

CIPL DISCUSSION GROUP

The Thrills and Perils of Encountering the Australian Constitution

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This is a free event and open to the public.

This informal talk will attempt to mingle the experience of William Buss' personal affair with Australian constitutional law and some comments about comparative constitutional law in general and Australian-American constitutional law in particular. He expects to touch on the Engineers case and *Marbury v Madison*; *Mabo* and *Brown v Board of Education*; section 92 and the (American) Dormant Commerce doctrine; the First Amendment and the (Australian) Implied Freedom of Political Communication; the Australian Constitution, circa 1901 and 2001.

Professor Buss has specialised in the fields of constitutional law and education law. He has written on the law of special education in England and Wales and, in 1982-83, taught a course on the Bill of Rights for the United Kingdom at Durham University in England. In 1994, he taught New Zealand Constitutional Law and Comparative Constitutional Law at Victoria University at Wellington in New Zealand. At Iowa, Professor Buss includes Comparative Constitutional Law among his teaching interests.