
Governing (and Representing) Women: Local, National and Global Approaches

Thursday 2 November 2006

PROGRAM

LOCAL

(9.00-11am Canberra/5.00-7pm East Coast North America)

**** Note start at 9am not 9.30am as previously planned****

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

CHAIR: KIM RUBENSTEIN (ANU)

9.00-9.30am Welcome by chair and introduction of participants

Presenters:-

9.30-9.50am Marian Sawer (ANU): Is Federalism good for women?

9.50-10.10am Jane Mansbridge (Harvard): Women's participation at the local level

Commentators:-

10.10-10.20am Helen Irving (Syd): Commenting – from a perspective of Aust/US Constitutional issues regarding federalism

10.20-10.30am Bev Baines (Queens, Via Video link): Commenting from a Canadian perspective on constitutional issues and federalism

10.30-11.00am **Open Discussion**

11.00-11.30am **MORNING TEA** for Australian participants

INTERNATIONAL/TRANS-NATIONAL

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

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

CHAIR: HILARY CHARLESWORTH (ANU)

Presenters:-

11.30-11.50am 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.

11.50-12.10pm Vicki Jackson (Georgetown University): On trans-national Issues

12.10-12.30pm Judith Resnik (Yale, via video link)

12.30-1pm **Open Discussion**

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1.00-1.15pm **Walk back to The ANU College of Law**

1.15-2.15pm **LUNCH at Minter Ellison Room, The ANU College of Law**

NATIONAL (2.15-4.30PM)

This session will focus upon the Australian Constitution/legal system and feminist approaches/issues around it. It will have 2 parts:

2.15-3.15pm **Discrimination Issues**

CHAIR: BETH GAZE (UNI OF MELB)

Presenters:-

2.15-2.35pm Amelia Simpson (ANU): The Australian High Court's constitutional jurisprudence of discrimination

2.35-2.55pm Margaret Thornton (ANU): Sex Discrimination, Courts and Corporate Power.

2.55-3.15pm **Open Discussion**

3.15-3.30PM **STRETCH BREAK**

CHAIR: HEATHER ROBERTS (ANU)

3.30-3.30pm **Women and the Constitution**

3.30-3.50pm Elisa Arcioni (Wollongong): Women and the concept of "The People"

3.50-4.10pm Adrienne Stone (ANU): A Feminist Account of Australian Constitutional law

4.10-4.30pm Open Discussion and Closing for the Day

6.00pm

2006 GEOFFREY SAWER LECTURE

Professor Vicki Jackson, Georgetown University, Washington DC

Transnational Challenges to Constitutional Law: Convergence, Resistance, Engagement

Ian Wark Theatre, The Shine Dome, Gordon Street, Canberra

The first two sessions will be held at The ANU Baume Theatre, Peter Baume building to enable participation by academics overseas via video link. The last session will take place in the Minter Ellison room, The ANU College of Law.