

# International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

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Professor Mimi Zou is a leading global expert in law and technology, currently Head of School of Private and Commercial Law at the University of New South Wales (UNSW) with a Visiting Fellowship at the University of Oxford Martin School. She is internationally renowned for her work in the fields of artificial intelligence (AI) governance, legal technology and innovation. She received a Global Australian Award in 2024 for her significant research and policy contributions to these fields, including as an expert advisor to the G7, World Economic Forum, International Panel on the Information Environment and the UK Government's responsible technology adoption body. Professor Zou actively collaborates with industry, government bodies, and civil society organisations to advance responsible AI practices and enhance ethical standards in technology use. Her insights are regularly sought by global media, and she frequently speaks at high-profile conferences around the world.

Prior to joining UNSW, Professor Zou held various senior academic positions at top institutions worldwide, including the University of Oxford, where she was appointed to the first post in Chinese law and founded Oxford's first lawtech innovation lab and a venture capital-backed AI regtech spinout. She has held visiting and honorary appointments at prestigious institutions including Columbia University, University of Zurich, Peking University, and others.

As one of the youngest law academics to be appointed to a full professorship, Professor Zou's professional achievements have earned her numerous accolades, including the prestigious British Academic Talent Development Award, Asian-Australian Leadership Award, UK Women of the Year finalist, UK Asian Women of Achievement Awards finalist, and Young Australian of the Year finalist.

Professor Zou is first-generation Chinese Australian. She migrated to Australia at the age of 7. She graduated from the University of Sydney with Bachelor of Economic and Social Sciences (University Medal, First Class Honours) and Bachelor of Laws (First Class Honours). She also graduated from the University of Oxford with BCL (Distinction) and DPhil in Law degrees, on the Commonwealth Scholarship and Oxford-Australia Scholarship. She has been called to the Bar in England and Wales and admitted as a solicitor in NSW.