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Security, privacy and strong international partnerships

Thursday 3 May 2012 5.15 - 6.10pm

The Honourable Janet Napolitano

Secretary of Homeland Security in the Government of the United States of America

Finkel Lecture Theatre The John Curtin School of Medical Research, Garran Road



Secretary Napolitano will discuss the evolving security challenges faced by the U.S., Australia, and their international partners, and the need for a cooperative approach to meeting these challenges that also protects the rights and liberties of individuals, including the critical right to privacy.

Janet Napolitano is the third Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security and is leading the United States collective effort to secure their country from the threats ranging from terrorism to natural disasters.

To counter the threat of terrorism, Napolitano has forged new partnerships with international allies, and expanded information sharing with federal, state and local law enforcement - building a collaborative effort to detect and disrupt threats early on.

She has initiated a new, more strategic course to strengthen security along the southwest border, deploying additional personnel and advanced technology, while working closely with Mexico to combat violent international drug cartels - resulting in increased

seizures of illegal contraband along the border and throughout the country's interior.

Napolitano also has forged a smart and effective approach to enforcing immigration laws and prioritizing public safety while targeting criminal aliens and aggressively pursuing employers that knowingly take advantage of illegal labor.

She has strengthened the nation's ability to prepare for, respond to and recover from disasters by cutting through red tape and expediting decision-making along the Gulf Coast, providing new resources to build resilient communities and bolster their response capabilities, and calling on all Americans to play a role in the shared responsibility of making their homeland secure.

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