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Strengthening the international human rights system: rights, regulation and ritualism.

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Professor Charlesworth's project aims to build Australian capacity and create international competitive research strength in a field of intense international interest and concern—the implementation of human rights laws. By drawing on concepts of regulation, this project will analyse human rights ritualism—accepting human rights norms, but undermining them through inaction—and identify methods to strengthen the human rights system with substance as well as ritual.

Professor Charlesworth was awarded her Doctorate of Juridical Science from Harvard Law School. She is currently Director of the School of Regulation, Justice and Diplomacy in the College of Asia and the Pacific and Director of the Centre for International Governance and Justice at the ANU. She also holds an appointment as Professor of International Law and Human Rights in the ANU College of Law.

Professor Charlesworth was the inaugural President of the Australian and New Zealand Society of International Law and co-editor of the Australian Yearbook of International Law. She is a member of the Executive Council of the Asian Society of International Law. She was a joint winner of the Goler T. Butcher Medal awarded by the American Society of International Law for “outstanding contributions to the development of international human rights law”. Professor Charlesworth has worked with governments and NGOs on implementing human rights standards. She is Patron of the ACT Women's Legal Service, the Victorian Foundation for Survivors of Torture and Lawyers without Borders.

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