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About RUSSLR

The Research Unit for the Study of Society, Law and Religion (RUSSLR) is a significant strategic initiative for the University of Adelaide and the nation. RUSSLR is the first centre or institute in Australia to study the relationship between society, law and religion – putting it at the leading edge in Australia of what is already a major research area worldwide.

The interchange of peoples, laws and religions in the global context forces us to recognise the relationships we share with our neighbours.

RUSSLR's principal research areas include:

- the role of religion in both creating and solving current social and moral challenges, such as climate change;
- the protection of human rights, including freedom of religion and privacy;
- religious fundamentalism and terrorism;
- the role of religion in education;
- moral and ethical dimensions surrounding beginning and end of life issues; and
- citizenship and migration.



RUSSLR focuses on both the theological background to the world's various religions and the religious systems themselves. It aims to study the relationship between law and religion where:

- law acts as an arbiter between religion and society/state
- religion has some influence or potential influence upon law, such as in the case of moral goals and imperatives;
- religions have their own legal systems, such as Judaism, Islam and Hinduism;
- secular law applies to modern society.

All of this is directed at understanding the place and role of religion and law in contemporary society.



Our Logo

The central sphere represents consensus. The spokes radiating towards it represent the debate among the intellectual traditions, disciplines, religions and faiths of the world. The outer ring signifies the binding together of this dialogue through the network of relationships that constitute society. The four dots on the green circle can be viewed as points on a compass - north, south, east and west revolving around a central core. These also symbolise people as seen from above with outstretched 'arms' linking together. The blue, green and white capture the dominant colours of the earth as seen from space, which reflects the reality that all dialogue about law, society and religion occurs within the only society that really matters: the global society.

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