Earth @ Peace

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23-24 APRIL 2019
MELBOURNE CONFERENCE

Open to all who care for the earth and humanity’s future, reflecting deeply on and engaging in the journey to:
A Just & Ecologically Sustainable Peace

CONFERENCE DETAILS

WHEN: Tuesday 23 April 2019
9am-5.30pm Conference (day 1)
7:30pm Public Forum (public event)

Wednesday 24 April 2019
9am-5.30pm Conference (day 2)
7:30pm Cultural Event (public event)

WHERE: Pilgrim Theological College
29 College Crescent, Parkville VIC 3052

BOOK: You can book to attend a single day, or both days of the conference. The daily conference fees include: morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea; participant packs; and attendance at evening public event

COST: (Per day)

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Standard and Concession tickets purchased before 23 February 2019 will automatically receive a 20% Early Bird Discount.

BOOK online at:
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CONTACT THE ORGANISER

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PUBLIC EVENTS

Each evening of the conference concludes with an event open to the public.

EARTH @ PEACE PUBLIC FORUM
A public forum featuring international speakers Professor Heather Eaton and Professor Chaiwat Satha-Anand.

WHEN: Tuesday 23 April 2019, 7:30pm
COST: $20 General Admission / $15 Concession
BOOK: No bookings. Payment with cash on the night. (No charge for daily conference participants)

CULTURAL EVENT
An evening of Poetry, Music and Art for ANZAC EVE.
WHEN: Tuesday 24 April 2019, 7:30pm
COST: $20 General Admission
BOOK: No bookings. Payment with cash on the night. (No charge for conference ticket holders)

THE CONFERENCE IS HOSTED BY

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ABOUT THE CONFERENCE

Why Now?
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Issues to be Addressed
Faced with the ‘globalisation of violence’ against people and nature, the key question is:

Where can humanity turn to for guidance and inspiration?

The Just War doctrine, the dominant strand in the Christian tradition and until recently, in international law, has tried to place conditions before the use of force can be deemed just. But Just War discourse is used more often to justify than to prevent or condemn war.

Yet, weapons are increasingly lethal, and civilian casualties ever greater. In any case, the ‘just war’ concept has little to say about social, economic or environmental justice, let alone the global predicament we now face.

Conscious of this, several voices in international law, the UN system, labour and social movements, academia, churches and other religious and ethical traditions are calling for a shift from ‘Just War’ to ‘Just Peace’.

What does this mean?
What are the principles that can guide this shift, theoretically and in practice?

How is peace-building to respond to the cries of the poor, and the cries of the Earth?

How do we envision a peace that is both just and ecologically sustainable?

And what does this all mean for Australia – for:
the relationship between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians?
the way we shape our economy and environment?
our long-standing dependence on imperial power, military alliances, and use of force?
our engagement with the peoples of Asia-Pacific?

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

Professor Heather Eaton
St Paul University, Ottawa, Canada. Author of The Intellectual Journey of Thomas Berry: Imagining the Earth Community.

Professor Bruce Pascoe
Jumbunna Institute for Indigenous Education and Research, University of Technology, Sydney. Author of Dark Emu: Black Seeds: agriculture or accident, NSW Premier’s 2016 Book of the Year.

Professor Chaiwat Satha-Anand
Thammasat University, Bangkok, Thailand. Leading Islamic scholar and advocate of nonviolence.

WORKING GROUP FACILITATORS

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Rabbi Fred Morgan
Dr Anthony Rees
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