conference in the world Computers Privacy and Data Protection - conducted an interdisciplinary workshop with PhD candidates and Early Career Researchers from Australia and New Zealand.

FACULTY LUNCH W/ PROFESSOR PAUL DE HERT VRIJE UNIVERSITEIT BRUSSELS

4 October | Melbourne Law School

This was an opportunity to hear from Paul about his current research at the intersection of privacy/data protection, technology and human rights and also to share information about related research.

TRADE MARKS & FREE SPEECH: PERSPECTIVES ON THE SLANTS CASE

9 October | Melbourne Law School

Rochelle Dreyfuss Pauline Newman Professor of Law and Co-Director, Engelberg Center on Innovation Law & Policy at New York University School of Law
Susy Frankel Professor of Law and Director of the New Zealand Centre of International Economic Law at Victoria University of Wellington
Vicki Huang Lecturer in IP law at the Faculty of Business and Law, Deakin University
Dan Rosen Professor of Law at Chuo University Law School, Tokyo
The Hon Justice Julie Dodds-Streeton QC Judge in Residence, Melbourne Law School

The US Supreme Court's decision in Matal v. Tam, 582 U.S. ___ (2017) has been described as rocking the IP world (or alternatively deeply controversial) in holding the Lanham Act’s “disparagement clause” unconstitutional. The unanimous verdict was issued on an application by Simon Tam of the Asian-American rock band The Slants seeking to “reclaim” the derogatory term “The Slants” by registering it as the band’s trade mark. As Justice Alito put it, speech that disparages may be hateful but under the First Amendment judges protect the freedom to express “the thought that we hate.”

In this seminar we heard perspectives from four trade mark academics and a former Australian federal court judge on the meaning, significance and implications of the decision for trade mark, branding and language practices.

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