

Episode 68: Guest bios

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Professor Tina Soliman Hunter is a Professor of Energy and Resources Law at Macquarie University, and the Director of the **Centre for Energy and Natural Resources Innovation and Transformation (CENRIT)** at Macquarie University. She was also the former Director of the Aberdeen University Centre for Energy Law (AUCEL).

She teaches and researches in the area of petroleum law (offshore), Arctic resources law, energy law, and fluvial sediments in Siberia. She has received academic qualifications in marine sediments and geology, political science, applied science, and law, completing her PhD at the University of Bergen in Norway. Much of her research is multidisciplinary in nature, and includes working with engineers, geologists and political scientists.



At present Professor Soliman Hunter also is a Visiting Professor of Earth Sciences at the Biological Research Institute, Tomsk State University, Russian Federation. In addition, she is an Honorary Professor at the University of Eastern Finland and a Visiting Professor at the University of East London.

Tina has undertaken teaching and research in numerous countries including the UK, Australia, Norway, Canada, Iceland, Greece, Finland, Russia, the USA, and the Philippines. Her expertise has been sought worldwide, undertaking activities such as analysing laws, drafting legislation and advising governments, industry groups and NGO's worldwide.

Tina's current research interests include: mitigating the environmental impacts of resource extraction, the role of science in the regulation of resource extraction activities, offshore wind licensing and regulation, shale gas extraction in Australia, energy security, Arctic petroleum law, regulation, and environment, multidisciplinary approaches to resource regulation, State control in hydrocarbon extraction, the new hydrogen economy, and Indigenous and religious concepts in natural resources law.

Professor Soliman Hunter research centres on legal and scientific issues in the Russian Arctic and Siberia. She is presently the leader of the multidisciplinary UK-Russia-Australia Consortium of Researchers and Experts in Northern Aquatic and Marine Ecosystems (CRENAME), a team

of researchers from Tomsk, Arkhangelsk, Murmansk, Macquarie and Aberdeen Universities investigating seabed sediment contamination arising from oil spills and microplastics, its implication for legal reform and the development of specialised tools for cleaning such contamination. She also researches in the Russian Fuel and Energy Complex (FEC) and its implications for Russian energy security, with colleagues from Gubkin State Oil and Gas University. However, in support of and respect for Ukraine during the ongoing Russian invasion and war, all Russian research is currently suspended.

Tina holds a number of external positions, including member of the Educational Board of the Association of International Energy Negotiators (AIEN), a Board member of the Aberdeen chapter of the Society of Petroleum Engineers (SPE), and a member of the South Australian Roundtable for Oil and Gas Projects.

To date, Professor Soliman Hunter has published over one hundred and twenty articles, books, and book chapters, as well as numerous government submissions, and is an editor of *The Routledge Handbook of Energy Law* (2020). She is currently working on several books, covering diverse topics including Russian Petroleum Law, The role of the State in the North Sea, and the Encyclopedia of Oil and Gas Law.

DAVID TURNER

Host



David Turner has a gift for teasing out people's stories, so it's no wonder he is Hearsay's host. With a double Bachelor of Arts and Laws from Macquarie University, he is also an MBA candidate at UNSW's Australian Graduate School of Management.

When he isn't interviewing people on Hearsay, David is a lawyer at Assured Legal Solutions, a boutique financial services law firm located in Sydney's CBD. Prior to joining Assured, he was called to the NSW Bar, and is a former President of NSW Young Lawyers and a former Councillor of the Law Society of NSW.

David spends the little downtime that he has left reading historical fiction and tinkering on home improvement projects.

You can access David's bio on the Assured Legal Solutions website [here](#).