THINGS THAT MAKE FOR PEACE

PEACE AND SACRED TEXTS CONFERENCE

7-9 March 2018
Sydney Australia

Associating faith traditions with violence by perpetrators and their critics is one of the key issues confronting the world today. As social media association of violence with religion leads to estrangement of tradition and adherents as well as non-religious people increasingly moving away from religion altogether.

By engaging with the sacred texts and traditions of the great religions of the world, strategies may emerge that demonstrate that religion is not the problem, but has much to contribute to the solution of the current state of affairs.

Keynote Speakers

Prof Daniel Smith-Christopher, Loyola Marymount University
Prof Zeki Saritoprak, John Carroll University

CONFEREECE PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY 7 MARCH 2018

08:30 Registrations

09:00 Welcome by the Conference Conveners
Dr Anthony Rees
A/Prof Mehmet Ozalp

09:15 Keynote Addresses
Prof Zeki Saritoprak – John Carroll University, USA
Peace, Nonviolence and Islam
A/Prof Clive Pearson

10:30 Keynote Address
Prof Daniel Smith Christopher – Loyola Marymount University, USA
Elephants, and the Problem of Peace in Sacred Scriptures
A/Prof Mehmet Ozalp

11:45 Discussion Session with Keynote addresses and respondents
Chair: Dr Anthony Rees

12:00 Lunch break

13:00 SESSION 1

Dr Suleyman Sertkaya (CSU, Melbourne) A Prophetic Stand Against Violence: A Prophet of Peace and Centrality of Peace as a Preferred Methodology in Prophet Muhammad’s Life

Dr Deborah Guess (Pilgrim College, UD, Melbourne) The Sacramental Worldview as a Foundation for Peace-Making

Dr Hakan Coruh (CSU, Melbourne) Freedom of Faith in the Qur’an: The Case of Q. 2:256

15:00 Afternoon Tea Break

15:30 SESSION 2

Dr Derya Iner (CSU, Sydney) Transforming the World Positively: Inward Spiritual Renewal and Outward Unconditional Activism

Dr Geoff Broughton (CSU, Canberra) Restorative Communities

17:00 Day One End
THURSDAY 8 MARCH 2018

09:00  SESSION 3

Dr Anne Elvey (Trinity College, UD, Melbourne) From Cultures of Violence to Ways of Peace: Reading the Benedictus in the Context of Australia’s Treatment of Asylum Seekers in Offshore Detention

A/Prof Mehmet Ozalp, (CSU, Sydney) Journey on the Sirāt al-Mustaqīm: The Concept of Moderation and the Straight Path in the Qur’an

Liam Miller, (Pilgrim College, UD, Melbourne) The Violence of Universalised Calls for non-Violence: Considering the Nazi Question through the Theology of James H. Cone

10:45  Morning Tea Break

11:00  SESSION 4

Dr Mahsheed Ansari (CSU, Sydney) The Prophets in the Qur’an as Archetypes of Peace

Dr Marie-Louise Craig (CSU, Brisbane) Leaving Judgment to God: Jonah’s struggle

Dr U-Wen Low (Alphacrucis College, Melbourne) An Apocalypse That Welcomes Others? Reading Revelation Peacefully

12:45  Lunch Break

14:00  SESSION 5

A/Prof Asmi Wood and Christie Gardiner (ANU, Canberra) Death and Dying under Islamic Law

Dr Bernard Doherty (CSU, Canberra) Contested Peace-making: Nation of Islam, the Church of Scientology and The Way to Happiness

15:15  Afternoon Tea Break

15:30  Book Review Panel


Dr Jeff Aernie (CSU, Sydney), Dr Michele Connolly (GiS, Sydney), Prof Keith Dyer (Whitley College, UD, Melbourne)

17:00  Day Two End
FRIDAY 9 MARCH 2018

09:00  SESSION 6

Prof Mark Brett (Whitley College, UD, Melbourne) *Structural Violence and Post-Secular Discourse*

A/Prof David Neville (CSU, Canberra) *Like Lightning? Revisiting Luke 17:22–37 in Light of Recent Reinterpretations*

Ryan Buesnel (CSU, Sydney) *Adolf Harnack and the Institute for the Study and Eradication of Jewish Influence on German Church Life: A Warning from History*

10:45  Morning Tea Break

11:15  SESSION 7

A/Prof Clive Pearson (PACT, Sydney) *The Quest for a Common Word in a Time of Climate Change*

Dr Jan Ali (WSU, Sydney) *Global Terrorism: Causes and Consequences*

Dr Jane Foulcher (CSU, Canberra) *Nuit de feu ("Night of Fire"): Christian de Chergé and Prayer with the Other*

13:00  Lunch Break

14:30  SESSION 8

Dr Anthony Hogan (PACT, Canberra) *Does Spirituality make for Peace in the Face of Significant Life Events?*

Dr Zuleyha Keskin (CSU, Melbourne) *Said Nursi’s God-Centric Worldview and Inner Peace*

16:00  Conference Discussion Forum

17:00  Conference Dinner