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Australia's recognition of Kosovo: A Legal or Political Act?

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The Rudd Government's recognition in February of Kosovo's declaration of independence from Serbia raised long standing issues with respect to Australia's recognition policy and its consistency with international law, and the consequences flowing from the immediate recognition of newly emergent states. In addition, the case of Kosovo raised tensions with Serbia and also other key allies such as the Russian Federation.

This seminar will address these issues from both a legal and international relations perspective.

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