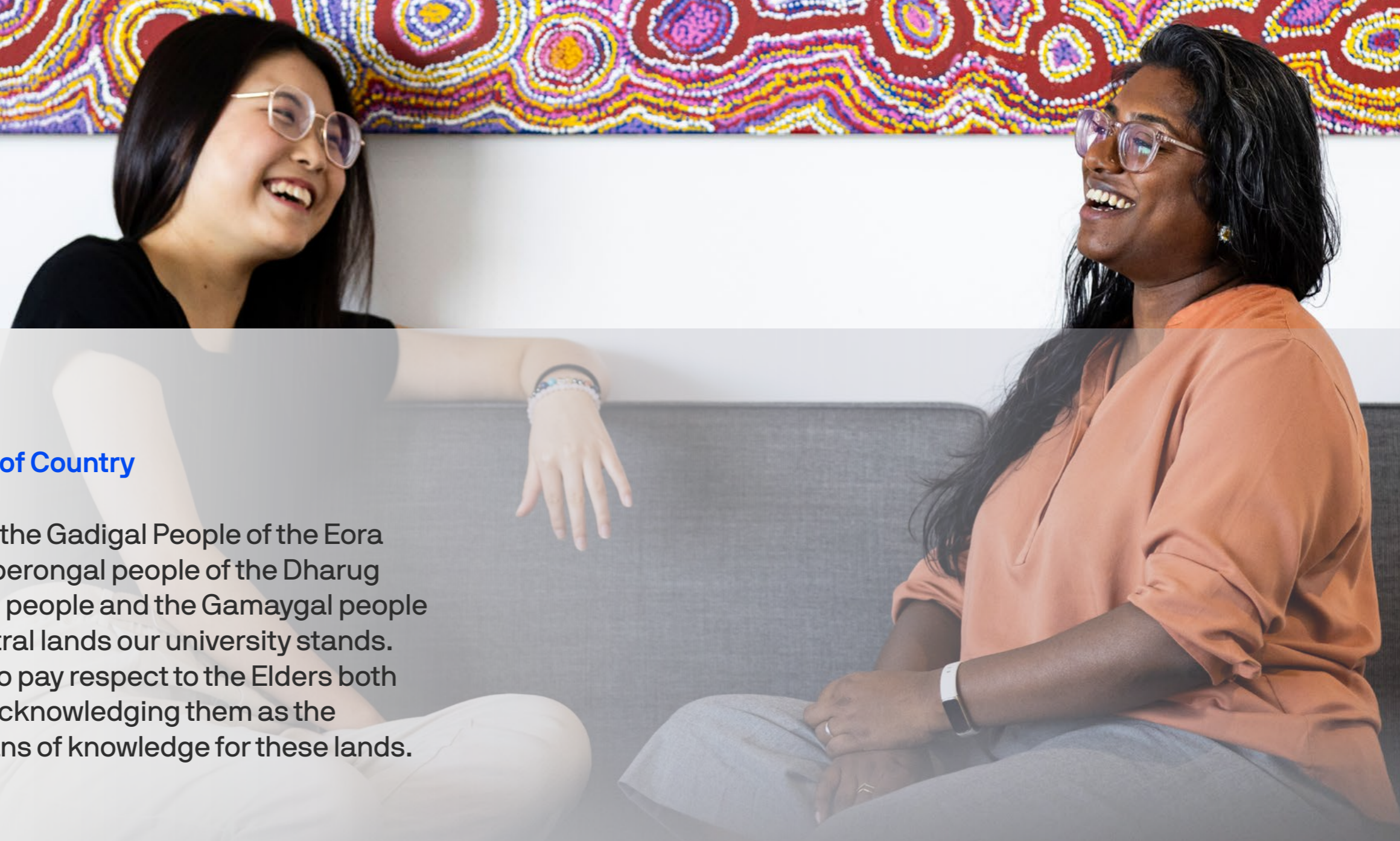


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## Acknowledgement of Country

UTS acknowledges the Gadigal People of the Eora Nation, the Boorooberongal people of the Dharug Nation, the Bidiagal people and the Gamaygal people upon whose ancestral lands our university stands. We would also like to pay respect to the Elders both past and present, acknowledging them as the traditional custodians of knowledge for these lands.

## Vision

Our vision is to create knowledge and drive debate. To lead ethically.  
To create positive social change. To centre Indigenous excellence.  
To harness law and technology for a just and sustainable future.  
To be kind, community focused and accessible.



UTS Central – Building 2: Faculty of Law

## Sustainable Partnerships & Community

We value strong connections among the Faculty, students and alumni, across physical and virtual spaces, and we form collaborative, interdisciplinary research partnerships with our community and industry partners.

## Thriving & Inclusive Faculty of Law

Our diverse and inclusive culture makes us the Faculty of choice for staff, students, and the wider community. At UTS Law we work to continuously improve our cultures of respect, inclusion, and repair, acknowledging the multiple challenges facing our society.

## Educating for the Future

UTS Law is committed to innovative, supportive and high quality legal education for the future which is valued for its contribution to society and excellent student experience.

## Excellent Research with Impact

UTS Law researchers investigate legal matters of significant community, national and global importance. Our scholars are bold, ambitious, and creative, and we shape debates, research agendas, law, practice, and policy.

## Indigenous Excellence

UTS Law acknowledges the unique status of Indigenous Australians as the First Peoples of Australia and the ongoing custodians and knowledge holders for Country. We recognise the role of law and legal institutions in the historical and ongoing injustices towards Indigenous peoples and are committed to research and education which aims to bring about systemic change.



# Who we are



Professor Anita Stuhmcke, Dean and Dr Roberto Buonamano

**At UTS Law we are bold, creative, and fresh, with an international outlook grounded firmly in our local communities.**

Social justice is an integral part of who we are: what we work towards for others we also strive to achieve for ourselves. Our curriculum reflects our dedication to training socially conscious and ethical lawyers. Our research drives debate and reform on cutting-edge law and justice issues. We take seriously our obligation to generate and disseminate knowledge for the public good. We act to enhance the distinctive identity of UTS as a leading public university of technology recognised for our global impact.

We centre First Nations' excellence and celebrate the diversity of Australia. We equip our students to work with, for, and alongside First Nations communities to achieve self-determination. We are motivated by our commitment to taking care of ourselves, each other, our relationships, and our environment.

We recognise the transformative power of technology and its influence on law and legal practice. We foster ongoing reflection and critical thinking about the opportunities and risks of technology. Our students are prepared to lead and shape the ethical development and responsible use of new technologies for the benefit of society and are committed to a sustainable global future.

# Educating for the future



Faculty of Law Sir Gerard Brennan Moot Court

**UTS Law is committed to innovative, supportive and high quality legal education for the future which is valued for its contribution to society and excellent student experience.**

**We attract an outstanding and inclusive student cohort and foster in them a consciousness of law's imperfections. We empower students to critique and challenge the law and uphold the highest ethical standards of the legal profession.**

## **We will:**

- Guide our students in their understanding of how technology will change their lives as legally-trained professionals in the 21st century and ensure they will leave UTS ready to embrace the challenges posed and show leadership in the responsible use of technology;
- Work with the profession to maintain and deepen our reputation for forging versatile, practice ready graduates through career relevant learning;
- Build upon our already exceptional reputation as leaders in legal education amplifying our graduates' skills, critical reflection and rigorous disciplinary knowledge;
- Bring our research and practice expertise into the classroom to enrich student learning.



# Excellent research with impact



Faculty of Law Postgraduate Student Lounge

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## **We will:**

- Support individual researchers to build to a sustained and coherent body of work;
- Foster and continue to support a research environment characterised by collegiality and generosity;
- Encourage and celebrate the diversity and breadth in the excellence of our research;
- Develop and grow the research, policy, professional, and community leaders of the future through our PhD and Research Masters programs;
- Broaden, support and contribute to research conducted with communities, professionals, government and other partners;
- Work with communities, industry, and government to achieve positive social change.



# Indigenous excellence



Faculty of Law Student Commons – High Court Robes of Hon Sir (Francis) Gerard Brennan AC, KBE, GBS and Dr Miriam Rose Ungunmerr Baumann AM, *The Pearl Shells and the Rainbow Serpent: Symbols of Power*

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UTS Law is committed to an environment for Indigenous peoples that is welcoming, respectful, culturally safe, non-discriminatory, and free of harassment. We aim to provide legal education which enables our graduates to work respectfully with and for Indigenous peoples. UTS Law is committed to Indigenous self-determination and being thought leaders on practical measures to support self-determination.

## We will:

- Achieve equity in Indigenous student participation, retention and completion rates;
- Embed nationally significant Indigenous graduate attributes in all law programs to develop student capability to work effectively with and for Indigenous peoples in professional contexts;
- Strengthen and foster new relationships with Indigenous communities to inform our research, education, and activities;
- Foster a culture of collaboration between Indigenous and non-Indigenous scholars and educators which promotes best practice in ethical research and respect for Indigenous knowledges and cultural property;
- Be the partner of choice for Indigenous led and community driven research and education that embraces Indigenous self-determination.



## A thriving and inclusive Faculty of Law



Associate Professor Nicole Watson



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**We celebrate the diverse backgrounds of our staff and student body and work together to deepen our commitment to equality as a core value of UTS Law. We promote inclusion and belonging by putting staff and student wellbeing at the centre of what we do. We create a place for the exchange of ideas and diverse views to enrich our UTS Law community.**

### **We will:**

- Listen respectfully to each other to inform Faculty decision making;
- Provide opportunities for a diversity of views to inform Faculty decision making;
- Continue to collaborate across disciplines within the university;
- Implement plans to achieve meaningful diversity and equality within our Faculty composition;
- Create a sense of belonging through promoting the wellbeing of staff and students.





# Sustainable partnerships & communication



Above: Professor Jennifer Burn AM and Sandeep Dhillon  
Left: Associate Professor Ramona Vijayarasa and Professor Isabella Alexander

**We value strong connections among the Faculty, students and alumni, across physical and virtual spaces, and we form collaborative, interdisciplinary research partnerships with our community and industry partners.**

**We contribute to public discourse with the aim of benefiting the wider community. Our unique city location enables us to build links with legal professionals, government, and industries.**

## **We will:**

- Be courageous, prepared to speak out against injustice, and advocate for legal reforms to create a fairer society;
- Strengthen connections with our alumni, community and industry networks through public events and collaborative research;
- Re-imagine use of the Faculty's physical environment to create welcoming spaces for engagement between students, staff, legal professionals and external partners;
- Use technology ethically to foster communities of learners and build connections across our virtual spaces;
- Shape and proactively respond to the professional development needs of legal, government and community partners.





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