

Friday 4 December

Schedule Changes

Sharing Scarce Resources in an Increasingly Globalised World

Originally scheduled for 11:30 – 1:00pm, Room 216

Now: 9:30 – 11:00am, Room 213

Indigenous Biodiversity has now become: The Use of the New Testament to Dispossess and Dismiss the Native Peoples of America

9:30 – 11:00am, room 208

This presentation will discuss how the European colonizers used the Old Testament to label Indigenous Peoples of America as “heathens” and thereby not worthy to be acknowledged as rightful landowners of the land deemed “discovered,” and free for the taking. This justification not only dispossessed the Indigenous Peoples of their land, culture, language, and religious freedom but continue today to influence various federal Indian laws and policies that dismisses the rights and existence of native peoples in America.

Dr. Newcomb, whose tribal heritage includes the tribes of Shawnee and Lapane, is the Co-Founder and Co-Director of Indigenous Law Institute located in Oregon. The Institute’s mission is to assist Indigenous Peoples protect and reclaim their sacred ancestral homeland. His 2008 book, *Pagans in the Promised Land: Decoding the Doctrine of Christian Discovery*, illustrates how the Old Testament was and is still used to dispossess Indigenous Peoples in United States.

The State of Religious Freedom

Featuring: Rabbi David Saperstein

Originally scheduled for Monday 7 December 2.30 - 4.00pm

Now: 11:30am – 1:00pm, Room 109

What is the role of the state in protecting religious freedom? What is the role of religious communities in asserting their religious freedoms in the civic realm, and where may those efforts best be focused? What collaborations can enhance the ongoing work of protecting religious freedom? Rabbi David Saperstein, the director and counsel of the Religious Action Center for Reformed Judaism, is an expert in church/state issues. His expertise covers issues such as hate crimes, discrimination, free exercise, equal rights, and the role of religious communities in active engagement in political processes. The religious community cannot be complacent. Too much is at stake.

There are No Back Row Seats in The Hoop of Life

Featuring: Kevin Lock

Originally scheduled for room 217

Now: 2:30 – 4:00pm, Room 202

New Programs

Official opening of the **Spirit Within**

To be opened by the Hon. Rob Hudson, Parliamentary Secretary for the Arts

11:00 – 11:30am, Special Parliament Art Exhibition, Room 112

Holy Tantra Drum Performance

2.15 - 2.30pm, Foyer

Performed by the Hobart Chinese Han Tantrayana Academy Nulgit, Paddy Neowarra, Pansy Nulgit and Gordon Smith

Program and Speaker Updates

Hindu Jewish Leadership Initiative

11:30am - 1:00pm, Room 204

Program will now include:

David Rosen, Kevin Bermeister, Swami Avdeshananda Giri, Swami Parmamananda Saraswat and Bawa Jain, the Secretary-General The Millennium World Peace Summit of Religious and Spiritual Leaders The World Council of Religious Leaders

The Crisis and the Opportunity: Wisdom from Faith Traditions and Communities

11.30 – 1.00pm, Room 110

Program will now include:

Katherine Marshall, Moderator, Jim Wallis, Tariq Cheema, Elias Szczytnicki and Joan Chittister. Also, His Excellency Tim Fischer, Australian Ambassador to the Vatican and former Deputy Prime Minister, will speak as a former farmer.

Daily Featured Authors of the 2009 Parliament Book Discussion Series

4.30 – 6.30pm, Room 102

Anand Krishna, Anand Ashram Foundation

Born in Solo, Central Java, in 1956, Anand Krishna had his early education in Lucknow, North India, where he met his first spiritual mentor, Sheikh Baba, a simple ice vendor and Sufi. Since 1990, Anand has spoken to millions through television shows, radio talks, trainings, books, interviews and articles, as well as meetings and workshops in Indonesia, the United States, Singapore, Brazil and India.

Yasus Afari

Yasus Afari represents the immortal vision of the ancient future, stimulating the revolutionary will to conquer poverty, ignorance, and injustice, by releasing positive vibrations in harmony, with words, sounds and power. Yasus works tirelessly to bring together people from many diverse backgrounds. Yasus testifies to his Rastafarian beliefs and his profound faith in Jah as a dub poet, author, philosopher and Reggae artist promoting Roots Reggae in line with traditional Rastafarian values.

Communities Night Updates

The Sikh Cultural Society of Victoria Gurdwara Sahib

Now: 7:00pm

344 Hume Highway, Craigieburn

Jain

Now: 6:30pm

Melbourne Senior Citizens Club

964 Nepean Highway (Corner Exley Road), Moorabbin

Added:

Churches of Christ

6:30pm

Monastery Hall, St Francis

326 Lonsdale Street, Melbourne CBD

Cancelled:

Collins Street Baptist Church

Cancelled:

Melbourne Hebrew Congregation