

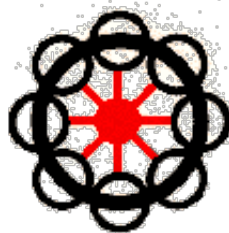
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AASR 2008 Conference Program

Conference Program for AASR sessions

Australian Association for the Study of Religion (AASR)

7/07/2008

8:30 AM to 12:00 PM

Room: 401-401 - Engineering

Theme: *Religion and Gender*

Joseph Gelfer, Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand

Gendered Spirituality and the Problem of Spatial Representation (30 min)

Majella Franzmann, University of Otago, New Zealand

Veiling and Power: Investigating the Concept in Manichaean Texts (30 min)

Stephen Hunt, University of the West of England

'The Right Not to Be Offended': The Secularized Discourse of the Anti-Gay Christian Movements (30 min)

Break (30 min)

Matthew Dillon, University of New England, Australia

Cassandra: Mantic, Maenadic, or Manic? Gender and the Nature of Prophetic Experience in Ancient Greece (30 min)

Angela Coco, Southern Cross University, Australia

Gender: Pagan Style (30 min)

Discussion (30 min)

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1:30 PM to 4:30 PM

Room: 401-401 - Engineering

Theme: *Identity and Gender and Contemporary Islam*

Yaghoob Foroutan, Australian National University, Canberra

Labour Market and Religious Tolerance in Multicultural Australia (30 min)

Roxanne Marcotte, University of Queensland, Australia

Representations of Muslim Women and the Internet:

Where to Begin? (30 min)
Ibrahim Abraham, Monash University, Melbourne,
Australia "*Riba*" and *Recognition: Religion, Finance, and
Multiculturalism* (30 min)
Break (30 min)
Toni Tidswell, University of New England, Australia
*Strange Spaces: The Spiritual World of Muslim Women in
China* (30 min)
Discussion (30 min)

**Australian Association for the Study of Religion
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7/08/2008

8:30 AM to 11:30 AM

Room: 401-401 - Engineering

Theme: *Psychological Aspects of Spiritual Practices*

Maureen Miner, University of Western Sydney, Australia
Does Religion Compromise Autonomy? (30 min)

Bagher Ghobary Bonab, University of Tehran, Iran
*The Relationship between Attachment to God and
Reliance on God* (30 min)

Philip Hughes, Christian Research Association/Edith
Cowan

*Subjective Wellbeing, Purpose and One's Approach to
Life* (30 min)

Break (30 min)

Richard Hutch, University of Queensland, Australia
*The Spirituality of Scuba Diving: How Sport Frames Life
for In-Depth Living* (30 min)

Discussion (30 min)

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7/08/2008 1:30 PM to 4:30 PM

Room: 401-401 - Engineering

Theme: *Emerging Forms of Change in Religious
Organisations*

Stephen Hunt, University of the West of England
The Emerging Church: Characteristics and Typology (30
min)

Marion Maddox, Macquarie University, Ryde, NSW,
Australia

*Rise Up Warrior Princess Daughters: The Megachurch
Phenomenon and its Attitude to Gender* (30 min)

Lesley Hughes, University of New South Wales, Australia
Social Care Work and Religious Life in Australia (30 min)

Break (30 min)

Douglas Golding, University of Queensland, Australia
*Sleeping with the Enemy: Religion and the Media in
Contemporary Australia* (30 min)

Discussion (30 min)

**Australian Association for the Study of Religion
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7/09/2008

8:30 AM to 11:30 AM

Room: 401-401 - Engineering

Theme: *Cross-Cultural Investigations*

Angela Coco, Southern Cross University, Australia
*Using Sense-Making Methodology in Religious
Ethnography* (30 min)

Wendy Sargent,

*Meets West: Exploring Themes of Spirituality and
Feminism in Relation to the Reverence of Hindu
Goddesses and the Struggles of Feminists within India*
(30 min)

Glenys Eddy, University of Sydney, Australia

*The Applicability of James' Model of the Self to the
Western Buddhist Experience of Self-Transformation* (30
min)

Break (30 min)

Catherine Laudine, University of Newcastle, Australia
*Spiritual Practices as Environmental Activism in an
Australian Ashram* (30 min)

Discussion (30 min)

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7/10/2008

8:30 AM to 10:00 AM

Room: 401-401 - Engineering

Theme: *The Penny Magee Lecture and the Charles
Strong Lecture*

Barbara Kameniar, University of Melbourne, Australia
Thai Buddhist Women, 'Bare Life' and Bravery (30 min)

Marion Maddox, Macquarie University, Ryde, NSW,
Australia

*'There Isn't a Racist Bone in My Body': Race and
Religion in the Vocabulary of Fear* (30 min)

Discussion (30 min)

**Australian Association for the Study of Religion
(AASR)**

7/10/2008

10:30 AM to 12:00 PM

Room: 401-401 - Engineering

Theme: *Presidential Address and Annual General
Meeting*

Kathleen McPhillips, University of Western Sydney
What's the Problem with Religion? (75 min)

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