



Constitutional Law

Conference and Dinner

Friday 17 February 2012

Never Stand Still

Gilbert + Tobin Centre of Public Law

invitation

I invite you to register for a major conference on constitutional law to be held in Sydney on Friday 17 February 2012 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 the State Attorney-General, the Hon Greg Smith SC. 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 2012 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 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 17 February 2012.

Dr Andrew Lynch
Director, Gilbert + Tobin Centre of Public Law

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program

2012 CONSTITUTIONAL LAW CONFERENCE
PROGRAM FOR FRIDAY 17 FEBRUARY 2012
Supported by the Australian Association of Constitutional Law

8.30 am

Registration and coffee

9.00 am

Session One:

The Courts on Constitutional Law: The 2011 Term

Speakers:

Professor **Jeffrey Goldsworthy**, Monash University
The High Court on Constitutional Law: The 2011 Term

The Hon Justice **Alan Robertson**, Federal Court of Australia
The Federal and State Courts on Constitutional Law: The 2011 Term

Chair:

Dr **Andrew Lynch**, UNSW, who will also present statistics on the 2011 term of the High Court

10.30 am

Morning tea

11.00 am

Session Two:

Recent Cases

Speakers:

Dr **Christos Mantziaris**, NSW Bar
Williams v Commonwealth – The Commonwealth and the Chaplains

Assistant Professor **Rosalind Dixon**, University of Chicago
After Momcilovic: The State of Play

Mr **David Hume**, Australian Government Solicitor
Wotton v Qld – Political speech on Palm Island

Chair:

The Hon Justice **Margaret McMurdo** AC, President
Queensland Court of Appeal

12.30 pm

Lunch

1.30 pm

Session Three:

Current Constitutional Questions

Speakers:

Ms **Nicola McGarrrity**, UNSW
Designing Control Orders for Serious Crime Groups after Totani and Wainohu

Mr **Nicholas Poynder**, NSW Bar
The Constitution, the High Court and Asylum-seekers

Professor **Megan Davis**, UNSW
The Indigenous Referendum Question – A View from the Expert Panel

Chair:

Mr **Nicholas Cowdery** QC, Visiting Professorial Fellow,
UNSW

3.00 pm

Afternoon tea

3.30 pm

Session Four:

The Changing State of Australian Federalism

Speakers:

Mr **Michael Grant** QC, Solicitor-General of the Northern Territory
Mystical Distinctions – Creating Australia's Seventh State

Professor **Cheryl Saunders** AO, University of Melbourne
Executive Federalism – Reinvigoration or Debasement?

Senator **Marise Payne**, Shadow Minister for COAG
The Role of the Commonwealth Parliament in the Age of COAG

Chair:

The Hon Sir **Gerard Brennan** AC KBE

5.00 pm

Conference close

DINNER 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm

Strangers Dining Room, New South Wales Parliament House, Macquarie Street, Sydney
Hosted by the Hon **Greg Smith** SC, NSW Attorney-General

Speaker:

The Hon **James Spigelman** AC QC

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.

Registration Details

ABN 57 195 873 179

REGISTRATION FEES FOR ACADEMICS

CONFERENCE AND DINNER	\$310
CONFERENCE ONLY	\$200
DINNER ONLY	\$110

REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT:
www.gtcentre.unsw.edu.au

PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS AVAILABLE ONLINE

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REGISTRATION CLOSING 11 FEBRUARY 2012

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AFTER 11 FEBRUARY 2012**