

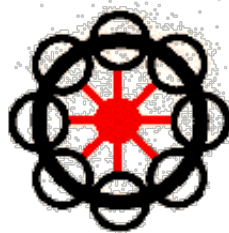
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AASR Conference 2006: Celebrating the Past - Anticipating the Future

30th Anniversary Conference Adelaide - Program - 7th to 9th July

Friday 7th July 2006

1:00-5:00 Charles Strong Symposium (not a formal part of AASR Conference, but AASR members are welcome)
Room HH 3-08

From 5:00- (7:30) Registration
Atrium of Yungondi Building

5:45-7:00 Book Launch - Imprints Bookshop, 107 Hindley Street
Adam Possamai, *In Search of New Age Spiritualities*, launched by Dr Douglas Ezzy

7:30-7:45 Official launch of the Conference
Hans Heysen Building Room HH 4-08
With a Kurna welcome by Josie Agius

7:45-9:00 Charles Strong Lecture: Dr Mitri Raheb,
Land, Peoples and Identities: A Palestinian Perspective
Introduction by Norm Habel
Room HH 4-08

9:00- Reception with drinks and nibbles
in the Atrium of Yungondi Building

Saturday 8th July 2006

8:30- Registration

9:00 Atrium of Yungondi Building

9:00-10:30 Parallel Paper Sessions 1:

1. Room: BH4-30
Religion and History 1
Chair: Robert Crotty

Albert Haig, Beyond the Historical Jesus: Text-centred approaches to Christian hermeneutics and theology in the 21st century
Val Noone, Early Vatican II ripples in Australia: A Seminary View
Peter A.L. Hill, The Demonstration of Daniel

2. Room: BH4-29
Religion and Secularization 1
Chair: Michael O'Donoghue

Ashley Davis, How God Hoodwinked Hitler: Hans Mol's Conversion Story and his Social Science
Adam Possamai, Conflict, Competition and Cooperation in the Spheres of Religion and Popular Culture: A Hyper-Real Testament
Marion Maddox, Religion, Secularism and the Politics of Fear

3. Room BH4-23
Religion and the Other 1
Chair: Heather Foster

Jamie S. Scott, Christian Missions in Contemporary Antipodean Fiction
Julian Droogan, Crossing the River of Flowing Sands: A Comparison of the Journeys of the Chinese Buddhist Monk Hsuan-tsang and the British Archaeologist-Explorer Sir Aural Stein

Peter Friedlander, *Buddhist
Worlds and World Buddhism*

10:30-
10:50 Morning Tea

10:50-
11:40 Charles Strong Lecture
Room HH 4-08

John May, *Political Religion: Studying
the World's Religions in Global Civil
Society*

11:40-
12:40 Panel Session
Room HH 4-08

- Marion Maddox
- Adam Possamai
- John May
- Alia Imtoul
- Robert Crotty - Chair

Topic: *Whatever Happened to
Secularization?*

12:40-
1:10 Michael O'Donoghue, Presidential
Address
Celebrating the Past
Room HH 4-08

1:10-
2:00 Lunch (Women's Caucus)
Room BH 4-33

2:00-
3:30 Parallel Paper Sessions 2

1. Room: BH 4-30
Religion and History 2
Chair: Robert Crotty

Lauren Bernauer, *Odin, Thor and
Loki? An Examination of how
Informative Age of Mythology is
in regards to pre-Christian Norse
Religion*

Timothy Goldsmith, *David
Koresh and Waco*

Abe Ata, *Palestinian Christians:
Betrayed, Persecuted and
Sacrificed*

2. Room: BH 4-23
Religion and the Other 2
Chair: Heather Foster

Douglas Ezzy, *A Witches' Sabbat*
Sylvie Shaw, *Deep Blue Religion*
Marion Dalton, *Dancing with the Shadow: An Overview of Dark Paganism*

3. Room: BH 4-29
Religion and Futures
Chair: Barbara Kameniar

Tim Richter, *Accounting for Growth of Conservative Christian Doctrinal Influence in South Australian State Schools*
Ian Fry, *Beyond Dialogue: A Global Program to Offset Deepening Religion-Related Tension Associated with Growth and Globalization through Assessment of Fundamental Religious Concepts and Relationships*
Paul Martin, *The Artfulness of Mystical Perspective*

3:30-4:00 Afternoon Tea

4:00-5:30 Parallel Paper Sessions 3

1. Room: BH 4-30
Religion and Ethics
Chair: Martin Whiteside

Margaret Pickles, *Problems of the Interaction between Religion and Ethics in a Clinical-Medical Situation*

Sarah Wendt, *Christianity and Stories about Domestic Violence in a Rural Context*

William James Hoverd, *Arising from the Flesh: Conceptions of 'The Seven Deadly Sins' in Popular Health Practice*

2. Room: BH 4-23

Religion and the Other 3

Chair: Alia Imtoul

Ibrahim Abraham, *'Sodomized by Religion': Fictional Explorations of the Gay Muslim 'Other'*

Roxanne Marcotte, *What Might a Full-Fledged Islamic Feminist Theology Look Like?*

Toni Tidswell, *The Literary Type of the Desiring "Other": The Queen of Sheba in the Tanakh and the Qur'an*

3. Room: BH 4-29

History of Pilgrimage/Tourism

Chair: Michael O'Donoghue

Chris Hartney, *A History of Pilgrimage: First Steps as an Ass...*

Alex Norman, *Tourism: A Subject for the Study of Religion*

Robert Crotty, *Christian Pilgrimage and Relics in the Later Middle Ages: Do they have a Modern Analogue?*

From 7:00 Conference Dinner at Maya Restaurant, Market Street

Sunday 9th July 2006

9:00-9:30 Registration
Atrium of Yungondi Building

9.30-11.00 Parallel Paper Sessions 4

1. Room: BH 4-30

Religion and Education

Chair: Robert Crotty

Robert Crotty and Terry McDevitt, *Reviewing a RAVE Curriculum: Anticipating Futures for Schools and RE* Helen Farley, *Bridging the Gap - Easing the Transition from High School to*

*University for Studies in Religion
Students: A Case Study
Peta Goldberg, The Need for
Religious Literacy in School-
Based Religion Studies*

2. Room: BH 4-29
Religion and Sustainability
Chair: Stephen MacKenzie

Yamini Narayanan and Dora
Marinova, *Hindu Astrology as a
Keystone to a Sustainable
Universe*

Yaghoob Foroutan, *Labour
Market and Religious Tolerance
in Multifunctional Australia*

Stephen MacKenzie, *Religion,
Sustainability and Theodicy:
Some thoughts on Parallel Forms
of Accountability*

3. Room: BH 4-23
Religion and Secularization 2
Chair: Michael O'Donoghue

Carmen C. Moran, *The
Differential Notions of Humour in
Contemporary Spirituality and
Religion*

Holly Randell-Moon, *Section 116:
Secularism in Australia*

Frank Purcell, *The Encounter of
Missionary Christianity and
Missionary Islam with Australian
Secular Society*

11.00-
11.25 Morning Tea

11.25-
12.15 Plenary Lecture
Room HH 4-08

Penny Magee Lecture, Majella
Franzmann, *The Manichaeian Women
of 4th Century Roman Kellis'*

12:15-
1:00 Plenary Lecture
Room HH 4-08

Graham Harvey, *Other Animists,*

*Other Modernists: Contesting
Personhood in the Study of
Indigenous Religions*

1:00-
2:30 Lunch and AASR AGM
Room HH3-08

2:30-
4:00
(4:30) Parallel Paper Sessions 5

1. Room: BH 4-30
Religion and Education 2
Chair: Tony Densley

*Tony Densley, What Authority for
Outcomes for Religious Education
in Catholic Schools?*

*Alia Imtoul, 'They Airbrushed
my Hijab out of the School
Photo': Young Muslim Women,
Religious Racism and High
School*

*Barbara Kameniar, 'Why We
Choose to Home School Our
Children': Religion, Dissent and
Education*

*(Ali Baba Mohammed, Religion
and Education)*

2. Room: BH 4-23 Religion and
Secularisation 3
Chair: Michael O'Donoghue

*Peter Gale, Fear and Loathing:
Nationalising Religion*

*Sister Patricia Blundell, Dialogue
in a Multi-Faith World*

*Ellayn Neill, Promoting the
Equality of Women and Men
through Values and Religion*

3. Room: BH 4-29
Religion and the Other 4
Chair: Paul Martin

*John Paul Healy, The Growth of
Siddha Yoga Practice in
Australia: Individual Spiritual
Practice and its Relationship to
Community*

Gopi Elton, *The Brahma Kumaris
- A Spiritual Practice*
Heather Foster, *Religious
Maintenance and Adaptation: An
Example from the Hindu
Diaspora*

4:15-
5:30 Close of Conference

The Conference will be concluded with drinks at the Worlds End Pub in Hindley Street. Everyone is welcome to join us.

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