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Date: Wednesday 8 May 2013

Time: 5.45pm - 7.15pm
(dmors open at 5.30pm)

Venue: Australian National University
ANU College of Law
Law Theatre (Building 5)
Fellows Road
Canberra, ACT

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