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# Inter-faith Special Focus Day

## Tuesday 13 October 2020

### Aims

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

1. 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. learn about how these religions/faiths/spiritualities and philosophies “perceive and understand” the world, and about what “knowledge” they promote;
3. look at the functions that these religions/faiths/spiritualities and philosophies play in society;
4. 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.

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### Programme

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<b>07:00 – 08:50</b>		Breakfast	
<b>09:00 – 09:50</b>	All	Assemble in Auditorium: <b>Opening Plenary</b>  ‘Concept and Practice of Forgiveness’ Anita Olland, Solutions for Human Excellence	
<b>10:00 – 11:00</b>		<b>Seminars, Block 1 – Core Beliefs of Faiths</b>	<b>Room</b>
<b>1</b>	Hossein Dowlatshahi & Ludwig Walder	- “What is the Bahi Faith? What do adherents believe?”	<b>145</b>
<b>2</b>	Dr. Michael Kalff	- “What is Mahayana Buddhism? What do adherents believe?”	<b>143</b>
<b>3</b>	Wilfried Pfeffer	- “What is Vajrayana Buddhism? What do adherents believe?”	<b>142</b>
<b>4</b>	Tina Horning	- “What is Protestant Christianity? What do adherents believe?”	<b>140</b>
<b>5</b>	Sofia Dunz & Dr. Barbara Henze	- “What is Roman Catholicism? What do adherents believe?”	<b>117</b>
<b>6</b>	Pavel Polishchuk & Niovi Gennadiou	- “What is Orthodox Christianity? What do adherents believe?”	<b>119</b>
<b>7</b>	Olivia Moore	- “What is The Church of Jesus Christ and the Latter-day Saints? What do adherents believe?”	<b>120</b>
<b>8</b>	Jing Zhao & Lyu Yuan	- “What is Confucianism? What do adherents believe?”	<b>026</b>

9	Saurabh Tiwari	-	"What is Hinduism? What do adherents believe?"	023
10	Andreas Henschel	-	"What is Humanism? What do adherents believe?"	021
11	Zain Hammad & Wejden Dhouib	-	"What is Sunni Islam? What do adherents believe?"	115
12	Dr. Roswitha Lehmann-Rommel	-	"What is Sufism? What do adherents believe?"	043
13	Liliana Furman	-	"What is Judaism? What do adherents believe?"	045
14	Hatty Fraser & Sefton Wesley	-	"What do Maoris believe?"	116
15	Dr. Michael Best	-	"What is Quakerism? What do adherents believe?"	038
16	Yuri Oniki & Taketo Yoshida	-	"What is Shintoism? What do adherents believe?"	020

11:00 – 11:15 15 minute break

11:15 – 12:00	Discussions, Block 2 – Social Issues and Faiths			Room
1	Haris Bukaric	-	"The rivalry of Bosnia's religions"	145
2	Adnan Aldabbagh	-	"If and how can science and religion coexist"	143
3	Hatty Fraser	-	"How has the belief system of the Maori been altered through the colonization of New Zealand?"	142
4	Debora Roschka	-	"The conflict between personal values and church as an institution."	140
5	Melina Rozehkhan-Arab	-	"An extreme minority: the issue with being Christian in Iran"	045
6	Gustavo Marchant Allende & Paola Noguera Cherema	-	"Dear colonizers, why is Latin America Catholic?"	120
7	Ruba Ayoub	-	"How important is it for governing powers to represent religion?"	122
8	Vianca Dubravcic Suarez & Isabella Tello Cordoba	-	"Feminism? LGBTQ+? Catholicism?"	026
9	Amit Campanella	-	"LGBTJew- believing in a religion that does not believe in you."	023
10	Amy Young & Charlotte Maibom	-	"Religious societies and marginalized groups"	021
11	Gil Joseph	-	"The God of the Master: Where slavery and Christianity intersect."	119
12	Giorgio Matronola	-	"How religion can be lived and practiced in a community"	116
13	Aichatou Doucouré & Lutfullah Ahmadzai	-	"The role of media and terrorism in promoting Islamophobia."	115
14	Elene Kiladze	-	"The different identities of Christian Orthodoxy"	020
15	Mounir Zahidi	-	"From conservative to liberal: generational change of attitudes in Morocco"	038
<b>Lunch Break:</b>	Group A	-	(12:00-12:40) Lunch in Mensa	
<b>12:00 – 13:30</b>	(A-J by 1 <sup>st</sup> name)	-	(12:40-13:20) Assemble in Front Courtyard for the Tibetan prayer flags with Debbie Nodder	

**Lunch Break:** Group B - (12:00-12:40) Assemble in Front Courtyard for the Tibetan prayer flags  
**12:00 – 13:30** (K-Z by 1<sup>st</sup> name) with Debbie Nodder  
 (12:40-13:20) Lunch in Mensa

**13:30 – 14:45** All Assemble in Auditorium: **Mid-day Plenary**  
 "Inter-Faith: So Many Stars"  
 Rt. Rev. Dr. Trevor Mwamba, former Bishop of Botswana

**14:45 – 15:00** 15 minute break

<b>15:00 – 16:00</b>	<b>Workshops, Block 3 – Practice of Faiths</b>	<b>Room</b>
1 Akila Beainy	- "Qur'anic Sacred Calligraphy"	<b>020</b>
2 Caroline Mavergames & Soma Elefánti	- "Buddhist Meditation (om mana pembe hum)"	<b>Library</b>
3 Helena Jose and Will Bartlett	- "Experience Gospel Music"	<b>Auditorium</b>
4 Gustavo Marchant Allende & Alexandra Stukert	- "Practicing witchcraft: spell jars for you"	<b>021</b>
5 Sujita Tamang	- "Nepalese Dance"	<b>145</b>
6 Angus Liu	- "Stories behind Christian Hymns"	<b>023</b>
7 Debora Roschka & Mira von Baumbach	- "Experience the Taizé community in songs and silence."	<b>142</b>
8 Tatev Telunts & Hayk Areg Khachikyan	- "Armenian Apostolic Church & Calligraphy"	<b>119</b>
9 Majors Ingeborg & Olivier Chevalley	- "Work of the Salvation Army"	<b>115</b>
10 Sylla Cousineau	- "Sound/chakra meditation within the Hindu tradition"	<b>201 (Rm of Silence)</b>
11 Sabine Stroh	- "Singing Gregorian Chants"	<b>038</b>
12 Niovi Gennadiou	- "Cultural background and practice of Yoga: connecting with your own spirituality"	<b>143</b>
13 Sezim Chynkozhoeva & Aichatou Doucouré	- "Ya Nabi Salam Alayka- singing for peace"	<b>117</b>
14 Napat Surit	- "Learn the practice of 'Walking Meditation and Reflection'"	<b>122</b>
15 Anina Krasnic & Max Petershagen	- "Expressing your belief(s) through Visual Art"	<b>043</b>
16 Annemarie Matzakow & Maria-Cristina Tangorra	- "Participating in the 'Voices of the World' art project"	<b>Art Room</b>

**16:00 – 16:15** 15 minute break

**16:15 – 17:00** All Assemble in Auditorium: **Closing Plenary**  
 Performances, final reflections & messages of peace

**Remember!**

The success of the Special Focus Day depends on your full participation. Don't be shy!  
Please take advantage of the guest speakers' and other students' willingness to talk about faith in many different aspects.