



**IARMJ**

International Association of Refugee and Migration Judges  
established at Warsaw, 18 September 1997

## **CALL FOR PAPERS**

### **International Association of Refugee and Migration Judges (IARMJ) Asia Pacific Conference**



Conference organisers are seeking expressions of interest in presenting papers at the conference.

### **The Regional Conference of the Asia Pacific Chapter of the IARMJ 23 – 25 November 2022 Law Faculty, University of Newcastle Newcastle, Australia**

The IARMJ seeks to foster an understanding of the rule of law in refugee and migration decisions and to provide practical assistance to judges and appeal level decision makers in these decisions through the sharing of knowledge and best practice.

The aim of the conference is to provide an opportunity to consider and reflect on aspects of decision-making under the conference theme and sub-themes:

#### **“CULTURE AND CULTURAL CONSTRUCTS IN MIGRATION AND PROTECTION”**



Increasingly, judges and appeal level decision makers are finding that the making of good decisions requires development of myriad areas of expertise, and the ability to understand, appreciate and interact with people from differing cultures and belief systems. How does culture, and the construction of culture, affect our decision making? How can we provide fair and efficient decisions which are grounded in a depth of understanding of the people who appear before us?

The conference organisers have proposed the following (non-exhaustive) sub-themes:

- Gender
- Minorities
- Cultural competence
- Cultures of belief and disbelief
- Language
- Religion
- Culture in migration applications
- Emerging constructs – technology and migration and refugee law

There may be other sub-themes which interest you and we welcome your thoughts and contributions.

All communications and proposals for papers should be sent to:

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The closing date for proposals for papers is 30 April 2022.

The conference is expected to comprise:

- Wednesday 23 November: Introductory and Advanced Workshops for members  
Welcome function (evening)
- Thursday 24 November: First day of conference plenary and breakouts  
Conference dinner (evening)
- Friday 25 November: Second day of conference plenary and breakouts
- Saturday 26 November: Local and Hunter Valley tours for those interested

The conference organisers expect to be able to advise registration details and the programme by 1 June 2022, so please **diary the conference dates now**.