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WILL FREEING PARALLEL IMPORTS MAKE BOOKS CHEAPER AT THE COST OF AUTHORS?

DATE AND TIME

Tuesday 15 September 2009

6:00 - 7:30pm

(Registration and Refreshments from 5:30pm)

VENUE:

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Restricting parallel imports of books allows (international) copyright holders to price discriminate between countries. While this has arguably increased the price at which Australian consumers buy books, many claim that profits enjoyed by local publishers enables them to subsidise Australian authors. This panel of experts will consider the relative merits of keeping the existing parallel import restrictions versus opening up the trade in books.

Speakers



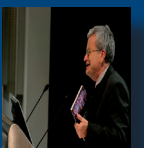
Professor Allan Fels is an Australian economist and lawyer and former chairman of the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) from its inception in 1995 until June 2003. He is the foundation Dean of the Australia and New Zealand School of Government (ANZSOG) an Honorary Professor in the Faculty of Business and Economics at Monash University, a Professorial Fellow in the Department of Political Science at the University of Melbourne.

Dr Rhonda Smith is a lecturer in the Department of Economics. In addition she provides consulting services mainly in relation to trade practices issues. Between 1995-1998 while on leave from the University of Melbourne, she was a full-time Commissioner with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission. Between June 1999 and December 1999 she was an Associate Commissioner. Rhonda is also a member of the Federal Government's Copyright Tribunal and a lay member of the High Court of New Zealand.



Arlen Duke is a lecturer at the Melbourne Law School. His main research interests include: the regulation of anti-competitive practices, consumer protection, the law of obligations, law and economics and contract law. He has published articles examining the role of efficiencies in merger authorisation applications, the current gap in the regulation of unilateral anti-competitive conduct, competition analysis of music markets and the regulation of anti-competitive signaling.

Graeme Connelly is the CEO and Director of Melbourne University Bookshop and the president of the Australian Campus Booksellers Association (ACBA). Graeme has worked previously in academia (Philosophy) at universities in both Australia and the United Kingdom. He is particularly interested in the connection between bookselling and publishing and the implications of electronic publishing.



Chair



Professor Sam Ricketson of the Melbourne Law School has written, taught and advised widely in all areas of intellectual property law. He was also a member of the Commonwealth Copyright Tribunal. He is currently a panel member of the World Intellectual Property Organisation's dispute resolution body in relation to domain names and is a member of the Victorian Law Reform Commission. He also practises part-time at the Victorian Bar.