



AUT PUBLIC LECTURE:

Professor Duncan Bloy, Cardiff University

Wednesday, August 1; 6:00-7:00 pm

Venue: WA220 (Main Building), AUT City Campus

HOME THOUGHTS FROM ABROAD: MEDIA REGULATION, DEFAMATION AND CONTEMPT

Professor Duncan Bloy discusses the impact of the Leveson Inquiry and considers possible outcomes for the reform of press regulation in the UK. He will also reflect on the proposed changes to the law on defamation as a result of the Defamation Act 2012. Finally the UK government has been far more proactive than its predecessor in using the provisions of the Contempt of Court Act 1981 in order to 'persuade' the media to take a more responsible approach to pre and in trial reporting of high profile criminal cases. Professor Bloy will offer his thoughts on whether the contempt laws really have a part to play in the modern media age.

Professor Duncan Bloy is Media law specialist at the Cardiff University's highly respected School of Journalism. He is author of Media Law (Sage Publications, 2007) and co-author with Sara Hadwin of Law and the Media (Sweet & Maxwell, 2007 and 2011). He is a regular contributor to BBC and ITV Wales's television programmes and an occasional contributor to local radio programmes. Most recently he has commented on:

- The threats of online defamation: The Chris Cairns case (March 2011; BBC TV)
- Legal issues connected with anonymity in privacy injunction cases as a result of the Ryan Giggs 'outing' (May 2011; ITV)
- The jailing of two young men for four years following the UK riots in 2011 for inciting riotous behaviour via social networking sites (August 2011; BBC TV)
- Sending offensive messages on social networking sites: The Liam Stacey/Fabrice Muamba case (March 2012; BBC TV)
- On line identification of victims of sexual offences: The Ched Evans Rape case (April 2012; BBC TV)
- Live television from court (May 2012; BBC Radio)