



The Interfaith Centre of Melbourne

Boundaries and Balance: Personal Freedom and Respect for the Sacred

Symposium

Boundaries have been shifting in the various attempts to accommodate cultural and religious practices within the process of maintaining the balances between human rights and respect for diverse social and belief traditions.

- But where are the boundaries to be drawn?
- How are the balances to be maintained in a socially cohesive society?

This symposium will address such issues through the various controversies that have divided contemporary Australia:

- Religious practices in public space.
- Religious Law and Civil Law: Lessons from the Clerical Sex Abuse Scandal.
- Exclusive Religions and Human Rights

Wednesday, 11th December, 2013

**5:30 pm Registration and Refreshments
6:00 pm – 7:45 pm Symposium**

Speakers

Prof. Des Cahill, OAM

Professor of Intercultural Studies RMIT University
Chair, Religions for Peace, Australia

Ms Kate Barrelle

Clinical and Forensic Psychologist, Phd Candidate Monash University
(*Beyond Extreme - Disengagement from Violent Extremism in Australia*)

Peter Flinn

President, Cult Information and Family Support (CIFS) Victoria Inc.

**Venue: St Michael's Uniting Church Hall,
120 Collins Street, Melbourne (end of St Michael's Walk)**

**Tickets: Free. It is essential to Register Online at [Eventbrite](#)
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