Ecological Aspects of War: Religious Perspectives from Australia

A one-day symposium to consider intersections between war and ecology, through the lenses of religious social teachings and sacred texts, representative of the multi-cultural and inter-faith constitution of contemporary Australian society.

Keynote presentation
“Planet Earth as a Victim of War”
by Dr Jenny Grounds

With papers in two streams
Stream 1: Engagements with sacred texts
Stream 2: Religious and theological perspectives

Monday 28 September 2015
8.45 am to 5.30pm
Trinity College Theological School
Trinity College
Royal Parade, Parkville

Registration costs
Full $40
Concession $30

Register here at trybooking.com
Early registrations are appreciated
Registrations close: Friday 11 September 2015
Convenors: Keith Dyer and Anne Elvey
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DR JENNY GROUNDS is past president and current vice-president of the Medical Association for Prevention of War, the Australian Affiliate of IPPNW, International Physicians for the Prevention of Nuclear War.
Symposium contributors and topics include

Stream 1: Engagements with sacred texts

‘A bow in the clouds’ (Gen 9:13): YHWH’s qešet and the Rainbow Serpent as Metaphors of Life and Destruction
Jeanette Mathews, St Mark’s National Theological Centre (Canberra), Charles Sturt University

Drones over Sodom: Resisting the Fantasy of Security
Carolyn Alsen, Whitley College, University of Divinity

The Death of Absalom: The Forest is Mightier than the Sword
Marie Turner, Flinders University

Violence and Destruction in Opposition to Justice and Righteousness
Anne Gardner, Monash University

Reading the Magnificat in a Time of Crisis: Taking and Giving Life: H. Drake Brockman’s Short Story ‘Magnificat’
Anne Elvey, Monash University, and Trinity College Theological School, University of Divinity

The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse and the Consequences of War (Rev. 6:1–11)
Keith Dyer, Whitley College, University of Divinity

Stream 2: Religious and theological perspectives

Oil beyond War and Peace: Rethinking the Meaning of Matter
Deborah Guess, University of Divinity

Oil and Blood on the Bayonet: Empire, War, Oil and Ecology
Mick Pope, meteorologist and eco-theologian, Bureau of Meteorology

Some Limits to the Use of Force during Armed Conflict under the Shari’a (Islamic Law)
Asmi Woods, Australian National University

Our War with Nature and Each Other from a Buddhist Perspective
Shelini Harris, Australian National University

Bonhoeffer and The Right to Self Assertion: Understanding Theologically the Mastery of Nature and War
Di Rayson, University of Newcastle

Proactively Defending the Earth: Just War Ecotheology
Mark Manolopoulos, Swinburne University of Technology and Monash University

Ecology, War, and the Path of Reconciliation
Clive W Ayre, University of Queensland

and Joseph Camilleri, topic to be advised

There will also be a closing panel session, including Mark Brett, Hoa Dinh, and Bruce Duncan. Full details, abstracts and programme will be available soon at http://www.divinity.edu.au/news-events/2015/07/06/symposium-ecology-war-and-religion/