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State policy and religious manifestation: Striking the balance

Thursday 27 May 2010 – St Cecilia's Hall, Cowgate, Edinburgh

Programme

- **6.00 pm – Wine Reception**
- **6.30 pm – Roger Errera, Conseiller d'Etat honoraire**
- **7.15 pm – Iain Mitchell, QC**

Bio of the Speakers

Roger Errera – Conseiller d'Etat honoraire ; Visiting Professor, Central European University, Budapest

Roger Errera spent two years in London, in 1983-1984 at University of London (UCL) as a Visiting professor and in 1987-1988 as a Senior Research Scholar at the Institute of Advanced Legal Studies. He is an Honorary Fellow of UCL. He was responsible for initiating, from 1986 on, the regular meeting on judicial review between the Conseil d'Etat and members of the House of Lords and the High Court. He has been the chairman of the French branch of the Franco-British Judicial Cooperation Committee. He has written a number of essays on judicial review, freedom of speech, religious freedom and privacy. The most recent one is an essay on the evolution of privacy law in Britain, which is included in the Bingham Festschrift.

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Iain Mitchell – QC

Iain G. Mitchell QC is Co-convenor of the Scottish Lawyers' European Group, and has advised a number of clients in both the private and public sectors on EU related matters. He appeared for the successful party before the Inner House in *Sidey Ltd. v Clackmannanshire Council and Pyramid Joinery and Construction Ltd.* a recent significant case on European procurement law.

He is a member of the Murray Stable Public Law Group and is currently engaged in a number of significant Judicial Review cases. He is also a member of the Murray Stable Employment Law Group and on the Equality Commission's panel of Advocates. He obtained a highly publicised success in the Inner House in the case of *Bvunzai v City of Glasgow Council*.

He is also Chairman of the Scottish Society for Computers and Law and is recommended in the Legal 500 for his IT and IP practice. As well as being a member of the Murray Stable, he is an associate member of Tanfield Chambers in London, where he is a member of the Employment, Commercial and International Arbitration Practice Groups.