

## International Law/Public Law Seminar

# BIRTH & DEATH IN AN AGE OF GLOBAL NORMS: Health Aspects of a Human Rights Act in the ACT

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Date: Wednesday 15 October 2003  
Time: 5.30-6.30pm  
Place: Staff Library, Faculty of Law, Building 5  
corner Fellows and East Roads, ANU

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In this seminar he will discuss some of the more potentially controversial impacts of the ACT Human Rights Act on ethical and legal regulation of health matters in the ACT. These will include abortion, refusal or withdrawal of medical treatment, free consent to medical or scientific experimentation, and core aspects of the right to health. It will be argued that with the passage of the Human Rights Act, the ACT health system will become involved in a process of international normative coherence with profound jurisprudential and regulatory consequences.

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