

Courses, Curriculum, and Conferences

Massey's Telecourse

This year Massey will pilot a joint extramural/TVNZ telecourse, using 100-level Religious Studies papers World Religions A & B. Episodes begin screening in TVNZ's early morning Education Television time-slots in the first week in March.

Existing study material will be adapted to fit the BBC's 13 episode series *The Long Search*. Episodes using local materials (eg on Maori spirituality) will also be added drawing on TVNZ archives. Massey's own TV production unit

is to assist with introductory 'hosting' segment for some of the broadcasts.

The aim will be to trial a fully integrated blend of television, textbook, study-guide and assignment work, in a subject rich in visual content. Before viewing/ after viewing checklists will be used to help focus study, with assignments and examination based on both visual and written sources. The textbook will be the latest edition of Noss and Noss's *History of the World's Religions*.

Australian Conferences

Foucault: Freedom and Politics 10th Anniversary Conference

6-8 April 1994, University of Melbourne

Contact: Jeremy Moss, Department of Philosophy, the University of Melbourne, Parkville 3052. Tel: 03-344-5142 Fax: 03-344-4280

Humanities Research Centre, ANU

15-17 June 1994, ANU

Theme: Ideas of Liberty

Contact: Prof. Barry Hindess, Political Science Program, RSSS, ANU Phone: 06-249-2101

Australian Association for the Study of Religions with Australian and New Zealand Association of Theological Schools/ Society for Theological Studies

3-7 July 1994, Adelaide

AASR Contact: Norman Habel, University of South Australia - Underdale

ANZATS/STS Contact: Ted Newing, 15 Kookaburra Court, Willunga 5172

Co-ordinator: Vic Hayes, Flinders University (Sturt Bldg), Bedford Park 5042. Tel: 08-277-4843 Fax: 08-201-3184

Humanities Research Centre, ANU
4-6 July 1994, ANU

Theme: Asian Paths to the Idea of Freedom

Contact: Prof. A J S Reid, Division of Pacific and Asian Studies, RSPacS, ANU
Phone: 06-249-2304

Foucault: The Legacy

4-6 July 1994, Surfer's Paradise

Contact: Clare O'Farrell, School of Cultural and Policy Studies, Queensland University of Technology, Locked Bag No. 2, Red Hill 4059. Tel: 07-864-3429
Fax: 07-864-3728

**Freedom of and Freedom in Religion.
Human Rights, Cults and New
Religious Movements**

7-9 July, Sydney

Contact: Max Wallis, Centre for Continuing Education ANU Tel:06-257-5459
Fax: 06-249-5938

**South Asian Women's Group
Conference**

27-28 July, Melbourne

Theme: Women, Power and Cultural Difference in South Asia: Negotiating Gender

Contact: Penelope Magee or Renuka Sharma c/- The National Centre for South Asian Studies, 20 Queen Street, Melbourne 3000. Tel:03-883-6152.

Fax:03-889-2161

**Churches and Social Justice: The
Church's Political Role in Modern
Australian Society**

23-25 September, Armidale

Contact = Philip Raymont, Master, Earle Page College, UNE 2351 Tel:067-73-2283 Fax:067-73-3321

**International Year of the Family
National Conference**

20-23 November, Adelaide

Theme: Australian Families: the Next Ten Years

Contact: Elisabeth Eaton, Festival City Conventions, PO Box 986, Kent Town 5071. Tel:08-363-1307. Fax:08-363-1604

Overseas Conferences Coming Up!

British Sociological Association

28-31 March 1994, Preston UK

Theme: Sexualities in Social Context

Contact: Vicki Merchant, 1994 BSA Conference, Adelphi Building, University of Central Lancashire, Preston, Lancashire, PR1 2HE

**Contemporary Buddhism: Text and
Context**

8-10 April 1994, University of Leeds

Contact: CBTC Office c/o Ingrid Lawrie, Department of Theology and Re-

ligious Studies, University of Leeds, Leeds LS2 9JT, England. Fax: 44-532-336017

**International Transpersonal
Association**

22-27 May, Killarney

Theme: Towards Earth Community: Ecology, Native Wisdom and Spirituality
Contact: Australian Transpersonal Association Inc., PO Box 11 Phillip Mall, West Pymble 2073. Tel: 02-449-3946

**Association for the Study of Religion in
Southern Africa: 16th Annual
Conference**

27-29 June, Namibia

Contact = Prof C Lombard, University
of Namibia, Dept of Religion and Theology,
Private Bag 13301, Windhoek 9000
Tel:264-61-3072064, Fax: 264-61-
3072444

**New Zealand Association for the Study
of Jewish Civilization**

10-13 July 1994, Hamilton NZ

Theme: Judaism in a Post-Modern
World: Traditions and De-Traditionization
Contact: PO Box 1198, Hamilton NZ

**Association for the Sociology of
Religion**

4-6 August 1994, Los Angeles

Theme: Reinventing religion: Old Re-
ligions, New Religions, New-Old Reli-
gions, and Old-New Religions

Contact: Darren Sherkat, Department
of Sociology, Box 1811-B, Vanderbilt
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East-West Philosophers' Conference
12-15 August 1994, Massey University
NZ

Contact: Roy W. Perrett, Philosophy
Department, Massey university, Palmer-
ston North, New Zealand Tel: 646-356-
9099 x 8353 or 7605 Fax: 646-350-5676

**RENNER Conference on New
Religions and New Religiosity**
**12th Nordic Conference of the
Sociology of Religion**

22-25 August 1994, Denmark

Contact = RENNORD 94, Institute for
the History of Religions, University of
Copenhagen, Njalsgade 80, DK-2300 Co-
penhagen S, Denmark. Tel:45-31542211
Fax:45-31543211

**11th Congress of the International
Association of Buddhist Studies**

24-28 October 1994, Mexico City

Contact: Prof Flora Botton, Director,
Center for Asian and African Studies, El
Colegio de México, Camino al Ajusco
No. 20, Código Postal 01000, México,
DF Fax:525-645-04-64

**International Association for the
History of Religions**

5 -? August 1995, Mexico City

Contact: Prof Elio Masferrer Kan,
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