



## **THE 2024 ANNUAL FORBES LECTURE**

### **Francis Forbes and the Parable of the Gown and Wig: A History of Legal Dress in New South Wales**

#### **PROGRAMME**

<b>Lecturer:</b>	<b>Daniel Yazdani</b>
<b>Chair:</b>	<b>Dr Simon Chapple SC, Secretary of the Forbes Society</b>
<b>Date:</b>	<b>Wednesday 31 July 2024</b>
<b>Time:</b>	<b>5.15pm – 6.15pm</b>
<b>Venue:</b>	<b>Banco Court, Level 13 Law Courts Building, Queen's Square, Sydney</b>

**CONTEXT:** The Forbes Society, and the annual Forbes Lecture sponsored by the Society, are named for Francis Forbes (1784-1841), the first Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of NSW, 1824-1837. He was knighted in 1837.

## ORDER OF EVENTS

1. **WELCOME** – by Simon Chapple SC, Secretary of the Francis Forbes Society for Australian Legal History
2. **PRESENTATION OF THE LECTURE** – by Daniel Yazdani
3. **THANKS and CLOSE OF PROCEEDINGS** – by the Chair

## THE FORBES LECTURER

Daniel Yazdani is a practising barrister at 13<sup>th</sup> Floor St James Hall.

Prior to his admission to the Bar in June 2022, Daniel was the Tipstaff (and, during 2021, Acting-Associate) from 2020 to 2022 to the Hon. Justice Lindsay AM, a judge of the Equity Division of the Supreme Court of New South Wales.

Daniel contributed to the illustrated history of the Supreme Court's *Constant Guardian: Changing Times – The Supreme Court of New South Wales 1824-2024*. Daniel has also authored *The Habit of a Judge: A History of Court Dress in England & Wales, and Australia* (Talbot Publishing/ Lawbook Exchange, 2019), with a foreword by the former Chief Justice of Western Australia, the Hon. Wayne Martin AC, KC. He formerly practised as a solicitor in Perth from 2015 to 2019.

## LEGAL HISTORY NEWS

Lectures and Legal History Tutorials convened by the Forbes Society are generally open to the public, without charge.

### LEGAL HISTORY TUTORIALS AND OTHER PRESENTATIONS:

The Forbes Society's annual programme of legal history tutorials has, since its inception in 2013, included presentations by senior judges, academics, members of the Bar and Court staff. Recent presentations include:

- Professor Peter Gerangelos 'An Historical Constitutional Approach and the general (non-statutory) executive power of the Commonwealth – History as Method: 'Ancient' solutions to Current Problems' (11 April 2023)
- Dr Peter Edwell and the Hon Keith Mason AC KC 'Art and the Law: The Archibald prize case of the 1944 and beyond' (18 April 2023)
- Michael Adams (Counsel in the Office of General Counsel at AGS) 'The effect of the American Civil War on the law of contract' (24 May 2023)
- Dane Luo (Associate to Hammerschlag CJ in Eq) 'The Path to Independence: Australia's Constitution and her British ties' (24 July 2023)
- Skye Krichauff (University of Adelaide) 'The South Australian Frontier and its Legacies: a truth telling project' (15 August 2023)
- Megan Cameron, PhD candidate at Sydney Law School, 'The work of magistrates in early colonial New South Wales' (24 October 2023)
- Dr Jessica Lake (ACU) 'The slander of women' (1 November 2023)
- Dr Lucas Alcolea (University of Otago) 'Contractual Licences Over Land: Neither this nor that' (18 March 2024)
- Dr Ben Chen 'Automating Empirical Legal Research' (6 May 2024)
- Dr Simon Blount 'The Failed Federation: Why the All Blacks do not play for Australia' (11 July 2024)

If you have any queries about attending or presenting, please advise the Treasurer (Carol Webster SC) or the Secretary of the Society (Dr Simon Chapple SC) at [secretariat@forbessociety.org.au](mailto:secretariat@forbessociety.org.au).

### JH PLUNKETT LECTURE:

The Hon Andrew Bell, Chief Justice of NSW delivered the Twelfth Annual JH Plunkett Lecture on 13 February 2024 titled 'Unheralded nation-builder: another dimension of John Hubert Plunkett'. The Lecture was chaired by the Hon. James Allsop AC, President of the Forbes Society and combined with a formal presentation to 2023 Essayists.

### THE 2023 FORBES LECTURE:

On 23 August 2023, Her Excellency the Hon. Margaret Beazley AC, KC, Governor of New South Wales, delivered the Annual Forbes Lecture 'The Decade that Shaped Us: Before and After the Third Charter of Justice'. The lecture was chaired by the Hon. James Allsop AC, President of the Forbes Society.

## THE FORBES FUND:

One of the Society's objects is to encourage and promote research into Australian legal history and it maintains for that purpose the Francis Forbes Fund, to which donations may be made. Donations to the Forbes Fund (in the sum of \$2.00 or more) are tax deductible.

As well as specific projects each year, the Society supports an annual Essay prize for the best paper presented at the ANZLHS Conference, judged by a panel appointed by the Editor of law & history. Grants have included:

**(2024 grants):** *University of Sydney Law School* Inma Conde, 'A historical interpretation of Article 7(1) of the United Nations Convention on Contracts for the International Sale of Goods'; *University of Sydney Law School* Dr Jeffrey Gordon, 'Free speech moments in Australian legal history'; *UNSW Law & Justice* Dr Henry Kha, 'Ne Temere and the Marriage Law of New South Wales: Religious Sectarianism in the 1920s'.

**(2023 grants):** *University of Technology Sydney* Dr Alecia Simmonds 'Race, Legal Status and Subjecthood in Defamation Actions Across the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries'; *Australian National University* Dr Susan Bartie 'Contribution of Solicitors-General to the field of Australian law and environmental politics'; *Macquarie University* Dr Henry Kha 'Wife sales and legal responses in Colonial Australia' and *Deakin University* Associate Professor Gabrielle Wolf 'European Medical Émigrés in Tasmania and the Law, 1933-1946.'

**(2022 grants):** *University of Adelaide* Ass Professor Robert Foster – 'Reconciling with the Frontier'; *ACU* Dr Jessica Lake – 'The Slander of Women'; *University of Sydney* Megan Cameron – an examination of the work of magistrates in early colonial NSW; *UNSW* Ass Professor Marina Nehme – A study of the legal history of proprietary companies.

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## MEMBERSHIP OF THE FORBES SOCIETY:

Membership of the Forbes Society is open to everybody. Membership application forms can be downloaded from the Society's website <http://www.forbessociety.org.au>. Benefits of membership include timely notification of legal history events via updates emailed to members from time to time.