This conference explores the place for postcolonial criticism in engaging with matters of politics, religions and scriptures, on lands that bear the marks of colonization. “Will there ever be a place where my mind is free? Have we really survived it? The breaking of families / Loss of identity” (Emma Donovan, Ngarranga, 2009).

Postcolonial criticism grew its roots in the Departments of Literature and Third World Studies, and crawled into the paths of philosophy and religious studies. This conference invites the crossing of those paths, in response to the joys and cries of First Peoples.

How might we engage the colonialist tendencies and blind-spots that drive the machineries of politics, economics, services, religions and scriptures? How might we live, interact, worship and/or read postcolonially in our invaded contexts?

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1 – 2 August 2014

**Guest speakers**

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**R. S. Sugirtharajah**, Emeritus Professor of Biblical Hermeneutics at the Department of Theology and Religion at University of Birmingham, is author of many works on biblical and postcolonial criticism.

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