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## PUBLIC LECTURE

### 'After Falwell: Shifts and Continuities in American Religion and Culture Wars in the Obama Era'

**When:** Wednesday, 1 September 2010 at 1.00-2.00pm

**Where:** University of Adelaide, Ligertwood Building (Law School), Moot Court Room

**Speaker:** **John Dombink**, Department of Criminology, Law & Society University of California, Irvine (USA). John Dombink is a sociologist, and professor in the Department of Criminology, Law & Society at the University of California, Irvine. He is the co-author of *The Last Resort: Success and Failure in Campaigns for Casinos* (1990); *Dying Right: The Death With Dignity Movement* (2001); and *Sin No More: From Abortion to Stem Cells -- Understanding Crime, Law and Morality in America* (2007). His ongoing research examines "morality contests" and religious conservatism in American culture, and assesses the status of American laws and attitudes toward the sphere of personal morality. His current project: "After the Culture War? America in the Obama Era," examines the competing themes of normalization of the core culture war issues (abortion, same-sex marriage, aid-in-dying, stem cell research) against the contemporary backlash, resistance and "tea parties." It will provide an assessment of the status of social and religious conservatism in America and a measure of the vitality of the culture wars.

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