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# The Re-Trial of Galileo

Monday 26th October 2009, 6:30pm

Sir John Clancy Auditorium (Gate 9), The University of New South Wales Kensington campus, Sydney, 2052.

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As part of the International Year of Astronomy and to mark the 400th anniversary of Galileo turning a telescope to the sky,

## HISTORY AND PHILOSOPHY OF SCIENCE AT UNSW Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

invites you to

### The Re-Trial of Galileo

The original 'Galileo Affair' of the 17th Century gave rise to an intense debate that continues today among scientists, historians, philosophers and theologians. Central to this ongoing debate has been the question of whether the original condemnation of Galileo was right or wrong.

The trial involves improvisation and will be conducted according to familiar, modern court-room procedures with judge, jury and counsels for defence and prosecution. A number of public figures will reprise the roles of both themselves in the current day, key figures in the debate and those involved in the original trial. The outcome is far from being a foregone conclusion.

Created by Dr. Peter Slezak, School of History & Philosophy, UNSW

Cast includes: Julian Burnside AO QC, The Hon. Bob Carr, Dr Paul Collins, Monsignor Tony Doherty, Geraldine Doogue AO, Professor Maurice Finocchiaro, Anna Katzmann sc, Dr. Charlie Lineweaver, Julie McCrossin, Alan Saunders, Professor Fred Watson, Robyn Williams

This event is being filmed by the ABC Compass Program to be shown as an hour long special in early 2010.

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Galileo's Dialogue on the Two Chief World Systems 1632.

### Free Public Lecture

Dr Maurice Finocchiaro, Distinguished Professor of Philosophy Emeritus, University of Nevada, Las Vegas, USA and the foremost scholar of Galileo will be giving a lecture on **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October**. For more information please visit [www.arts.unsw.edu.au/news](http://www.arts.unsw.edu.au/news)