

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

Onsite participation is encouraged

Video-conferencing via Skype will also be available for the plenary sessions and Stream 2

Registration costs

Full \$40

Concession \$30

Skype \$15 (you will be supplied with a url and password via email nearer the date)

Register [here](http://trybooking.com) at trybooking.com

Early registrations are appreciated

Registrations close: Friday 11 September 2015

Convenors: Keith Dyer and Anne Elvey

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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 Wood, Australian National University

Our War with Nature and Each Other from a Buddhist Perspective

Shelini Harris, Australian National University

Religion, Animals, War: Cetacean and Spiritual Avowal as an Ecojustice Pursuit

George Ioannides, University of Sydney

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

There will also be a closing panel session. Details, abstracts and programme will be available in August at <http://www.divinity.edu.au/news-events/2015/07/06/symposium-ecology-war-and-religion/>