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**Same-sex marriage: reflections on the German experience and how it compares to the Australian**

To be presented by Professor Niels Petersen of the University of Münster, Germany

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Venue: UNSW Law Boardroom, 2nd Floor Law Building  
A light lunch will be provided  
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