RELIGION, DIVERSITY AND GOVERNANCE

Annual Conference of the Australian Association for the Study of Religion (AASR) in partnership with the Centre for Citizenship and Globalisation, and the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, Deakin University, the Religion and Society Research Centre, University of Western Sydney and the Institute for Religion and Critical Inquiry, Australian Catholic University

Keynote speakers
Professor Lori Beaman, University of Ottawa
Professor Gary D. Bouma, Monash University
Professor Matthew Clarke, Deakin University
Dr Cathy Byrne, Southern Cross University

Many countries, such as Australia, are becoming increasingly religiously diverse and, at the same time, non-religious. This has resulted in a re-thinking of the place of religion in late modernity and of what constitutes a secular society. These developments have also led scholars to devise frameworks for the management (Bouma 1995, 1999) or governance (Bader 2007) of religious diversity. This conference will explore the following research areas:

- Religion and Education
- Interreligious Relations
- Religion and Gender
- Religion and Sexuality
- Spirituality
- Indigenous Culture

- Religion and Authority
- Religion and Development
- Religion and the Environment
- Digital Religion
- Religion and Philosophy
- New Atheism

Call for papers

Please submit a 250 word abstract with your name, title, and affiliation to anna.halafoff@deakin.edu.au by June 30, 2014. Please indicate if you are a PhD student, and if so, at which University. We will consider abstracts on the above themes and also the wider field of religion research.

Participants will be notified whether their paper has been accepted or not by July 31, 2014.

Post-Graduate Essay Prizes

The AASR and Equinox both award a post-graduate prize of \$500 to the two best abstracts submitted by PhD students to assist them to attend the conference. The winners' full papers will also be considered for publication in the AASR's Journal for the Academic Study of Religion, which is published by Equinox.



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