

Mellichamp Global Studies Seminar



Towards Establishing a Global Industry Ombudsman

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Under pressure from NGOs, a number of global corporations have committed to ensuring their global supply chains do not include products or services from exploited labor or involving environmental degradation. However, underpaid workers in developing countries working in substandard conditions, or farmers being forced from their land have extremely limited options for gaining redress – even if the goods they produce, or products of their forcibly taken land ends up in a global supply chain. Justin Malbon will outline a proposal for how a Global Industry Ombudsman offers a low (or no) cost and practically effective way of enabling exploited workers and others to gain redress.

Justin Malbon has a law degree from Adelaide University, Australia, a masters of laws degree from Osgood Hall Law School, Toronto, Canada and PhD from the University of New South Wales. A practiced trial lawyer who has represented Australian Indigenous People, he is a former Dean of the Griffith University Law School in Brisbane and is presently Professor at the Monash University Law School, Melbourne, and has held visiting positions at Cambridge University and the European University Institute in Florence, Italy. Publications include books and articles on a range of topics including Indigenous rights, international intellectual property, international trade and consumer law, as well as include leading commentaries on the WTO agreement on trade-related intellectual property rights and on global TV format rights.