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**Compassion: its source and expression**

Introduction by Dr Julia Howell. Professor Wayne Hudson interviewed people from various faith traditions about compassion, its meaning and expression and invited lively audience interaction.

**Religion and the State in Muslim Countries**

Professor Riaz Hassan, Department of Sociology, Flinders University, South Australia. Author of Faithlines: Muslim conceptions of Islam and Society

**Gandhi and Peace**

Professor N. Radhakrishnan, Gandhi Museum, India. Working Chairman of Indian Council for Gandhian Studies and Chair of Citizens for Human Rights, India. Professor Radhakrishnan works for the global spread of non-violence by interpreting Gandhian non-violence creatively and adapting it to the emerging global scenario. To Professor Radhakrishnan, non-violence is a creative force of empowerment and enlightenment.

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**What is Islam? approaching understanding.**

Sponsored by Griffith Asia Pacific Council Speakers: Imam Yusuf Peer from the Kuraby Mosque; Dr Julia Howell, Griffith University; Professor Wayne Hudson, Griffith University; Imam Uzair Akbar, Holland Park Mosque; Imam Abdul Qudoos Al-Azhari, Darul-Uloom Brisbane; Mohamad Abdulla, Acting Imam at Logan Mosque.

**Conflict Resolution**

Arifah Rahmawati, researcher at the Center for Security and Peace Studies, University of Gadjah Mada, Yogyakarta. She has facilitated many workshops on the prevention of violent conflicts and has conducted peace building activities in Maluku which includes research, consultation, training, dialogue and mediation with youth, NGO's, community leaders, police, health-providers and women.

**Interreligious Dialogue: The End of Ecumenism?**

Lecture by Associate Professor John D'Arcy May of the Irish School of Ecumenics, Trinity College, Dublin. Dr May asked why engage in interreligious dialogue and what the outcome could be. In the context of global awareness, ethnic conflict and the 'clash of civilisations,' he maintained that the practical necessity of interreligious dialogue is undeniable.

**Spirituality & Sustainability – Reflections on the Earth Charter**

Symposium with moderator Dr Paul Collins and Speakers: Dr Nancy Victorin Vangerud, Murdoch University, WA; Ms Joan Anderson, Soka Gakkai International and Ms Kamla Choudry of the Earth Charter Movement. Held in conjunction with 2001 Asia Pacific Earth Charter Conference. Convenor: Patricia Blundell.
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**New Perspectives on Inter-Faith Dialogue**

The first Inter-Faith Education and Dialogue Day, held in May 2000, was attended by members of many different religious, faith, philosophical and cultural groups from South-East Queensland. Professor Wayne Hudson's keynote address proposed an interactive approach to world faiths and a challenge to engage in religious citizenship. Participants are eager to carry the dialogue into future projects.

**Religious Citizenship: a challenge to schools!**

This seminar offered to Teachers of Study of Religion, Religious Education and School Chaplains explored ways of rethinking citizenship particularly as a way of promoting social cohesion and social justice. The topic of Religious Citizenship is set to become increasingly important as we accept the challenge of living in a multi-faith and multi-cultural nation.

**Depression, Suicide: What can we do?**

The second in the Inter-Faith Dialogue series focused on a matter of concern for many in our communities, Depression and Suicide. Professor Diego De Leo's introduction drew great interest. The lively discussion which followed reflected the richness of the diverse background of participants.