I invite you to register for a major conference on constitutional law to be held in Sydney on Friday 18 February 2011 at the Art Gallery of New South Wales. The conference dinner will be held at New South Wales Parliament House and will be hosted by New South Wales Attorney-General, the Hon John Hatzistergos. Participants at this event will be updated on recent important developments in the High Court, Federal Court and State Courts and will gain an understanding of the issues that will emerge in 2011 and beyond. The conference will be addressed by leading practitioners, government lawyers, academics and judges.

This event has been organised by the Gilbert + Tobin Centre of Public Law at the Faculty of Law, University of New South Wales, with the generous support of the Australian Association of Constitutional Law. For more information on the Centre and about this event see www.gtcentre.unsw.edu.au.

I hope to see you in Sydney on Friday 18 February 2011.

Professor Theunis Roux
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8.30 am Registration and coffee
9.00 am Session One: The Courts on Constitutional Law: The 2010 Term
Speakers: Debbie Mortimer SC, Victorian Bar
            The High Court on Constitutional Law: The 2010 Term
            The Hon Justice Nye Perram, Federal Court of Australia
            The Federal and State Courts on Constitutional Law:
            The 2010 Term
Chair: Associate Professor Andrew Lynch, UNSW, who will also
present statistics on the 2010 term of the High Court
10.30 am Morning tea
11.00 am Session Two: Recent Cases
Speakers: The Hon Justice Rachel Pepper, Land & Environment
          Court of New South Wales
          The Constitutionalisation of Water Rights
          Assistant Professor Sarah Murray, University of Western
          Australia
          The Getup of Rowe v Electoral Commissioner
          Associate Professor Jeremy Gans, University of Melbourne
          Concurrent Criminal Offences after Dickson v The Queen
          The Hon Justice Peter McClellan, Supreme Court of New
          South Wales
12.30 pm Lunch
1.30 pm Session Three: Current Constitutional Questions
Speakers: Professor ATH Smith, Victoria University of Wellington
          Governing without a Majority: The Constitutional
          Implications of Coalitions
          Professor AJ Brown, Griffith University
          What’s It Going to Take? Convincing Australians to Vote
          ‘yes’ to Constitutional Reform during the 43rd Parliament
          Associate Professor Anne Twomey, University of Sydney
          Section 15 of the Australia Acts 1986 and the Amendment
          of Australia’s Fundamental Constitutional Documents
Chair: The Hon Justice Mary Finn, Family Court of Australia
3.00 pm Afternoon tea
3.30 pm Session Four: The Executive
Speakers: Associate Professor Peter Gerangelos, University of Sydney
          The Winterton Thesis, Post-Referendum Reflections, and
          Reform (Republic or Not)
          Professor Simon Evans, University of Melbourne
          Executive Power in a Federal and Democratic Constitution:
          The Past, Present and Future of the Prerogative
          The Hon Duncan Kerr QC, Tasmanian Bar
          Executive Power and the Theory of its Limits: Still
          Evolving or Finally Settled?
Chair: Professor Mark Aronson, University of New South Wales
5.00 pm Conference close
7:00 pm for 7:30 pm DINNER
Strangers Dining Room, New South Wales Parliament
House, Macquarie Street, Sydney
Hosted by the Hon John Hatzistergos, NSW Attorney-General
Speaker: The Hon Justice Patrick Keane, Chief Justice of the Federal Court of Australia

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### 2011 Constitutional Law Conference & Dinner Registration Details

**ABN 57 195 873 179**

#### REGISTRATION FEES

- CONFERENCE AND DINNER  $536
- CONFERENCE ONLY  $426
- DINNER ONLY  $110

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**REGISTRATION CLOSES 11 FEBRUARY 2011**
NO REFUNDS CAN BE ISSUED FOR CANCELLATIONS AFTER 11 FEBRUARY 2011

**CPD for NSW legal practitioners:**
If this conference is relevant to your immediate or long-term needs in relation to your professional development and practice of the law, you can claim one CPD “point” for each hour of attendance, refreshment breaks not included.

Comparable accreditation may be sought by individuals affiliated with other professional associations.