# DEPARTMENT OF **RELIGION** STUDIES





# **NEWSLETTER**

# 1 September 2014

## **Study Break**

1 – 5 September 2014

Study Break for undergraduate and postgraduate students this week.



## Religion and Social Theory Reading group

4 September 2014

The department is hosting a series of six reading groups on a Thursday from 13:30-15:30. The third meeting is on the 4 September 2014. This week we are reading Ruth Marshall 'Rethinking the Religious and the Political in Africa' (2009: 17-50) and Jean Cameroff and John L. Cameroff 'Theory from the South: Or, how Euro- America is Evolving toward Africa' (2012: 113 -131). For more information and readings please contact Ashraf religionstudiesuj@gmail.com.



#### WiFi in the department

We now have working WiFi in the department. Staff and registered students use your university log in as you would if you were going onto the UJ student portal.



### Old Testament and Jewish Studies Conferences 1-5 September 2014

At the beginning of the first week of September the Jewish studies SASNES conference will take place on Bunting Road Campus. The Old Testament Society of South Africa's annual conference will be held just after this, also on the Bunting Road Campus. The OTSSA conference takes place from the 3 – 5 September 2014.



#### Postgraduate Conference Islam and Women

13 September 2014

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Study of Islam Graduate Conference will be held on the 13 September from 09:00-16:00. The topic is Islam and Gender Justice: The Emergence and Contestation of Women's Religious Authority in Muslim Society. The keynote speaker will be Professor A. Wadu.



#### **Liberation and Ethics Theologian**

9 & 11 September 2014

Professor Miguel de la Torre is being hosted by UJ during September and October. He will be giving a variety of seminars. On the 9 Sept 13:00-14:00 he will guide an informal departmental discussion 'Liberation theology versus Charismatic/Pentecostal Theologies'. Maria will introduce the discussion. On the 11 Sept 18:00-20:00 he will give the first of his 7 week seminar series. This week's the discussion is 'Liberationist Ethical Methodology'. Prof Viviers will introduce the seminar. The public are welcome to attend. Venue: CL101.

