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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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 Mahrseed 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


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

17:00  Day-2 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), *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

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