**Key Centre for Ethics, Law, Justice and Governance**

**A place to call home: expediting repatriation and ending the practice of warehousing refugees and internally displaced persons (IDPs)**

*Chief Investigator: Professor Charles Sampford,*

**Brief description:**
Half of the world’s 12 million refugees and 25 million internally displaced persons (IDPs) have been living in camps for five to ten years, or longer. The economic and social costs for refugees/IDPs, host countries, and countries of origin are enormous. This project, based on research in protracted refugee and IDP situations in Asia, develops and tests new information gathering, protection, financial, and institutional mechanisms to enhance the prospects of repatriating and reintegrating refugees and IDPs. The research contributes to human and regional security and strengthens institutional preparedness for refugee and IDP repatriation and reintegration.

*Also a project of the Institute for Ethics, Governance and Law*

**Innovative justice responses to sexual violence: a global analysis**

*Chief Investigator: Professor Kathy Daly*

**Brief description:**
Aligned with United Nations initiatives to end violence against women, Australian governments have emphasised that gender violence is a crime. This is correct, but the practical problem is what to do next. The project will benefit Australia by identifying innovative ways of responding to sexual violence that are practical, effective, and meaningful for victims’ justice needs and economically viable for government. In taking a global perspective, more imaginative responses to violence in Australian Indigenous communities can be identified. In studying countries where Australia has a security and peacekeeping presence, the role of those forces in maintaining security for women and children can be enhanced.

**Pathways to prevention project**

*Chief Investigators: Professor Ross Homel, Dr Kate Freiberg, Dr Sara Branch*

*In partnership with Mission Australia and Education Queensland*

**Brief description:**
The Pathways Project is a research practice partnership that combines provision of developmental-ecological services with ‘real-time’ research and evaluation aimed at enhancing research and guiding future policy to improve the wellbeing of children. Operating since 2001 with the support of a range of philanthropic, research, and government grants, the project is located in the Inala-Carole Park region, a socially disadvantaged and culturally diverse area of Brisbane with a population of about 21,000 people and seven state primary schools. The current focus is building stronger connections between children (4 to 12 years of age), families, schools, and helping agencies through enhanced institutional practices.

**Dilemmas in non-citizen detention and removal: an international comparative study**

*Chief Investigators: Professor Howard Adelman, Dr Janet Ransley, Dr Melissa Bull,*

**Brief description:**
The project aims to generate policy proposals to obviate costly legal challenges, damaging ethical controversies, and the erosion of confidence and morale in the administration of Australian immigration practices. By developing new safeguards for the integrity of Australia’s immigration, the project will assist in protecting Australian citizens from the dangers of terrorism and crime. Proposals generated will seek to respect the human rights of non citizens, whilst increasing confidence in the integrity of the immigration system and reducing public fears concerning security.

*Also a project of the Institute for Ethics, Governance and Law*

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