Biennial Conference in Philosophy Religion and Culture 2014  
“Faith and the Political”  
Provisional Timetable

There will be three concurrent streams of papers, which will take place in Classrooms 1 – 3. The numbers in front of papers indicate the rooms. Chairs should note that the auditorium is available should a room prove too small. The public lecture will be in the auditorium.

FRIDAY 3 OCTOBER : Public Lecture 7.30 – 9pm
Auditorium: Peter Forrest, The Epistemology of Scandal

SATURDAY 4 OCTOBER
9.00 - 9.50
1: Tom Drake-Brockman, A Political Interpretation of the New Covenant
2: Greg Melleuish, Why there is no such thing as secular politics
3: Shane Mackinlay, Dialogue or Conflict? Approaches to Cultural and Religious Diversity

10.10 - 11.00
1: James R Harrison, Provincial Galatia and Augustus’ Res Gestae: Paul’s Response to the Caesar Cult in the Epistle to the Galatians
3: Andrew Sloane, Caring for this frail flesh: theological reflections on the nature and goals of medicine

Morning Tea

11.20 - 11.50
1: Chris Baghos, Faith and Politics within Old and New Rome, as Reflected in the Martyrologies of Sts Justin the Philosopher and Maximus the Confessor
2: Ross Morrow, Faith, politics and social change
3: Gerald Gleeson: On Showing Mercy in Public

12.10 - 1.00
1: Mario Baghos, The Gospel and the City in the Constantinian period: Insights from the History of Religions
2: Brenda Adam, A Cosmic Dimension: C.S.Lewis’s Engagement with the Politics of Power and the Challenge of Jesus
3: Andrew Murray, How might the Church Change in Response to Pressure from the State?

LUNCH 1.00 - 2.00

2.00 - 2.30
1: Yvette Debergue, Symbolic Hierarchies and Avoidance of Scandal Amongst the Lauragais Heretics
2: Peter Drum, J. S. Mill, the University, and the Place of Faith-based Studies
3: Sally Cloke, Morrison’s μὴ προηείρεσθαι: prayer and protest in politics as prophecy or apocalypse?

2.50 - 3.40
1: Renée Köhler-Ryan, Trees in the Garden: Thomas Aquinas, Catherine of Siena, and the Order of Justice
2: David Gawthorne, Pretending that Faith Doesn’t Matter for Political Justice
3: Bernard Doherty, Hic Sunt Dracones: Exploring the Boundaries of the Australian Catholic Right.

Afternoon Tea

4.00 - 4.50
1: Antoinette Collins, Jesus’ Cleansing of the Temple: For Passover or for Politics?
2: Robert Anderson, Molinism, Manipulation and Heresthetic Control
3: Ryan Pickard, High Tides and High Stakes: Religious History Wars in Southern India (30 mins)
5.10 - 6.00
2: Michael Cullen, Australia first! Shirkers! Traitors! : Mannix, Hughes, faith, politics and the 1916-1917 conscription referenda

Conference Dinner: 6.30 for 7 pm

SUNDAY 5 OCTOBER
Please note: Daylight saving begins today – clocks should be put forward one hour.

9.30 - 10.20
1: Angus Brook, Faith: the basis of justice
2: John Owens, Richard Rorty On Religion and Democracy
3: Jim Pearson, Berggrav and Bonhoeffer: A Comparison of Two Lutheran Models of Resistance Theology During WW II

10.40- 11.30
1: Matthew Andrew, Violence and delight: an evangelical response to the impassibility debate with reference to David Bentley Hart and Robert Jenson
2: Tony Lynch, Secularism & Morality, Guilt & Shame: Why the moral complacency of New Atheism is a mistake
3: Patric Gnanapragasam, A Subaltern Public Theology: Constructing it from the Indian Context

Morning Tea

11.50 - 12.40
1: Nicholas Tumbas, Lack of Faith?: Development and the Neglect of the Spiritual
2: Jeremy Bell, Can collateral damage be justified?
3: Michael Cotter, Justice, Politics, Poems and the People’s Otherworld: Les Murray’s Political, Social and Religious Faith

Lunch: 12.40 - 1.40

1.40 - 2.30
1: Rapin Quinn, Taming Thailand’s Untamed Democracy
2: Robert Gascoigne, The Sources of Justice in Love and Mercy
3: Christopher Dalton, Mining Coal Seam Gas in the Divine Art Gallery

2.50- 3.40
1: Matthew Del Nevo, Pussy Riot at the Crossroads of Faith and Politics Today
2: Danae Killian, The Dove’s Annihilation: Sylvia Plath and the Kingdom, the Power, the Glory

Afternoon Tea

4.00 -4.50
1: Brandon Zimmerman, Playthings, Political Pessimism, and Cosmic Justice: Plato’s Laws and Plotinus’ On Providence