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Seminar Series 2009

Monday 5 October 2009

Reckless with a SIM card: The Mohamed Haneef case

Presented by Dr Jacqui Ewart

Seminar Abstract

In July 2007 Dr Mohamed Haneef was arrested for recklessly providing material support to a terrorist organisation in the form of a mobile phone SIM card. He was held for 12 days without charge and his visa was then cancelled on character grounds resulting in his further detention. The charges were dropped, Haneef eventually return to India and his visa was reinstated by the full bench of the Federal Court. Two years later the case continues as Dr Haneef and his lawyers seek compensation and access to documents under Freedom of Information legislation. The Haneef case is a fascinating one. It raises a series of complex questions about what we expect of our policing agencies and those in government. Many of these questions are explored in Dr Ewart's forthcoming book on the case. In this seminar she will discuss some of the issues highlighted by the case, including those of national security, personal and human and civil rights and the challenges involved in taking on the task of writing about this complex, long, drawn out case. Dr Ewart will outline some of the processes involved in following the case over the past two years and writing the book. She will also provide an overview of the potential impacts the review of Australia's security legislation, which was in part prompted by the Haneef case, on journalists.

About the Speaker

Dr Jacqui Ewart is a Senior Lecturer in the School of Humanities at Griffith University. She is a former journalist and media manager. She is interested in how the media represents Muslims and ethnic minorities. Her research focuses on media representations, cultural diversity and the media, talkback radio, citizen journalism, and terrorism and the media. She is the author and co-author of several books and more than 30 journal articles.

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Light refreshments served on arrival.

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