

2012 Threats to Freedom of Speech Conference

Hosted by Murdoch Law School

For the first time in 2012, the Mannkal Economic Education Foundation and the Murdoch University School of Law are holding a two-day Conference dedicated to the discussion of threats posed to Freedom of Speech in Australia and worldwide.

The Conference will be divided into two parts. The first part is a welcoming reception held on the 12th of October in the Murdoch Law School Foyer with the opportunity to meet fellow Conference attendees. The second part is a day Conference held on the 13th of October from 12pm to 6pm in the Murdoch University Freehills Lecture Theatre.

Conference speakers and moderators include The Hon. Christian Porter MLA, Dr Augusto Zimmermann, Professor James Allan, Professor Joseph M Fernandez and Professor Jürgen Bröhmer. Mr Chris Berg, author of *In Defence of Freedom of Speech: From Ancient Greece to Andrew Bolt*, will be keynote speaker.

Registration for the Conference is available for \$130, or \$100 for only the Friday night function or the Saturday Conference. Scholarships are available for student attendees.

Legal practitioners who attend the conference will earn 4 CPD points under Competency Area 3 (Substantive Law). Please note: CPD points will only be awarded to those who attend the Saturday event.

To register your attendance to the Conference, please complete the section below electronically and return it to evp@msls.asn.au by the 28th of September.

Name:

Company/University/School:

Contact Number:

Email Address:

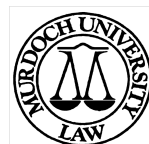
Which part(s) of the Conference will you be attending? Friday/Saturday/Both
(Important for catering purposes)

How did you hear about the Conference?

Invite/Newsletter/Other

I would you like to receive newsletters and other updates from Mannkal
Economic Education Foundation.

Yes/No



Timetable

Friday 12 October 2012

6.00 **Welcome Event, Murdoch School of Law Foyer**
Opening of the event: Prof Jürgen Bröhmer

Saturday 13 October 2012

11.00-12.00 **Registration, Murdoch School of Law Foyer**

12.00-12.15 Welcome: Dr Augusto Zimmermann

Session 1 (Moderator: Michelle Evans)

12.10-12.30 Prof James Allan (University of Queensland) –
A Bill of Rights and Free Speech

12.30-12.50 Dr Augusto Zimmermann (Murdoch University) -
Religious Vilification Laws and Free Speech

12.50-1.10 Prof Jürgen Bröhmer (Murdoch University) -
Free Speech and the European Convention on Human Rights

1.10-1.30 Lorraine Finlay (Murdoch University) -
Free speech, International Law and Julian Assange

1.30-1.50 Panel discussion

2.00-2.20 **Coffee break**

Session 2 (Moderator: Christian Porter)

2.20-2.40 Stephen Hurworth (Saint Augustine's Classical Christian College) -
Free Speech and Education: A Case Study

2.40-3.00 Michelle Evans (Murdoch University) -
Defamation, Free Speech and the Constitution

3.00-3.20 Prof Joseph M Fernandez (Curtin University) -
Free Speech and Media Regulation and the Finkelstein Report

3.20-3.40 Hon Nick Goiran MLC (Member for the South Metropolitan Region) -
How Parliament Can Protect Free Speech

3.40- 4.10 Panel discussion

4.10-4.30 **Coffee break**

4.30-4.35 **Introduction of Keynote Speaker: Andrew Pickford**
(Mannkal Economic Education Foundation)

4.35-5.20 **Keynote: Chris Berg**
(Institute of Public Affairs)

5.20-5.30 **Closing of the event: Ron Manners**
(Mannkal Economic Education Foundation)

* Timetable subject to change without notice