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2010 Kirby Oration to be delivered by Mr Julian Burnside AO QC



Principles, Pragmatism and Politics

Public seminar held as part of the Australasian Association of Bioethics and Health Law 2010 Conference in conjunction with the Ethics Centre of South Australia, sponsored by Bellberry Limited.

Time & Date	Saturday 3 July, 3.30 – 5.00pm
Venue	Adelaide University, Napier Building
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The Kirby Oration, named in honour of the contribution of His Honour Justice Michael Kirby to health law and ethics, has been a focal event in bioethics and health law conferences since the mid 1990s. The 2010 Kirby Oration is open to members of the public as well as conference registrants.

Julian Burnside AO QC is an Australian barrister, human rights and refugee advocate, and author. He is known for his staunch opposition to the mandatory detention of asylum seekers, and has provided legal counsel in a wide array of high-profile cases. Mr Burnside has written a range of successful publications, his most recent being *On Privilege* (Melbourne University Publishing, 2009). He also compiled a book of letters written by asylum seekers held in Australia's detention centres, titled *From Nothing to Zero* (Lonely Planet, 2003). Mr Burnside was the recipient of the 2004 Monash University Distinguished Alumni Award and elected a Living National Treasure, also in 2004. He was made an Officer of the Order of Australia in 2009, "for service as a human rights advocate, particularly for refugees and asylum seekers, to the arts as a patron and fundraiser, and to the law."

Mr Burnside is married to artist Kate Durham, and is also passionately involved in the arts. He collects contemporary paintings, photographs and sculptures and regularly commissions music. He is Chair of Fortyfive Downstairs and Chair of the Mietta Foundation.



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