



# Australian Council of Christians & Jews

## NATIONAL CONFERENCE

### **Engaging the Other: Jewish-Christian Perspectives in the light of the 2009 Berlin Document, "A Time for Recommitment"**

Sept 29 – Oct 2, 2013  
Australian Catholic University, Brisbane.

Co-sponsored by the New Zealand Council of Christians and Jews and the Faculty of Theology and Philosophy, Australian Catholic University

Perhaps more than any other time in our history, we are called to reflect on the 'other', those who challenge our traditional socio-cultural mix and who add a potentially rich diversity to our political and religious landscape. This calls for courageous, hospitable and balanced voices to encourage openness and welcome.

The 2013 conference seeks to reflect on the relationships between Jews and Christians as a template for responding to the 'other'. This can be assisted by:

- Reflecting on the 2009 Berlin Document, "A Time for Recommitment" as a resource for appreciating the other, critiquing religious and racial caricatures, and promoting interreligious friendship;
- Appreciating the history of the gradual 'parting of the ways' between Jews and Christians in which each saw their theological sibling as 'other';
- Presenting sociological, theological and biblical perspectives that could enhance engagement with the 'other', at political, civic and religious levels.
- Constructing ways to engage political and religious leaders in this conversation to advance social and political action.

### **CALL FOR PAPERS**

Papers are welcome on the above theme of approximately 30 minutes duration. Please forward a title and brief abstract by August 15<sup>th</sup> to Terry Veling: [terryveling@acu.edu.au](mailto:terryveling@acu.edu.au)  
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