

AIMS OF THE Special Focus Day

The Special Focus Day provides students and staff at UWC Robert Bosch College, together with invited guests, an opportunity to:

1. to encounter, examine and understand what various religions/faiths/spiritualities and philosophies from around the world believe about the “meaning or purpose of our lives”;
2. to learn about how these religions/faiths/spiritualities and philosophies “perceive and understand” the world, and about what “knowledge” they promote;
3. to look at the functions that these religions/faiths/spiritualities and philosophies play in society;
4. to consider how these religions/faiths/spiritualities and philosophies can promote peace and avoid conflict.

The Special Focus Day *does not* aim to promote any religious or faith belief over another and *does not* aim to influence students in their faith or atheistic positions. The emphasis is on education, exchange and respect.

THURSDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2018

07:00 – 08:50

Breakfast

09:00 – 09:50

Opening lecture in the Auditorium

‘Understanding the world with, or without, faith’

Presentation by Alex Bird

10:00 – 10:50

Seminar Block 1 – Core Beliefs of the Faiths

Room

1	Dr. Ludwig Walder, Hoss Dowlatshahi & Iradj Solouk	- “What is the Baha’i Faith? What do they believe?”	145
2	Tendo Nicole Baden	- “Life as a Zen Buddhist Nun. What do they believe?”	Festsaal
3	Michael Philippi	- “What is Lutheran Christianity? What do they believe?”	142
4	Simon Goepfert	- “What is Pentecostal Christianity? What do they believe?”	140
5	Sr. Edith & Sr. Scholastika	- “Life as a Benedictine Nun. What do they believe?”	038
6	Pragati Raskar	- “What is Hinduism? What do Hindus believe?”	020
7	Mathias Driesse & Webster Woltersdorf	- “Exploring the faith positions of non-believers”	015 Physics
8	Omar Kallas & Mahmoud Altarifi	- “What is Sunni Islam? What do Muslims believe?”	007 ESS
9	Nehal Chheda	- “What is Jainism? What do Jains believe?”	116
10	Elder & Sister Grimmett	- “What is The Church of Jesus Christ and the Latter-day Saints? What do they believe?”	122
11	Rabbi Yakov Gitler	- “What is Judaism? What do they believe?”	119

12	Dr Michael Best & Dr. Sylvia Best	- "What is Quakerism? What do Quaker's believe?"	045
13	Miyu Sasaki	- "What is Shintoism? What do they believe?"	026
14	Winfried Siddiq Henkes	- "What is Sufism? What do Sufis believe?"	115
15	Kelsang Ani	- "What is Kadampa Buddhism? What do they believe?"	021
16	Dr. Michael Kalff	- "What is Vajrayana Buddhism? What do they believe?"	023
17	Rami Hassan & Fadhil Ahmed	- "What is Shia Islam? What do Shias believe?"	143
18	Anastasya Lantsova & Megi Diasamidze	"What is Orthodox Christianity? What do they believe?"	120

10:50 – 11:10 20 minutes break between Seminars.

11:10 – 12:00	Seminar Block 2 – Core Beliefs of the Faiths		Room
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Lunch: Group A – (12:00-12:40) Meet the faith speakers for personal discussions over lunch
12:00 – 13:30

Group B - (12:40-13:20) Meet the faith speakers for personal discussions over lunch

13:30 – 14:30 Assemble in the Auditorium – Interfaith Dialogue

'Inter-Faith Discussion with Rev. Michael Cobb, Roman Catholic Church of Ghana & PhD candidate in Political Science at the University of Freiburg '
led by Malcolm MacLaren in the Auditorium

14:30 – 14:40 10 minutes break.

14:50 – 15:40	Workshop Block 3 – Practice and Role of Faith	Room
1 Akila Beainy	- "Qur'anic Sacred Calligraphy"	140
2 Wit Phisitthanudun	- "Meditation and reflection"	023
3 Lalita Digwal & Shanta Nagarkoti	"Religious symbolism of Classical Indian dance"	Auditorium
4 Sangita Jimba & Caroline Mavergames	- "Shambala Buddhist Meditation"	Library
5 Nicky Shaw	- "Creating a Truth Mandala" (Meeting point – outside Mensa	MENSA
6 Adwoa Boateng & Avihe Kalipondoka	- "Experience Gospel"	020
7 Angus Liu	- "Stories behind Christian Hymns"	045
8 David Rea	- "Saint Paul: A historical inquiry into the legacy of a social and moral revolutionary"	116
9 Sylla Cousineau	- "Meditation" (room of silence)	201
10 Jasper Boll, Alexa Loste & Jeremias Thiel	- "Experience the Taizé Prayer Community"	120
11 Dr. Michael Best & Dr. Sylvia Best	- "Experience a Quaker Wisdom Circle"	142
12 Wifried Peffier	- "Vajrayana Buddhist Meditation"	TBC
13 Eva Seiter	- "Tai Chi"	Festsaal
14 Sabine Stroh	- "Carthusian Chants"	CAS Haus
15 Isabel Volkhardt	- "Learn the practice of 'Walking Meditation and Reflection'".	MENSA
16 Isabel Volkhardt	- "Celebrate religious freedom and cook Sufganiyah for Hanukkah" (in a Student House)	H5

15:40 – 15:50 10 minutes break.

15:50 – 16:20 Assemble in the Auditorium – for final reflections & messages of peace from Guest Faith Speakers.

Remember!

The success of the Special Focus Day is dependent on your full participation. Don't be **SHY!** Please take full advantage of the guest speakers. They are willing to answer questions and discuss any aspect of their faith during both the formal sessions and breaks during the day.

Optional: Attend GEDENKEN AN DIE POGROMNACHT VON 1938 / PLATZ DER ALTEN SYNAGOGE / 17.30 UHR // Official Ceremony in Remembrance of the Pogrom Night of 1938 at the Site of the Old Synagogue, 5.30 pm.

Faith	Speaker	'Attendance'	
	Bahá'í Faith	Dr. Ludwig Wälder, Hoss Dowlatshahi & Iradj Solouk	All day
	Buddhism	Dr. Michael Kalff	All day
	Zen Buddhism	Nicole Baden	All day
	Kadampa Buddhism	Kelsang Ani	Morning
	The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints	Elder & Sister Grimmert	All day
	Christian - Lutheran	Reverend Michael Philippi	Morning
	Christian - Pentecostal	Simon Goeppert	All day
	Christian – Orthodox	Anastasya Lantsova & Megi Diasamidze	All day
	Christian – Roman Catholic Benedictine Nuns	Sr. Edith & Sr. Scholastika	Morning
	Hinduism	Pragati Raskar	Morning
	Humanism	Andreas Henschel	All day
	Islam	Omar Kallas, Mahmoud Altarifi Rami Hassan & Fadhil Ahmed	All day
	Jainism	Nehal Chedhha	All day
	Judaism	Rabbi Yakov Gitler	All day
	Religious Society of Friends	Dr. Michael H. Best & Sylvia Best	All day
	Shinto	Miyu Sasaki	All day
	Sufism	Winfried Siddiq Henkes	All day