

BEYOND WIKILEAKS: FROM AN INTERNATIONAL WHISTLE-BLOWING PLATFORM TO A GLOBAL POLITICAL MOVEMENT

A SYDNEY IDEAS LECTURE

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5:30-7:30 pm

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More than three years have passed since the 2010 release of U.S. embassy diplomatic cables that propelled the whistleblowing website WikiLeaks into the international spotlight. Alongside its many other political revelations, including the Afghan War Diaries, the Iraq War Logs, information exposing government corruption, illegal corporate activity and the secret dealings of the financial industry, Wikileaks Cablegate publication sparked intense debate in the realms of international diplomacy, journalism, and broader society about the conduct and representation of modern politics.

Now we are seeing WikiLeaks' continued evolution from an international platform for political disclosure to an international political movement, including the launch of the Australian political party. Given its remarkable persistence in the face of continued legal and economic challenges what lessons does Wikileaks represent for activism, social justice movements, policy and democracy?

To reflect on this question this event will bring together a select group of scholars who have observed the WikiLeaks phenomenon since its early days, together with the editors of a new edited volume, *Beyond WikiLeaks: Implications for the Future of Communications, Journalism and Society*, published by Palgrave in March.

PANELISTS



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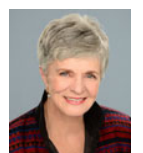
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