



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: 15 June, 2009.**

### Confirmed speakers include:

**Hon. Sir Anthony Mason, AC KBE**  
Former Chief Justice, High Court of Australia

**Hon. Judge J Clifford Wallace**  
Emeritus Chief Judge, United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit

**Hon. Justice Tassaduq Hussain Jillani**  
Supreme Court of Pakistan

**Hon. Justice Grant Hammond**  
New Zealand Court of Appeal

**Rex Ahdar**  
University of Otago

**Ameer Ali**  
Murdoch University

**Robert Blitt**  
University of Tennessee

**Alan Cadwallader**  
Australian Catholic University

**Carolyn Evans**  
University of Melbourne

**Conrad Gershevitch**  
Australian Human Rights Commission

**Bruce Kaye**  
Charles Sturt University

**Ian Leigh**  
Durham University

**John Moses**  
St Mark's National Theological Centre

**Patrick Parkinson**  
University of Sydney

**Frank Ravitch**  
Michigan State University

**Paul Rishworth**  
University of Auckland

**Charles Russo**  
University of Dayton

**Brett Scharffs**  
Brigham Young University

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[www.adelaide.edu.au/lawandreligion/conference\\_2009](http://www.adelaide.edu.au/lawandreligion/conference_2009)

