

# Socio-Legal Research Centre and



## Notice of Seminar

**When:** Wednesday 26 May, 2010

(12:15 pm arrival for) **12:30 pm - 2:00 pm**

**Host:** Nathan Campus, Room 2.06, Building N54 (Bray Centre)

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Gold Coast Campus, Room 3.01, Building G23 (Multimedia)

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## **“Policing’s New Visibility: Technology and the Rise of Police Sous-veillance”**

*by*

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**Abstract:** The paper examines emerging uses of recent technological advancements, particularly mobile phone cameras and social network sites, in terms of their implications for police legitimacy and accountability. Since the Rodney King incident, the capacity of citizens to capture and circulate images of questionable police practices has advanced dramatically. These developments are changing the ways in which many people, especially young people, relate to institutions of authority, including police. The paper draws upon John Thompson's concept of 'new visibility' and Steve Mann's work on sousveillance to illustrate the potential of the social uses of these technologies to change the ways the police relate to the public and how they are viewed. Several case studies, including the Ian Tomlinson case in London (April 2009), are used for this purpose.

**Speaker: Andrew Goldsmith** is Executive Director and Professor of Law, Centre for Transnational Crime Prevention, University of Wollongong, and Adjunct Professor of Law and Criminal Justice, Flinders University, Adelaide. He has written previously on policing, legal education and legal professionalism. He is currently completing a manuscript for Clarendon Press, Oxford on research arising from a Linkage Grant, “Policing the Neighbourhood”, which looked at Australia's off-shore policing engagements in Timor-Leste, Solomon Islands, and Papua New Guinea. He is also co-editing a book, *Security, Development and Nation-building in Timor-Leste: A Cross-sectoral Assessment*, contracted to Routledge UK.