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“Faith and the Political”
Proposed Papers 2014

Brenda Adam
James Cook University (School of Arts and Social Sciences)
A Cosmic Dimension: C.S.Lewis’s Engagement with the Politics of Power and the Challenge of Jesus.

Robert Anderson
Philosophy, Notre Dame Australia
Molinism, Manipulation and Heresthetic Control

Matthew Andrew
Morling College
Violence and delight: an evangelical response to the impassibility debate with reference to David Bentley Hart and Robert Jenson

Chris Baghos
Sydney University, St Andrew’s Greek Orthodox Theological College
Faith and Politics within Old and New Rome, as Reflected in the Martyrologies of Sts Justin the Philosopher and Maximus the Confessor

Mario Baghos
St Andrew’s Greek Orthodox Theological College (SCD)
The Gospel and the City in the Constantinian period: Insights from the History of Religions

Jeremy Bell
University of Chicago
Can collateral damage be justified?

Angus Brook
School of Philosophy and Theology, University of Notre Dame Australia
Faith: the basis of justice

Sally Cloke
University of Newcastle
Morrison’s μάρτυρες: prayer and protest in politics as prophecy or apocalypse?

Antoinette Collins
Broken Bay Institute / University of Newcastle
Jesus’ Cleansing of the Temple: For Passover or for Politics?
Michael Cotter  
Freelance Scholar  
Justice, Politics, Poems and the People’s Otherworld: Les Murray’s Political, Social and Religious Faith

Michael Cullen  
Sydney Campus Librarian, The University of Notre Dame Australia  
Australia first! Shirkers! Traitors! : Mannix, Hughes, faith, politics and the 1916-1917 conscription referenda

Christopher John Dalton  
United Theological College, Charles Sturt University  
Mining Coal Seam Gas in the Divine Art Gallery

Yvette Debergue  
CIS, SCD, University of Sydney (Department of Studies in Religion)  
Symbolic Hierarchies and Avoidance of Scandal Amongst the Lauragais Heretics

Matthew Del Nevo  
Department of Philosophy, Catholic Institute of Sydney  
Pussy Riot at the Crossroads of Faith and Politics Today

Bernard Doherty  
Macquarie University; St Mark’s National Theological Centre (Charles Sturt University)  
Hic Sunt Dracones: Exploring the Boundaries of the Australian Catholic Right.

Tom Drake-Brockman  
UCT, North Parramatta  
A Political Interpretation of the New Covenant.

Peter Drum  
Australian Catholic University  
J. S. Mill, the University, and the Place of Faith-based Studies

Peter Forrest  
University of New England  
Keynote Lecture: The Epistemology of Scandal

Robert Gascoigne  
School of Theology, Australian Catholic University  
The Sources of Justice in Love and Mercy

David Gawthorne  
School of Humanities, University of New England  
Pretending that Faith Doesn’t Matter for Political Justice
Gerald Gleeson  
Philosophy, Catholic Institute of Sydney  
On Showing Mercy in Public

Patric Gnanapragasam  
Department of Christian Studies, University of Madras  
A Subaltern Public Theology: Constructing it from the Indian Context

James R Harrison  
Sydney College of Divinity  
Provincial Galatia and Augustus' Res Gestae: Paul's Response to the Caesar Cult in the Epistle to the Galatians

Gerard Kelly  
Catholic Institute of Sydney  
The Justice and Mercy of God: A Challenge for Contemporary Society

Danaë Killian  
Centre for Ideas, Faculty of the VCA and MCM, University of Melbourne  
The Dove's Annihilation: Sylvia Plath and the Kingdom, the Power, the Glory

Renée Köhler-Ryan  
School of Philosophy and Theology, University of Notre Dame Australia (Sydney)  
Trees in the Garden: Thomas Aquinas, Catherine of Siena, and the Order of Justice

Tony Lynch  
School of Humanities, University of New England  
Secularism & Morality, Guilt & Shame: Why the moral complacency of New Atheism is a mistake

Shane Mackinlay  
Catholic Theological College, University of Divinity  
Dialogue or Conflict? Approaches to Cultural and Religious Diversity

Josip Matesic  
University of Wollongong  

Greg Melleuish  
School of Humanities and Social Inquiry, University of Wollongong  
Why there is no such thing as secular politics

Ross Morrow  
Department of Sociology & Social Policy, University of Sydney.  
Faith, politics and social change
Andrew Murray  
Catholic Institute of Sydney  
**How might the Church Change in Response to Pressure from the State?**

Joshua Neoh & Tristian Delroy  
The Australian National University  
**Freedom of Religion as Freedom of Faith**

John Owens  
Good Shepherd College, Auckland  
**Richard Rorty On Religion and Democracy**

Jim Pearson  
World Gospel Bible College, Auckland  
**Berggrav and Bonhoeffer: A Comparison of Two Lutheran Models of Resistance Theology During WW II**

Ryan Pickard  
The University of Sydney  
**High Tides and High Stakes: Religious History Wars in Southern India**

Rapin Quinn  
Australian Catholic University (Canberra Campus)  
**Taming Thailand’s Untamed Democracy**

Andrew Sloane  
Senior Lecturer in Old Testament and Christian Thought, Director of Postgraduate Studies  
**Caring for this frail flesh: theological reflections on the nature and goals of medicine**

Robert Tilley  
Catholic Institute of Sydney  
**The Politics of Divine Usury: The Logic of Divine Reward in the Synoptic Gospels**

Nicholas Tumbas  
Asia Institute and National Centre of Excellence in Islamic Studies, The University of Melbourne  
**Lack of Faith?: Development and the Neglect of the Spiritual**

Brandon Zimmerman  
Good Shepherd Seminary, Banz, PNG  
**Playthings, Political Pessimism, and Cosmic Justice: Plato’s Laws and Plotinus’ On Providence**