

Religion in the Public Square

A COLLOQUIUM ORGANISED BY THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Thursday–Saturday, July 22–24, 2010
Assembly Hall, 156 Collins St, Melbourne

BUSINESS ETHICS AND THE FUTURE OF CAPITALISM | SECURING FREEDOM OF RELIGION IN A HOSTILE ENVIRONMENT | THE CASE FOR RELIGION IN THE PUBLIC SQUARE | UNDERSTANDING VOCATION | AFFIRMING AND PROMOTING PRO-LIFE POLICIES | SEX: THE WORST AND THE BEST

Speakers

Dr Scott Rae is the colloquium keynote speaker. He is professor of philosophy of religion and ethics at Talbot School of Theology in California. Dr Rae's primary interests are medical ethics and business ethics. He has authored six books widely used as texts in theological colleges. He is a hospital ethics consultant and a fellow of the Center for Bioethics and Human Dignity.

The Rev. David Palmer is convener of the Church & Nation Committee, Presbyterian Church of Victoria.

The Rev. John McClean is lecturer at the Presbyterian Theological Centre, Sydney.

Dr Tracey Rowland is dean of the John Paul II Institute for Marriage and Family, Melbourne.

Mr John Ballantyne edits *News Weekly*, and is a member at Scots' Church, Melbourne.

Mr Robert Gottlieb writes and commentates on business and investment affairs. He is an elder at Essendon Presbyterian Church.

Dr Douglas Milne is principal of the Presbyterian Theological College, Melbourne.

Dr Denise Cooper is a lecturer at Ridley Theological College, Melbourne.

Mr Jim Wallace AM is managing director of the Australian Christian Lobby.

Dr David Phillips is national director of Family Voice Australia.

Dr Helen Szoke is commissioner of the Victorian Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission.

The Hon. Catherine Branson QC is president of the Australian Human Rights Commission.

The Hon. Kevin Andrews is a Victorian federal MP. He served as a Cabinet minister in the Howard Coalition Government.

Professor Patrick Parkinson AM is professor of law at Sydney University.

Professor Nicholas Aroney is professor in constitutional law at Queensland University and a Presbyterian elder.

Mr Rob Ward is Victorian state director of the Australian Christian Lobby.

Mr Barney Zwartz is *The Age's* religion editor.

The Rev. Peter Hastie is minister, Ashfield Presbyterian Church, NSW, and editor of the *Australian Presbyterian*.

The Rev. Ian Packer is a Sydney-based Baptist minister and assistant director of the Ethos Centre for Christianity and Society.

The Rev. John Dekker is minister, Aspendale Presbyterian Church.

The Rev. Cor Vanderhorn is a Presbyterian minister recently completing a masters degree in philosophy at The Free University, Amsterdam.

Mr Ben Saunders is a lawyer in private practice and member at South Yarra Presbyterian Church.

The Rev. Dr Peter Barnes is an author and minister, Revesby Presbyterian Church, NSW.

Associate Professor Nicholas Tonti-Filippini, one of Australia's foremost ethicists, is associate dean of the John Paul II Institute for Marriage and Family, Melbourne.

Dr Patricia and **Mr Kamal Weerakoon**. Patricia is co-ordinator of the graduate program in sexual health at Sydney University, while Kamal has been appointed minister, St Mary's Presbyterian Church, NSW.

Ms Melinda Tankard Reist is a Canberra author, speaker, commentator and advocate with a special interest in issues affecting women and girls.

Registration Form

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FREE PUBLIC LECTURE: "Ethics and reproductive bio-technologies" – Scott Rae

Wednesday, July 21, 8:00 pm, Presbyterian Theological College, 684 Elgar Rd, Box Hill North, Vic. 3129

THURSDAY, JULY 22, 2010	
9:00 – 10:30 am Moderator: Rob Ward	
Welcome and introduction to colloquium	David Palmer
<i>Business ethics for a post-Christian business community</i>	Scott Rae
Question time	
10:30 – 11:00 am Morning tea	
11:00 am – 1:00 pm Moderator: John McClean	
<i>Which model of market economy – libertarian or Christian?</i>	John Ballantyne
<i>On the intersection of ethics and economics – the case for capitalism</i>	Scott Rae
<i>Is the marketplace no business of God's?</i>	Tracey Rowland
Question time	
1:00 – 2:00 pm Lunchtime meeting: <i>Business as a crucible for spiritual formation</i>	Scott Rae
2:00 – 3:30 pm Moderator: John McClean	
<i>Priorities for Christians engaging our culture</i>	David Phillips
<i>The global financial crisis – a Christian assessment</i>	Robert Gottlieb
Question time	
3:30 – 4:00 pm Afternoon tea	
4:00 – 5:00 pm Roundtable	

FRIDAY, JULY 23, 2010	
9:00 – 10:30 am Moderator: Douglas Milne	
<i>The moral distinction between killing and letting die, from medical and theological perspectives</i>	Denise Cooper
<i>Death, dying and assisted suicide in a world of scarcity</i>	Scott Rae
Question time	
10:30 – 11:00 am Morning tea	
11:00 am – 1:00 pm Moderator: Jim Wallace	
<i>The religious importance of human rights and the post-modern revisioning of rights</i>	Nicholas Tonti-Filippini
<i>Australia/Victoria's obligations under domestic and international law, toward freedom of religion, given anti-discrimination legislation.</i>	Hon. Catherine Branson
	Helen Szoke
Question time	
1:00 – 2:00 pm Lunch	
2:00 – 3:30 pm Moderator: Jim Wallace	
<i>Religious reasons in public discourse</i>	Nicholas Aroney
<i>A national agenda for freedom of religion</i>	Patrick Parkinson
Question time	
3:30 – 4:00 pm Afternoon tea	
4:00 – 5:00 pm Roundtable	

SATURDAY, JULY 24, 2010			
9:00 – 10:30 am Moderator: Barney Zwartz			
Work, vocation and calling in a Christian worldview		Scott Rae	
Ethics and vocation		Ian Packer	
Question time			
10:30 – 11:00 am Morning tea			
Stream 1		Stream 2	
11:00 am – 1:00 pm Moderator: David Palmer			
<i>Christ's "two kingdoms" and the role of the church in the world</i>		Ben Saunders	
<i>"Not a square inch": measuring the relevance of Abraham Kuyper (1837–1920)</i>		John Dekker	
<i>Subverting secularism: a Reformational worldview as a teaching tool</i>		Cor Vanderhorn	
Question time			
1:00 – 2:00 pm Lunch			
2:00 – 3:30 pm Moderator: David Palmer			
<i>The place of church in Christian world-and-life view</i>		John McClean	
<i>The motives and strategies of William Wilberforce in the battle against slavery</i>		Peter Barnes	
Question time			
3:30 – 4:00 pm Afternoon tea			
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Payment Details

I plan to attend (please ✓):

..... All three days Cost for three days: \$85
 Thursday: July 22: Cost: \$40/day,
 Friday: July 23 \$30/day students/ pensioners
 Saturday: July 24

TOTAL \$.....

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Accommodation can be arranged for country and interstate visitors at the nearby Victoria Hotel, 215 Little Collins St, Melbourne.
 Rates: \$100 (single), \$133 (shared) per night.

Morning and afternoon teas, as well as lunch, are supplied.