

**Australian Society of Legal Philosophy
Annual Conference**

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The ASLP conferences usually have several distinguished key note speakers (for example, at the 2014 ASLP conference in Perth there was Kevin Toh). This year key note papers included Scott Shapiro (Yale)'s *Law, Morality and Everything Else: General Jurisprudence as a Branch of Meta-Normative Theory*; Gerald Postema (UNC)'s *Time in Law's Empire* and Gary Chartier (La Sierra)' *Incommensurable Basic Goods*.

From my perspective, the last paper had a bit more down to earth focus, though was delivered rather too rapidly, and, in somewhat intimidating manner. Shapiro's paper, in contrast, was engagingly presented but was, for likes of me, a bit too on meta-normative side. Postema draw a parallel between law and music that did not do much for me but others did not mind it.

Another distinct feature of the ASLP conferences is the book symposium. This year it was Nicole Roughan's *Authorities: Conflicts, Cooperation, and Transnational Legal Theory* (Oxford University Press, 2013) that was prized by all the discussants.

The conference was rather small but it had three parallel sessions, with some sessions were more populous than others. One of the populous and highly enjoyable sessions was with Peter Cane (ANU)'s *Reconceptualising Separation of Powers*, Arie Rosen (Auckland)'s *Private Law and Democratic Theory* and Patrick Emerton (Monash)'s *Some Doubts About Legislative Intentions*.

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