

ANZATS  
CONFERENCE  
2015

# A Life Worth Living

29th June to 1st July

Sydney College of Divinity Campus

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Keynote Speaker: **Scott Stephens**

Online Editor of Religion and Ethics for the ABC



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# Call For Papers

The Conference Planning Committee is pleased to invite all members of ANZATS and the theological and wider academic community to submit the title of their proposed presentation at this conference, together with an abstract of 250-300 words by **February 15, 2015**.

This should be accompanied by contact details: Name, institutional affiliation, postal address, phone number and email address. Please address submissions to Dr Jacqui Grey [jacqui.grey@ac.edu.au](mailto:jacqui.grey@ac.edu.au)

It is expected that presentations will occupy 30 minutes plus a few minutes for Q&A.

## Plenary Sessions

We are pleased to announce that the keynote speaker for the 2014 Conference is Scott Stephens. Scott is the Religion and Ethics editor for ABC Online. Before joining the ABC he taught theology for many years, and even did a stint as a parish minister with the Uniting Church in Australia. He has written extensively on the intersections among philosophy, theology, ethics and politics, as well as on modern atheism's dependence on the Christian legacy. Scott is also a regular contributor to The Drum, Eureka Street and the Times Literary Supplement. He has edited and translated (with Rex Butler) two volumes of the Selected Works of the highly influential philosopher and cultural critic, Slavoj Zizek - including The Universal Exception, which was named by The Guardian newspaper one of its "Books of the Year" in 2007.

## Conference Theme

"A Life Worth Living: Religion and Ethics".

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The Conference Committee invites papers from practitioners from all the theological disciplines which reflect on these and related issues.

## ANZATS Conferences: Guidelines for papers proposals

1. Proposals should be about 200–250 words long and must include your full name, title, institution (or location), email address, telephone number, mobile phone number, and mailing address.
2. Give the proposed paper a title, state its aim, and indicate the line of argument it takes. It is important that you demonstrate how the paper fits within the relevant discussion, among scholars, within the church, and preferably both.
3. Let the steering committee know if you have an interest in creating a forum at the conference, for example to discuss a significant new book, to focus on a discrete area of specialisation, or to discuss recent trends in theological education.
4. If you plan to present your first paper at an ANZATS conference, you are asked to submit the entire paper by April 15. Attach your curriculum vitae or include in your cover letter any additional information that may help us weigh your submission.
5. The time allowed for each paper will be 30 minutes, with an additional 15 minutes for questions and discussion.
6. It is important that you indicate whether you wish to use audio-visual equipment for your presentation, so that the appropriate room can be allocated.
7. The steering committee will give due consideration to all papers, even if not immediately related to the Conference theme. However, should the committee be required to limit the number of papers which can be presented, preference will be given to those papers which are more related to the Conference theme.