

Governing (and Representing) Women: Local, National and Global Approaches
ANU Thursday 2 November 2006
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The workshop's aim is to bring together scholars interested in feminist issues, particularly those focussed on women's participation and representation in government and governance from a constitutional, international and trans-national law perspective. Each of the sessions will have short presentations with the opportunity for discussion around the key issues raised in those sessions.

For Video Conferencing purposes, the time difference between Canberra and the East Coast of North America will be +16 hours. So 9.30am on Thursday 2nd November will be **5.30pm on the Wednesday 1 November**. For that reason I am planning to have the more Australian based material as the last session, but I am open to comments on this plan!

Local

(9.30-11am Canberra/5.30-7pm East Cost North America)

Drawing from and developing further the half day workshop in 2003 on Feminism and Federalism, this session will start from a political science perspective.

- Marian Sawer (ANU): Is Federalism good for women?
- Jane Mansbridge (Harvard): Women's participation at the local level

In this session Helen Irving (U of Syd) and Kim Rubenstein (ANU) might comment with the parallels/issues on Feminism and Federalism in the Australian and US Constitutions.

International/Trans-national

(11.30-1pm Canberra/7.30-9pm East Coast North America)

This session will be on the international/trans-national framework.

- Di Otto (Melb) : The similarities and the differences between women's pursuit of equality through constitutional bills of rights and through international (and regional) human rights instruments.
- Katy Le Roy (Melb): The concept of autonomy in international law and its messages for women
- Vicki Jackson (ANU) on trans-national issues
- ?Judith Resnik (Yale) via video conference

National

(2-4.00pm Canberra/10pm-12midnight East Coast North America)

This session will concentrate focus upon the Australian Constitution/legal system and feminist approaches/issues around it.

- Amelia Simpson (ANU) on the Australian High Court's jurisprudence on Discrimination
- Margaret Thornton (ANU) on Sex Discrimination, Courts and Corporate Power.
- Elisa Arcioni (Wollongong) on Women and the concept of "The People"
- Adrienne Stone (ANU): A Feminist Account of Australian Constitutional law