Governments in the US have begun to threaten the work of animal advocates through the introduction of ‘ag-gag’ laws which make it illegal to covertly videotape livestock facilities.

US ag-gag laws are reinforced at a federal level by the Animal Enterprise Terrorism Act which labels any form of non-violent resistance that threatens agricultural profits as an act of ‘domestic terrorism’.

The 2014 Voiceless Animal Law Lecture Series will examine the rise of ag-gag laws in Australia, and their effect on transparency and public discourse. To present this topic, Voiceless is proud to welcome award-winning journalist and one of America’s foremost ag-gag experts, Will Potter, as our keynote speaker.

The lecture series will explore the use and manipulation of politics, the media and the law by agribusiness to demonise and undermine the animal protection movement, and incite fear within the public.

Date: Thursday 15 May 2014
Time: 6.00 – 8.00pm (doors open at 5.30pm)
Venue: University of Melbourne
Melbourne Law School
Ground Floor, Room G08
University Square, 185 Pelham Street
Carlton, VIC
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This lecture will be chaired by Voiceless Legal Counsel, Emmanuel Giuffre. A local perspective on the defence of cases of trespass on the grounds of civil disobedience will be provided by Siobhan O’Sullivan, Research Fellow in the School of Social and Political Sciences at the University of Melbourne.

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