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PUBLIC LECTURE

## THE ROLE OF FOREIGN LAW IN THE US DOMESTIC LEGAL SYSTEM

Justice Sandra Day O'Connor

Former Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court

Tuesday, 12 September 2006

3.30–4.30pm

Law Theatre, ANU College of Law

cnr Fellows & East Roads, The Australian National University

Justice O'Connor is a graduate of Stanford University, and practised law in Arizona, where she subsequently held office as Assistant Attorney-General, Senator in the Arizona State Senate, and Justice of the Arizona Court of Appeals. She was appointed to the Supreme Court of the United States in 1981, the first woman to be so appointed, and held office until her retirement a quarter of a century later in 2006.

Due to her case by case approach to jurisprudence and her relatively moderate position, Justice O'Connor was the crucial 'swing vote' of the Court for many of her final years on the bench. In 2004, *Forbes* magazine called her the fourth most powerful woman in the United States and the sixth most powerful in the world.

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