

John Bray Law Alumni Network

2019 John Bray Oration

Geoffrey Robertson AO QC - *Who Owns the Past?*



Geoffrey Robertson AO QC is one of the world's most celebrated human rights lawyers. He has been a UN war crimes judge, leading counsel in many notable Old Bailey trials, has defended hundreds of men facing death sentences in the Caribbean, and has won landmark rulings on civil liberty from the highest courts in Britain, Europe and the Commonwealth. He is founder and head of Doughty Street Chambers, Europe's largest human rights practice, and a Master of the Bench at Middle Temple.

His book, *Crimes Against Humanity*, has been an inspiration for the global justice movement. His other books and publications include *Dreaming Too Loud*; *The Statute of Liberty*; *The Tyrannicide Brief*; and *The Inconvenient Genocide: Who Now Remembers the Armenians?* His new book, *Rather his Own Man: Reliable Memoirs*, is a riveting autobiography bringing Mr Robertson's fascinating and colourful career up to date following his acclaimed memoir, *The Justice Game*.

He has made many television and radio programmes, notably *Geoffrey Robertson's Hypotheticals*, and has won a Freedom of Information award for his writing and broadcasting. In 2011, he received the New York State Bar Association's Award for 'Distinction in International Law and Affairs', and was Australian Humanitarian of the Year in 2014 for his outstanding work as a human rights lawyer and advocate in courts throughout the world. In regard to human rights, Geoffrey Robertson has changed the way we think.

In this lecture, in honour of Chief Justice John Bray, Mr Robertson will reflect upon his memory of Dr Bray's influence on him as a law student, and draw upon his own work, to return aboriginal remains from British museums and to advise the Greek government over the Parthenon Marbles, to ask "Who Owns the Past?"

Date	Tuesday 2 April 2019
Venue	The Braggs Lecture Theatre, University of Adelaide
Time	5.30pm – 6.30pm
Cost	\$10.00 per head