

PEACE AND SACRED TEXTS CONFERENCE

“Things that make for peace”

7-9 March 2018
Sydney, Australia

School of Theology & Centre for Islamic Studies and Civilisation,
Charles Sturt University

Conference Program

Day 1

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, US
“Topic TBA”
Dr Clive Pearson
- 10:30 Keynote Address
Prof Daniel Smith Christopher – Loyola Marymount University, US
“Topic TBA”
Assoc Prof Mehmet Ozalp
- 11:30 Discussion Session with Keynote addressees 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*

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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-1 End

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Day 2

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 judgement to God: Jonah's struggle*

Dr U-Wen Low (Alphacrucis College, Melbourne) *Title TBA*

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

David Neville, *The Vehement Jesus*, Eugene: Wipf and Stock, 2017.

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

17:00 Day-2 End

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Day 3

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), *Title TBA*

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

This program is subject to change.

For the latest version of the program and details of the conference, please contact Dr Anthony Rees (arees@csu.edu.au) or AsProf Mehmet Ozalp (mozalp@csu.edu.au)