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Veronica Taylor joined RegNet in 2010 as Professor and Director-Designate of the School of Regulation, Justice and Diplomacy.

Prior to joining the ANU she was Director of the Asian Law Center at the University of Washington from 2001-10, where she was responsible for the J.D., LL.M., Ph.D., and Visiting Scholar programs in Asian, Comparative and Development Law. She led a team of fifteen faculty and staff in the Center's teaching, research and policy work on Afghanistan, Central Asia, Indonesia, Japan, North Korea, South Korea, the People's Republic of China, Taiwan, Thailand. She continues an appointment at the University of Washington as Affiliate Professor of Law and Senior Advisor to the Asian Law Center.

In 2010 she was also appointed the inaugural Hague Visiting Professor in Rule of Law – an international position funded by the City of the Hague and hosted by the Hague Institute for the Internationalization of Law and Leiden University's Van Vollenhoven Institute.

Professor Taylor specializes in commercial law and society in Asia, regulation, and law reform in transition economies. She has published extensively on commercial law in Asia, on regulation, law and society in Asia and on the 21st century challenges of law and development.

She has over twenty years' experience as a scholar and consultant participating in and managing projects for the U.S. Agency for International Development, World Bank, Asian Development Bank and AUSAID. She has designed law reform and legal training projects focused on Afghanistan, Armenia, Australia, Azerbaijan, Bulgaria, Egypt, Indonesia, Japan, Mongolia, Vietnam, and the United States.

Professor Taylor was the Project Director for the U.S. Department of State *Afghan Legal Educators* Project based at the Asian Law Center and in Afghanistan, which is designed to help professionalize the Afghan justice sector personnel, reconstruct the criminal justice system, and foster development of the rule of law. She also directs, with Professor Susan Whiting (UW Political Science) a State Department-funded multi-year project on *Empowering Rural Communities: Legal Aid and the Rule of Law in Rural China*, which both delivers and studies the effects of legal aid in some of China's poorest provinces.

With Professors Tom Ginsburg (Chicago) and John Ohnesorge (Wisconsin), Professor Taylor established the *Rule of Law, State-building and Transition Collaborative Research Network* with the Law and Society Association and is active in shaping new intellectual approaches to law and development initiatives.

Before joining the University of Washington Law School, Professor Taylor was a Visiting Associate Professor at the University of Tokyo, and Affiliate of the Australia-Japan Research Center at ANU and tenured as Associate Director of the Asian Law Centre, University of Melbourne.