

A Judicious Life? Judicial and Political Biography



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The University of Adelaide Law School and the South Australian Chapter of the Australian Association of Constitutional Law are pleased to announce a stimulating roundtable dissecting the art of judicial and political biography.

Friday, 4 December 2009

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9:15am *Welcome*

9:30-10:15am **What Makes a Good Biography?**

Professor Stuart Macintyre (University of Melbourne)
Chair: Dr Robert Dare (University of Adelaide)

10:15-10:45am *Morning Tea*

10:45am-12:15pm **What can the Private reveal about the Public Figure?**

Dr Heather Roberts (ANU) - Sir William Deane: A sideways glance at a private man in public office
Professor Susan Magarey (University of Adelaide) - Should vs Can? Ethics vs Understanding?
Professor Tony Buti (University of Western Australia) - Give me the Man and I will give you the Judge (maybe)
Chair: The Hon Ted Mullan QC (Former Justice of the Supreme Court of South Australia)

12:15-1:00pm **The Historiography of Biography**

Professor Wilfrid Prest (University of Adelaide) - History and Biography, Legal and Otherwise
Chair: The Hon Bruce DeBelle QC (Former Justice of the Supreme Court of South Australia)

1:00-1:45pm *Lunch*

1:45-3:15pm **Approaching the Life: The Logistics of Biography Writing**

Professor Jenny Hocking (Monash University) – 'It's a ripping good yarn!': Biography and the Creative Imagination
Dr John Emerson (University of Adelaide) - Judging the Sensitive
Mr Chris Holt (Federation Press) - The Publisher's Perspective
Chair: Dr Clem Macintyre (University of Adelaide)

3:15-3:45pm *Refreshments*

3:45-4:30pm: **The Judicial Life: Is Judicial Biography Different?**

Professor Philip Ayres - Breathing life and momentum into judicial biography: Owen Dixon
Michael Sexton SC (NSW Solicitor-General) - Commentary
Chair: The Hon Justice Paul Finn (Federal Court of Australia)

4:30-5:00pm *Drinks and Discussion*