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presents:

Professor Brice Dickson

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Queen's University Belfast*

"The Law's Response to Terrorism – What mechanisms can best balance the interests of society and the rights of individuals?"

Date: Monday, 12 March 2007
Time: 6:00pm
Venue: Assembly Hall, Level 4 Foyer
Sydney Law School, 173-175 Phillip Street, Sydney

Convenor: Professor David Kinley,
*Professor of Human Rights and Programme Director
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About the Topic:

In Australia, as in the United Kingdom, a variety of legal mechanisms have been adopted to try to ensure that in its fight against terrorism the state does not unnecessarily infringe human rights. Some of these operate as limitations on the powers of the police and the security services, others require judicial personnel to strike an appropriate balance, while yet others allow external assessors to monitor the operation of anti-terrorism laws and to make recommendations as to what is or is not effective and acceptable. This lecture will analyse and compare these various mechanisms and make suggestions as to how they might be refined. In the course of the presentation lessons will be drawn from the attempts made to combat terrorism in Northern Ireland.

About the Speaker:

Professor Brice Dickson is Professor of International and Comparative Law at Queen's University Belfast, Northern Ireland, UK. From 1999 to 2005 he was the Chief Commissioner of the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission and before that a member of the Equal Opportunities Commission for Northern Ireland (1990-96) and of the Law Reform Advisory Committee of Northern Ireland (1997-2002). He currently serves on the British Council's Governance and Northern Ireland Advisory Committees. His publications include books on the Northern Ireland legal system, civil liberties in Northern Ireland, the European Convention on Human Rights, French law and the House of Lords. He is currently editing a volume for Oxford University Press on judicial activism in supreme courts in the common law world.

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