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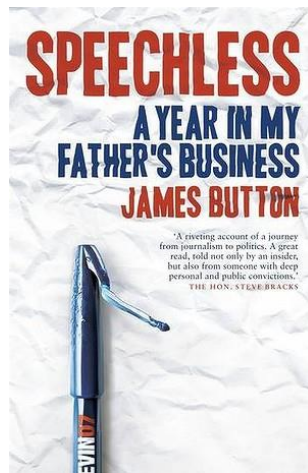
James Button, author of *Speechless: A Year in my Father's Business* (MUP, 2012)

Date: Thursday 31st July, 2014

Venue: Seminar Room A, Coombs Building

Time: 12 midday until about 2.00 p.m.

James Button, author of *Speechless: A Year in my Father's Business*, will speak on what writing an accidental biography of his father, the Labor Senator and Minister John Button, taught him about his father, Australia and himself.



James Button is a former deputy editor and Europe correspondent of the *Age*. He has won two Walkley Awards for feature writing. In 2009 and 2010 he wrote speeches for former Prime Minister Kevin Rudd, an experience described in his book. *Speechless* was shortlisted for the National Biography Award, National Book Industry Book of the Year and the Walkley Foundation Non-Fiction Book Award. James works at the Grattan Institute in Melbourne.

Read Bob Ellis's review of *Speechless* in the *Sydney Morning Herald*, (Oct 27, 2012)

<http://www.smh.com.au/entertainment/books/son-in-the-shadow-20121026-28ar5.html>

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