

Experts to identify Australia-US future trade focus

International experts will meet in Canberra at the end of August to identify where the Australian government should focus its efforts in future trade talks with the US.

Five years after the signing of the US-Australia Free Trade Agreement, speakers at this year's Fulbright Symposium will look at what we have learned from the Agreement, its impact to date, what problems remain, and how we can apply these lessons in our trade negotiations with other countries.

The 2009 Fulbright Symposium, hosted by UQ's TC Beirne School of Law and supported by the Australian-American Fulbright Commission, will be held on 24-25 August at Old Parliament House, Canberra.

Conference organiser Ms Kimberlee Weatherall said an impressive program of internationally recognised experts from a range of important trading areas would be taking part in the Symposium.

"We have a diverse range of speakers from both sides of the Atlantic including the original negotiators of the US-Australia agreement, Mark Vaile and Stephen Deady, and people from the US Peterson Institute, the Australian Lowy Institute and the US Studies Centre.

"Kim Dalton from the ABC and Richard Harris from the South Australian Film Commission will talk about film and television contents issues and representatives from peak bodies in pharmaceuticals and agriculture will be there as well as government policy makers from a wide range of areas."

Registrations for the US-Australia Free Trade Agreement: the last 5 years, the next 5 years Fulbright Symposium close on Wednesday 29 July and full details, including a list of speakers, are available at www.law.uq.edu.au/fulbright2009.

Funding to host the Fulbright Symposium is awarded by the Australian-American Fulbright Commission to only one organisation each year to further the Commission's mission of "promoting mutual understanding between the peoples of the United States and Australia through educational and cultural exchange."

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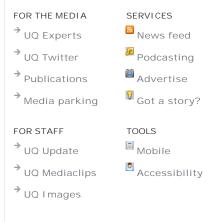
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