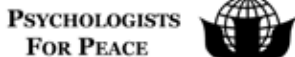


Course organisation



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Centre for Dialogue
— A Centre of La Trobe University —



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About the course

Method

The course will include:

- Lectures
- Question and answer sessions
- Use of Audio-Visual materials
- Debates
- Workshop Discussions
- Simulation Exercise
- Interviews with Guests
- Field Work (eg. Surveys)

Participants will be issued with extensive reading materials, including a resource workbook, and will be given a number of small assignments.

Prior to the 5:45pm start participants will be encouraged to come early from 5:15pm onwards for coffee, nibbles and conversation. The half hour can also be used for preparation of workshop discussion and assignments. In addition, each session will have a 20-30 minute break at which point beverages and food will be served. This break will also allow for informal discussion.

Participants should apply only if they have a high degree of commitment to the course. They are expected to:

- ◆ ATTEND ALL TEN SESSIONS
- ◆ Be present for the full duration of each session
- ◆ Do the necessary reading and other preparation for each session
- ◆ Complete a number of short assignments

Principal lecturer and course coordinator

Joseph Camilleri (Professor of International Relations and Director of the Centre for Dialogue, La Trobe University) Author of numerous books, including *The End of Sovereignty?* (1992), *States, Markets and Civil Society in Asia Pacific* (2000) and *Regionalism in the New Asia-Pacific Order* (2003). He edited *Religion and Culture in Asia Pacific: Violence or Healing?* (2001) and co-edited *Democratising Global Governance* (2002).

Assisting him will be **Larry Marshall** (Project Coordinator, Centre for Dialogue, La Trobe University) and **Craig Woolley** (Manager, Centre for Dialogue, La Trobe University).

Guest academics and practitioners will also contribute to the course.

Further information

Contact Craig Woolley: Email: owic2008@wachy.com
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Details can also be found on the internet at
<http://www.josephcamilleri.com/owic>



Our World in Crisis?

Interpretations and Responses

A Unique 10-Week Course 29 April - 1 July 2008

To skill, inform and stimulate

- For those working in business, government, the professions, education, media, trade unions and religious and community organisations
- For those interested in issues of development, environment, human rights, security, conflict resolution and democracy
- For anyone wishing to understand better our rapidly globalising world and Australia's place in it



Course Duration

The course will consist of 10 consecutive weekly sessions, held on Tuesday evenings, commencing 29 April and finishing 1 July 2008. Sessions will convene from 5:15pm, with course work commencing at 5:45pm sharp and concluding at 9:15pm (with a mid-session break).

Venue

The course will be held at the premises of Australian Volunteers International (AVI), 88 Kerr St, Fitzroy. The 112 tram departs every 6 minutes north along Collins St from Swanston St between 4:30pm and 5:30pm, taking 15 minutes to Stop 16, Johnston St, Fitzroy. Return time is 10 minutes, departing every 18-20 minutes from 9:17pm. Limited parking can be accessed at AVI between 5:00pm and 5:25pm - Fitzroy St entrance. On street parking is also limited.

Fees

Institutional Rate \$550, Individual Rate \$450 and Low Income Rate \$295.

Certification

All participants meeting assignment and attendance requirements will be presented with a course certificate.

Why such a course?

We need only think of:



.....and the implications for:



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What are we to make of all this? What are credible sources of information? How do we go beyond clichés and media hype?

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What the course covers

Climate of Change: Who are the main protagonists in the globalisation debate? Is 'globalisation' old or new? Is it a key to future prosperity or another name for Global Apartheid? Can we imagine a different kind of globalisation?

World Economy, Bordered or Borderless?: What is the WTO? Who makes the key decisions? Liberalisation or protection in agriculture? What of intellectual property rights or genetically modified foods? What are the key ethical issues? What can we make of the Australia-US Free Trade Agreement? How do we explain the Third World's foreign debt or major financial crises?

Poverty or Development?: Can the world feed its hungry? Are UN targets a pipe dream? WTO, IMF, World Bank, Western governments, UNDP - are they part of the solution or part of the problem? Is poverty reduction in the poorest countries compatible with current forms of globalisation? What of the role of NGOs generally, and aid and development agencies in particular?

National or Human Security?: Is the nature of conflict changing? Why the recent explosion of internal conflicts? What are the problems posed by military intervention? Who has the right and the competence to intervene? When, how, and with what objectives? Do weapons of mass destruction deliver security or insecurity?

Energy and Climate Change: Why is the world so reliant on fossil fuels? What are the global politics and economics of oil? How does all this impact on the Middle East? Who are the main protagonists in the current world energy debate? What are the implications of the Kyoto Protocol? Is there a role for nuclear power? Are there other alternatives?

Iraq, Iran, Lebanon and Afghanistan: What lies behind terrorism? Is terrorism a new phenomenon? If not, does it have new features? What lies behind the 'war on terror'? Who is pushing for what, how and why?

Clash or Dialogue of Civilisations?: Are the world's major civilisations on a collision course? Is Western dominance threatened by the rise of Islam or China? Can collision be avoided? What are the prospects for dialogue? How can dialogue be approached internationally? In Australia?

Human Rights, Democracy & UN reform: How important are human rights? How seriously do we take them in Australia? What is an acceptable trade off between security and civil liberties? Can a globalising world be democratic? Are democracy and the rule of law a help or a hindrance in addressing the major challenges facing Australia and the world? Does the UN have a future?



Race and Culture in Australia: How well are Australians coping with racial and cultural differences at home and in our relations with Asia and the Pacific? Can we do better? How? Does multiculturalism have a future? What are the options facing Australia over the next decade and beyond?

Australia and the World: What is Australia's view of the world? Has it changed over time? How do we approach our relations with the United States? With China, India and Japan? With Indonesia and Malaysia? What is our role in the South Pacific? How do Australians imagine the future? Is it something we can shape or influence? If so, how?

Application Form

Must be received by **Friday 18 April 2008**
(Applications may be considered later, on availability)

Number applying to participate: Full _____ Concession _____

Names of applicants: _____
(if required please attach more)

Sponsoring Organisation: *(if any)* _____

Contact for confirmation: Name _____
Address _____
Email _____
Telephone _____
Facsimile _____

Payment
Amount Enclosed: Number _____ x \$550 = \$ _____
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Number _____ x \$295 = \$ _____

Light meal served with every session Total = \$ _____

(make cheques payable to **Pax Christi Victoria** or bank deposit: Pax Christi Victoria Inc., Commonwealth Bank of Australia, BSB: 063 161, Account no. 0090 0935).

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