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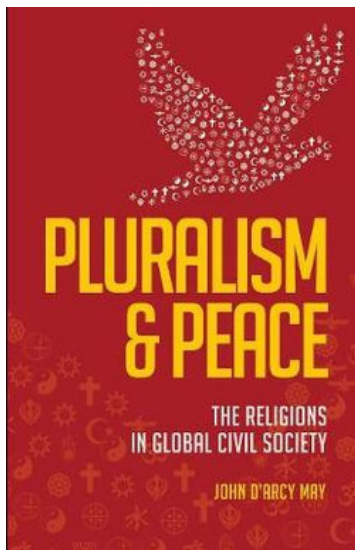
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# Dr John D'Arcy May

## World religions : a force for war or global peace?

Theology in the face of pluralism and injustice

Tuesday 17 September 7:30-9pm  
Yarra Theological Union Study Centre 3  
4 Bedford Street Box Hill



Religiously fuelled violence is afflicting many countries, just as important democracies are threatened by rising nationalist movements and populism. How can world religions work together to oppose the misuse of religion to justify violence? John D'Arcy May has drawn on half a century of debate and dialogue about the ways in which world religions can help maintain human rights, overcome economic inequality, and prevent ecological destruction. In his new book, *Pluralism & Peace: The Religions in Global Civil Society*, May explores how the great traditions of Buddhism, Christianity, and Islam, along with the various religious traditions in the Pacific Islands, can forge societies of mutual respect and tolerance to advance the wellbeing of everyone.

Born in Melbourne, Dr John D'Arcy May has a distinguished academic career, which includes teaching at the Catholic Ecumenical Institute at the University of Münster, and undertaking the role of Ecumenical Research Officer with the Melanesian Council of Churches in PNG. He became Director of the Irish School of Ecumenics at Trinity College Dublin, later becoming Associate Professor of Interfaith Dialogue.

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