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Expert on computer hacking and Julian Assange's co-author, Suelette Dreyfus, joins tomorrow's sold out Melbourne event on WikiLeaks

In her first public appearance since the release of new edition of *Underground*, **Dr Suelette Dreyfus** joins *The Age's* editor-in-chief **Paul Ramadge**, QC **Julian Burnside** and chair **Lyndal Curtis** to discuss the lasting implications of WikiLeaks on the media, technology, diplomacy and human rights.

Dr Dreyfus said today,

"The WikiLeaks phenomenon is here to stay. Trying to shove the genie back in the bottle just will not work. Government attempts to stop or control WikiLeaks will only lead to more popping up across the globe. Quite simply, it is driven by demand. The public have had a taste of the truth and the demand for publication will continue unabated."

Secrets and Lies: How WikiLeaks has Changed the World

Friday 18 February, 2011 6:15PM – 7:15PM

The Capitol Theatre, 113 Swanston Street, Melbourne

Free event, BOOKED OUT, info at wheelercentre.com

Dr Suelette Dreyfus is an award-winning writer and journalist. In addition to writing the first major book about computer hacking in Australia, she was the Associate Producer of a documentary about hackers. Her articles have appeared in magazines and newspapers in Australia and abroad. She is a Research Fellow at an Australian university, where she runs several major research projects in information systems.

Julian Burnside, QC, is an Australian barrister who specialises in commercial litigation and is also deeply involved in human rights work. He is a former president of Liberty Victoria, and is also passionately involved in the arts.

Paul Ramadge was appointed Editor-in-Chief of *The Age* and *The Sunday Age* in 2008. In 2010, WikiLeaks made select diplomatic cables exclusively available to *The Age* and *Sydney Morning Herald*. Ramadge has been a media man throughout his 30-year career, transitioning from a brief stint in a television newsroom to country and regional newspapers before joining *The Age*.

Lyndal Curtis has reported on Federal politics for almost all of the last twenty years. She has reported on four Prime Ministers, six elections and more budgets than she cares to count. She is currently the Chief Political Correspondent for AM, The World Today and PM.

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