



# Inspiring Women of ANU: Professor Pauline Ridge speaks on 'The financing of religion'

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## Speakers

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## Location

### Hedley Bull Lecture Theatre

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*'For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil.' 1 Timothy 6:10 (NIV Bible)*

The association of religion with wealth-generation can provoke strong feelings. Yet, as with other not for profit entities, it is legitimate and necessary for religious groups to fund their religious activities.

An exploration of the legal questions raised by the financing of religion reveals universal themes concerning the right to freedom of religion and legal neutrality. These have private and public regulatory dimensions. On the one hand, how far should the law intervene in relationships within a religious community? On the other hand, what is charity law's proper role in mediating the symbiotic relationship between State and religion in which financial benefits are traded for regulatory power?

In this lecture Professor Pauline Ridge will propose an interpretive legal theory project concerning the legal regulation of religious financing in all its manifestations.

**Professor Pauline Ridge** is an internationally recognised private law scholar and a Senior Fellow of the Higher Education Academy. She researches in equity, restitution and contract law, and has a special interest in the legal regulation of religious financing. She co-edited *Fault Lines in Equity* (Hart Publishing, 2012) and is co-author of *Accessories in Private Law* (Cambridge University Press, 2015). Pauline has given interviews, written opinion pieces and made government submissions concerning the reform of religious charity law.

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