

The Centre for International and Public Law & National Institute of Social Sciences and Law

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## Professor Geoffrey Lindell

speaking at two public events at the Faculty of Law, ANU

### PUBLIC LECTURE: Tuesday 7 October

5.30pm | Law Link Theatre | Faculty of Law, Building 5 | cnr Fellows & East Roads ANU Campus

#### The Australian Constitution and the deployment of military forces in the Iraq War—on whose legal authority?

The involvement of special military forces in Iraq earlier this year may have been the first occasion when Australian military forces were deployed overseas without the approval of *both* Houses of the Commonwealth Parliament. This talk addresses the question as to who had the legal authority to deploy troops in that conflict and considers what, if any, measures of accountability to the Parliament exist under the Australian Constitution regarding the decision of the Australian Government to commit Australian forces abroad; and also whether legislation can and should be enacted to require prior parliamentary approval for such decisions in the future.

### SEMINAR: Thursday 9 October

5.30pm | Room G23 | Faculty of Law, Building 5 | cnr Fellows & East Roads ANU Campus

#### Responsible Government and the Australian Constitution: Conventions transformed into Law?

The effect of the High Court drawing constitutional implications from the system of representative government in the light of such cases as *ACTV* and *Lange* is well known. In this informal seminar Professor Lindell will discuss an aspect of those cases which has received less attention, namely, the effect of the Court drawing similar implications from the system of responsible government.

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