



# Academy of Science and Academy of Law Joint Symposium 2023: Public lectures by Dame Julie Maxton



Join the Australian Academy of Science and the Australian Academy of Law for their annual symposium in 2023. This year, three public lectures will be delivered by Dame Julie Maxton DBE, Executive Director of the Royal Society in London. These events will be held in Canberra, Sydney and Melbourne.

## About the events

### Canberra

**Date:** Monday 4 December 2023

**Time:** 5.30pm–6.45pm, followed by refreshments

**Venue:** The Shine Dome, 15 Gordon Street, Acton ACT

**Cost:** Free for Fellows of both Academies. \$10 for students. \$20 for general admission.

**REGISTRATION** (<https://aas.eventsair.com/lectures-by-dame-julie-maxton/cbrreg>).

### Sydney

**Date:** Tuesday 5 December 2023

**Time:** 5.30pm–6.45pm, followed by refreshments

**Venue:** Court 12D, Supreme Court of NSW, Queens Square, Sydney

**Cost:** Free for Fellows of both Academies. \$10 for students. \$20 for general admission.

**REGISTRATION** (<https://aas.eventsair.com/lectures-by-dame-julie-maxton/sydney>).

### Melbourne

**Date:** Wednesday 6 December 2023

**Time:** 5.00pm–6.15pm, followed by refreshments

**Venue:** Court No 1, Level 8, Federal Court of Australia, 305 William Street,

Melbourne

**Cost:** Free for Fellows of both Academies. \$10 for students. \$20 for general admission.

**REGISTRATION** (<https://aas.eventsair.com/lectures-by-dame-julie-maxton/melbreg>)

*\*Please note: the events will not be livestreamed, but a recording of the Canberra event will be made available on this event webpage on Friday 8 December 2023.*

## About the lectures

Dame Julie will outline the extensive activities she has led at the Royal Society of London at the interface of science and the law, including the publication of primers, professional development training for the judiciary, and seminars across the UK. Dame Julie's leadership has inspired similar bodies of work in the United States and Australia, aimed at strengthening the relationship between the science and legal systems.

Dame Julie will discuss the role and reliability of the science in the court system; challenges associated with forensic science and eyewitness testimony, and ways in which the courts can keep pace with advances in science and technology and new types of evidence presenting in courtrooms. Following the lectures, members of the audience will have an opportunity to engage in Q&A with Dame Julie.

## About the speaker

Dr Julie Maxton is the Executive Director of the Royal Society, the first woman in 350 years to hold the post. Before taking up her position at the Royal Society in 2011 Julie was Registrar at the University of Oxford, the first woman in 550 years in the role.

She is an Honorary Fellow of University College Oxford, a Bencher of the Middle Temple, a Freeman of the Goldsmith's Company and a Board member of Sense about Science. In the past she has also been on the Boards of the Alan Turing Institute, Blavatnik School of Government in Oxford, Haberdasher Aske's School (Elstree), Engineering UK, Charities Aid Foundation and The Faraday Institute.

Originally trained as a barrister at the Middle Temple, Julie combined a career as a practising lawyer with that of an academic, holding a number of senior academic positions, including those of Deputy Vice Chancellor, Professor and Dean of the Faculty of Law at the University of Auckland, New Zealand. Academic and other recognition Julie has received include a CBE (2017) and Honorary Degrees from the Universities of Huddersfield, Warwick, Canterbury, Hull and Bristol. She is the author of numerous articles concerned with trusts, equity, commercial and property law.

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