



RESEARCH UNIT FOR THE  
STUDY OF SOCIETY, LAW  
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# Conference Announcement

## “Cultural and Religious Freedom under a bill of rights”

Canberra: 13–15 August, 2009

The University of Adelaide Research Unit for the Study of Society, Law and Religion (RUSSLR), in conjunction with other local and international institutions, will hold a major conference from 13 to 15 August, 2009 in Canberra, Australian Capital Territory.

The topic, “Cultural and Religious Freedom under a bill of rights”, is highly relevant to the current debate in Australia on a bill or charter of rights.

The conference will examine the implications for cultural and religious freedom of the proposed bill from the perspectives of legislators and policy makers, religious and community groups, academics and the judiciary.

Participants include judges, leading academics, community leaders, theologians and other experts in law and religion from Australasia, America, Asia and Europe.

If you are interested in presenting a paper or attending the conference, we invite you to email

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Closing date for the submission of  
500-word abstracts is 15 June, 2009.

Confirmed speakers include:

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| <b>Hon. Sir Anthony Mason, AC KBE</b><br>Former Chief Justice, High Court of Australia                             | <b>Conrad Gershevitich</b><br>Australian Human Rights Commission |
| <b>Hon. Judge J Clifford Wallace</b><br>Emeritus Chief Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit | <b>Bruce Kaye</b><br>Charles Sturt University                    |
| <b>Hon. Justice Tassaduq Hussain Jilani</b><br>Supreme Court of Pakistan   | <b>Ian Leigh</b><br>Durham University                            |
| <b>Hon. Justice Grant Hammond</b><br>New Zealand Court of Appeal   | <b>John Moses</b><br>St Mark's National Theological Centre       |
| <b>Rex Ahdar</b><br>University of Otago  | <b>Patrick Parkinson</b><br>University of Sydney                 |
| <b>Ameer Ali</b><br>Murdoch University   | <b>Frank Ravitch</b><br>Michigan State University                |
| <b>Robert Blitt</b><br>University of Tennessee   | <b>Paul Rishworth</b><br>University of Auckland                  |
| <b>Alan Cadwallader</b><br>Australian Catholic University  | <b>Charles Russo</b><br>University of Dayton                     |
| <b>Carolyn Evans</b><br>University of Melbourne  | <b>Brett Scharffs</b><br>Brigham Young University                |



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