SPC Public Forum

Susan Day Dirgham
Valuing Secularism in Syria

and

Fr Bruce Duncan
Peacemaking in Islamic traditions

Thursday 6 November 7:30-9pm
The Study Centre Yarra Theological Union
Best entry via 34 Bedford Street Box Hill

Refreshments available afterwards. An entry donation is welcome.

Susan Dirgham taught English to migrants and refugees at the La Trobe University Language Centre for 25 years. In 2003, she taught at the British Council in Damascus, where she remained for two years, and has since visited Syria many times. She currently teaches part-time at AMES. In 2013, she joined an international peace delegation organised by Mother Agnes Mariam and headed by Mairead Maguire, an Irish Peace Laureate.

As national coordinator of Australians for Mussalaha (Reconciliation) in Syria (AMRIS), Susan writes about Syria, and speaks at public meetings. She has extensive material on Syria in her blogs: http://australiansforreconciliationinsyria.org/, http://socratesandsyria.com/, http://taoismandsufis.wordpress.com/, and http://susandirgham.wordpress.com/.

Bruce Duncan lectures in history and social ethics, including a unit, ‘Can war be just?’ which compares just war traditions in western and Islamic traditions.

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