



## Perth Colloquium

Curtin Law School  
57 Murray Street, Perth  
5.30 pm, 8 November 2018  
All AAL Fellows most welcome

This Academy event is hosted at Curtin Law School, as part of the Law School's CLS Eminent Speaker Seminar series. Law students and staff from all WA schools are especially welcome.

(AAL Fellows are invited to meet afterwards for dinner at The Garum Restaurant 480 Hay Street. Please RSVP Elana Christou ([elana.christou@curtin.edu.au](mailto:elana.christou@curtin.edu.au)))

## Criminal Law fit for a continent? I don't think so.

Australia has a population of 24m with 9 distinct State or Territory criminal law jurisdictions and a rapidly expanding body of federal criminal law governed by the Commonwealth Criminal Code. Canada has a population of 36m, a land mass approximately 1.3 times that of Australia, and a solitary Criminal Code. South Africa and New Zealand also have the benefit of unitary criminal justice systems.

The criminal laws of Australia are by no means uniform and there appears to be little political pressure for harmonisation. The political will to fix this 'insane' system (the adjective applied by a former Queensland Attorney General) is lacking, or perhaps more accurately, the present body politic is no longer capable of broad systemic reform.

What can be done? Should the Academy of Law have a role to play in nation building law reform?

### SPEAKER:

**Professor Paul Fairall** has served as Foundation Dean of Law at Curtin University since January 2012. He previously served as the inaugural Dean of Law at the University of South Australia. Paul held the John Bray Chair of Law at the University of Adelaide from 2002 to 2007, where he also served as Dean. Prior to that he served as Dean of Law at James Cook University in Townsville (1995-2002),



and was elected to chair the University's Academic Board (2000-2001). He has held visiting positions at Law Schools in Canada and Europe. He is a former Chair of the Council of Australian Law Deans (1999-2000) and a Foundation Fellow and Director of the Australian Academy of Law.

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