The South Australian Chapter of the Australian Association of Constitutional Law and The Research Unit for the Study of Society, Law and Religion at the University of Adelaide jointly present a seminar on

Do Burqas Bite? National and International Perspectives on Bans of Religious Dress

In April 2010, Belgium’s lower house of Parliament passed legislation banning the wearing of the *burqa* in public. Similar legislative action has been proposed in France. In numerous countries, politicians have called for bans on the *burqa*, including Senator Cory Bernardi in Australia. This seminar will discuss international and national perspectives on the regulation of religious dress in public places, including the case law of European courts, legislative developments in Europe and Australia and a Muslim lawyer’s perspective.

Chair:
The Hon Justice Robyn Layton, Supreme Court

Presenters:
Cornelia Koch, Senior Lecturer, Adelaide Law School
Anne Hewitt, Senior Lecturer, Adelaide Law School
Melati Lum, Solicitor, Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions

The papers will be followed by lively debate and discussion.

5:30 – 7:00 pm, Tuesday 20 July 2010
Moot Court, Ligertwood Building, Adelaide Law School

Members and non-members are welcome.

GDLP students will receive credit for attendance towards GDLP requirements subject to application to the Law Society.

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