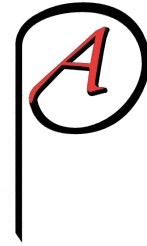


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Conference: Secularism in the Modern World

Melbourne – 31 October 2015

Conference: Secularism in the Modern World will be held at the Melbourne Unitarian Peace Memorial Church, 110 Grey St, East Melbourne VIC 3002 from 9.30 am – 4.10 pm on Saturday, 31 October 2015.

President of Progressive Atheists Alice Carr said “This conference will address the cornerstones of a free and secular society. Freedom of thought, freedom of belief, supporting universal human rights and countering religious extremism. We need to be reminded about the value of secularism to maintain a peaceful, fair and safe society.”

Keynote speaker Professor Spencer Zifcak, Professor of Law, will speak about the vexed relationship between freedom of expression and protection against racial and religious discrimination.

In the morning panel, Rosslyn Ives and Lev Lafayette will talk about the history and importance of secularism in our society. Lara Wood will speak about the importance of secular schools and Dr Paul Tonson will speak about secularism from a Christian faith perspective.

The afternoon panel offers insight into the importance of supporting and promoting secularism in countries such as Bangladesh. Shahriar Hassan, Ibrahim Khalil, Zobaen Sondhi and Shubhajit Bhowmik are all freethinking secular writers from Bangladesh who will speak about conflicts between Islamic extremism and a free and secular society.

Ex-Muslim refugee from Pakistan, Ali Sayed will speak about the place of religion in a secular world. Ashraful Alam will speak about countering Islamic extremism in Australia and Peter

Farago will speak about his work with refugees, who are often survivors of societies that lack the freedoms we enjoy in a secular society.

References:

Conference website: Secularism in the Modern World – Melbourne – 2015

Venue / Schedule / Speakers / Workshops / Sister Events Sydney & Perth

<http://progressiveatheists.org/campaigns-projects/secularism/conference-2015/>

Purchase Tickets:

\$30 General Admission / \$20 Concession

<http://progressiveatheists.org/product-category/conference/>

Press Pass:

Press passes are available for free admission into the event - email

conference2015@progressiveatheists.org to register.

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