questions and to begin unearthing the country’s traditions of constitutional thought.

29-30 August 2013

Parliament Buildings
Wellington, New Zealand

Hosted by:

Hon Chris Finlayson QC
Attorney-General of
New Zealand

Keynote speakers:

Professor David Hackett Fischer

University Professor and Earl Warren Professor
of History at Brandeis University

Emeritus Professor Andrew Sharp

Fellow in New Zealand Studies, Birkbeck College,
University of London/University of Auckland

Opening address:

Rt Hon Dame Sian Elias

Chief Justice of New Zealand

Other speakers include:

Professor Richard Boast

Victoria University of Wellington

Dr Petra Butler

Victoria University of Wellington

Professor Shaunnagh Dorsett

University of Technology Sydney

Dr Kirsty Gover Melbourne Law School

Dr Mark Hickford

Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet

Catherine Iorns

Victoria University of Wellington

Moana Jackson Te Wananga o Raukawa

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Professor Philip Joseph

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Rt Hon Sir Kenneth Keith

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Victoria University of Wellington

Professor Janet McLean

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Rt Hon Sir Geoffrey Palmer QC

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