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@Benjamin\_P\_Ward

Does s.127(1)(b) Comms Act 2003  
mean a person who retweets grossly  
offensive comment cld themselves  
be prosecuted? *#LSEdpp*



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@LordMoseley

If a private conversation is prosecuted would that breach Article 8 HRA? Even if it occurred on social media so was not secret?



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@LSEMediaPaL

*#LSEdpp* are guidelines on  
prosecution of journalists enough, or  
do we need a generic public interest  
defence for public interest  
journalism?



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**@SeethingMead**

**#LSEdpp** Jack Straw on #wato indicated no need to change drugs law & downgrade as CPS has prosec discretion but DPP last week indicated ... of offensive speech on social media that constit. required to enforce law of land as passed by Parl. Who is right?



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@kmsosa

*#LSEdpp* Doesn't the public interest test sometimes put the CPS in a legislative role, judging whether a law is just or not? If a law is "bad", then could prosecution under that law ever be in public interest? CPS can effectively nullify laws.



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# Coming soon



7 November 2012, 6.30pm

Hong Kong Theatre, Clement House

**In Conversation with  
the Hon. Mr Justice Singh** *#LSEsingh*



27 November 2012, 6.30pm

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**Secured transactions and the process of  
international harmonisation and domestic law  
reform** *Professor Sir Roy Goode CBE QC #LSEgoode*



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