

Fethullah Gülen Chair
Inaugural International Conference, 2009
From Dialogue to Collaboration:
The Vision of Fethullah Gülen and Muslim-Christian Relations

Wednesday 15 and Thursday 16 July 2009

Christ Lecture Theatre
Australian Catholic University (ACU National)
115 Victoria Parade, Fitzroy

Wednesday, 15 July

- 8am Registration
- 9am *Welcome:* Professor Gabrielle McMullen; Mr Orhan Cicek
- Conference launch:* Sir James Gobbo AC, CVO, KStJ, QC, formerly
 Governor of Victoria
- Message:* Mr George Lekakis, Chair, Victorian Multicultural
 Commission
- 9:30am *Opening addresses*
- Chair: Thomas Michel SJ
- Abdullah Aymaz: The Gülen movement: past and present
- Daniel Madigan SJ: *Nostra Aetate's* Unanswered Questions
- 11am Morning Tea
- 11:30am *Panel 1: Fethullah Gülen: sources and traditions*
- Chair: Greg Barton
- Prof. Dr. H.M. Amin Abdullah: Topic tba
- İsmail Albayrak: Gülen's approach to the Qur'an and exegesis
- Philipp Bruckmayr: The Naqshbandi tradition and Fethullah Gülen
- Mehmet Şeker: Sufism and Fethullah Gülen
- 1:15pm Lunch

2:30pm *Panel 2: The Gülen Movement and active engagement with society*

Chair: Emre Celik

David Tittensor: Not Just Talking Heads: The Gülen Movement
Translating Rhetoric into Action

Hasan HÖrküç: Externalism and Internalism Reconsidered:
Fethullah Gülen: A Case Study

Jonathan Lyons: Islam and Science: Reclaiming a Lost Legacy

4pm Afternoon Tea

4:30pm *Panel 3: Perspectives on Dialogue*

Chair: Daniel Madigan SJ

Anne Hunt: Interfaith dialogue and the meeting of hearts

Mahsheed Ansari: Gülen's philosophy on *compassion* and *love* and
the momentous role of *dialogue* in constructing global peace

Gerard Hall SM: Inter- or *Intra*- Religious Dialogue?

6pm Close: Day 1

Thursday, 16 July

9am *Panel 4: Fethullah Gülen and interfaith dialogue*

Chair: Jonathan Lyons

Mehmet Özalp: A chance for a step forward in dialogue or Islam's
Trojan Horse? Fethullah Gülen and interfaith dialogue

Züleyha Keskin: Principles of Dialogue in the Fethullah Gülen's
Thought

Nawab Osman: Strengthening Inter-Faith Ties: The Gülen Movement
in Singapore and Australia

10:30am Morning Tea

11am *Panel 5: Nostra Aetate and Muslim-Christian Dialogue*

Chair: TBA

Kath Engebretson: Muslims, Catholics and the Common Purpose of Justice and Peace

Salih Yücel : Institutionalizing of Muslim-Christian Dialogue: *Nostra Aetate* and Fethullah Gulen's Vision

Constant Mews: Catholicism, *Nostra Aetate*, and Interreligious Dialogue: From Multi-culturalism to Interculturalism

12:30pm Lunch

2pm *Panel 6: Aspects of Gülen and the Gülen Movement*

Chair: TBA

İhsan Yılmaz: Towards a New Interpretation of Islamic Politico-Legal Philosophy on the State in the Light of Fethullah Gülen's Ijtihad

Çemen Polat: Gülen-inspired Schools in Australia: Educational Vision and Funding

Hakan Yeşilova: Publishing and the Gülen Movement

3:30pm Afternoon Tea

4pm *Concluding Plenary*

Chair: Constant Mews

Neil Ormerod: Secularisation: a matter of common interest and concern for Muslims and Christians

Prof. Dr Muhammad Sirajudin Syamsudin

Reflections from the floor

5pm Break and Refreshments

5pm Sufi Music

6:30pm *Public Lecture*

Fr Thomas Michel SJ:
Where to now? Ways forward for interreligious dialogue

Chair: Professor Anne Hunt

Response: Professor Joseph Camilleri