

Our World in Crisis?

Current Trends & Future Options

A Unique 6-Week Course
22 June - 27 July 2010

To skill, inform and stimulate



- For those working in business, government, the professions, education, media, trade unions and religious and community organisations
- For those interested in issues of development, environment, human rights, security, conflict resolution and democracy
- For anyone wishing to understand better our rapidly globalising world and Australia's place in it

About the course

Method

The course will include:

- Lectures
- Question and answer sessions
- Use of Audio-Visual materials
- Debates
- Workshop Discussions
- Simulation Exercise
- Interviews with Guests
- Field Work (eg. Surveys)

Participants will be issued with extensive reading materials, including a resource workbook, and will be given a number of small assignments.

Prior to the 5:45pm start participants will be encouraged to come early from 5:15pm onwards for coffee, nibbles and conversation. The half hour can also be used for preparation of workshop discussion and assignments. In addition, each session will have a 20-30 minute break at which point beverages and food will be served. This break will also allow for informal discussion.

Participants should apply only if they have a high degree of commitment to the course. They are expected to:

- ◆ ATTEND ALL SIX SESSIONS
- ◆ Be present for the full duration of each session
- ◆ Do the necessary reading and other preparation for each session
- ◆ Complete a number of short assignments

Principal lecturer and course coordinator

Professor Joseph Anthony Camilleri is Professor of International Relations and founding Director of the Centre for Dialogue at La Trobe University. Recent books include: *"Worlds in Transition" Evolving Governance Across a Stressed Planet* (Edward Elgar 2009), *Regionalism in the New Asia Pacific Order* (Edward Elgar 2003), and *States, Markets and Civil Society in Asia Pacific* (Edward Elgar 2000).

Professor Camilleri has researched, lectured and given evidence to government and other enquiries on issues of governance, human rights, cultural and religious dialogue, development, environment, and security.

Assisting him will be **Larry Marshall** (Project Manager, Centre for Dialogue, La Trobe University).

Guest academics and practitioners will also contribute to the course.

Further information

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Course organisation



Medical Association for Prevention of War



World Vision



Asia Education Foundation



Uniting Church in Australia



ISLAMIC COUNCIL of Victoria



Centre for Dialogue
— A Centre of La Trobe University —



(Formerly PPOWP) An Interest Group of the Australian Psychological Society



Course Duration

The course will consist of six consecutive weekly sessions, held on Tuesday evenings, commencing 22 June and finishing 27 July 2010. Sessions will convene from 5:15pm, with course work commencing at 5:45pm sharp and concluding at 9:00pm (with a mid-session break). With the exception of Monday 5 July.

Venue

The course will be held at the premises of Australian Volunteers International (AVI), 88 Kerr St, Fitzroy. The 112 tram departs every 6 minutes north along Collins St from Swanston St between 4:30pm and 5:30pm, taking 15 minutes to Stop 16, Johnston St, Fitzroy. Return time is 10 minutes, departing every 18-20 minutes from 9:17pm. Limited parking can be accessed at AVI between 5:00pm and 5:25pm - Fitzroy St entrance. On street parking is also limited.

Fees

Institutional Rate \$385, Individual Rate \$320 and Low Income Rate \$180.

Certification

All participants meeting assignment and attendance requirements will be presented with a course certificate.

Why such a course?

We need only think of:

Afghanistan	Haiti	Global Financial Crisis
Millenium Goals	September 11	Tsunami
Refugees	Israel/Palestine	Kyoto
Iran	Iraq	Bali
Katrina	WTO	IMF
HIV/AIDS	Lebanon	East Timor
Guantanamo	Darfur	Taiwan
Nuclear Power	Swine Flu	Chile

...and the implications for:

Security	Environment	Australia and its region
United Nations	Economy	Democracy
Health	Climate Change	Human Rights
International Law	United States	

What are we to make of all this? What are credible sources of information? How do we go beyond clichés and media hype?

A serious approach is called for - one that makes use of the best available expertise and resources, one that skills, informs and stimulates. This course attempts to do just that.

What the course covers

Making sense of 'our times':

It is often said that we live in a globalising world? What does this mean? How different is today's world from that of our parents or grandparents? Is the Modern world ushered in by the Renaissance and the revolutions of the 16th to the 18th centuries coming to an end? If so, what is taking its place?

The global financial crisis: why, where and how?

How do we explain the unprecedented growth of international finance? What factors have led to the current global financial crisis? What are the long-term implications of the crisis? What do we make of the responses of governments? Of the major international organisations? Where does the crisis leave the rich-poor divide? What are the prospects for greater international regulation?

Climate change: after Copenhagen

What are the key issues at stake in international climate change negotiations? Why are governments finding it so difficult to come



to terms with the challenges posed by climate change? What are the prospects for stabilising global warming? Has Australia's position on climate change shifted significantly since the election of the Rudd Government?

Arc of conflict: from Algeria to Afghanistan:

How do we account for the conflicts that have dotted the recent history of this part of the world? What lies behind the conflicts in the Middle East, Iraq, Iran, Afghanistan, Pakistan? How do we make sense of the relationship between Islam and the West? Are international terrorism and the 'war on terror' here to stay?

Conflict resolution and the dialogue of cultures:

Are the world's major civilisations on a collision course? With the decline of the world's colonial empires, is Western dominance coming to an end? Are we seeing the rise of new centres of power and influence? Can collision be avoided? What are the prospects for dialogue and conflict resolution? How can dialogue be approached internationally? In Australia?

The puzzle that is Australia:

How well are Australians coping with the pressures of a rapidly changing world? How well is Australia managing cultural and religious diversity at home and in its relations with Asia and the Pacific? Does multiculturalism have a future? What of our relations with the United States on the one hand and China on the other? What are the options facing Australia over the next decade and beyond?



Application Form

Must be received by **Friday 11 June 2010**
(Applications may be considered later, on availability)

Number applying to participate: Full _____ Concession _____

Names of applicants: _____
(if required please attach more) _____

Sponsoring Organisation: (if any) _____

Contact for confirmation: Name _____

Address _____

Email _____

Telephone _____

Facsimile _____

Payment

Amount Enclosed: Number _____ x \$385 = \$ _____

Number _____ x \$320 = \$ _____

Number _____ x \$180 = \$ _____

Light meal served with every session **Total= \$ _____**

(make cheques payable to **Pax Christi Victoria** or bank deposit:
Pax Christi Victoria Inc., Commonwealth Bank of Australia, BSB: 063 161,
Account no. 0090 0935).

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Please return to:
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