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The Gutnick case – Australia's claim to IT law fame (or shame?)

In 2002, the High Court of Australia decided that Joseph Gutnick (an Australian resident) was entitled to sue Dow Jones (a publishing company based in the US) in Australia applying Australian law, in relation to an allegedly defamatory publication appearing on the Internet. The decision was met by strong international reactions fearing for the freedom of speech online.

Taking its point of departure in the Gutnick case, this seminar focuses on the legal issues associated with cross-border Internet publications.

The seminar may also include a discussion exercise based on a case study.

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