# DEPARTMENT OF **RELIGION** STUDIES





### NEWSLETTER

## 23 March 2015

#### End of the First Term and Easter Break



This week is the first week of the second term of lectures. During this week there are no first or second year tutorials.

From the 30 March until the 12 April the University is in Easter Recess. Term starts again on the 13 April 2015.





Safiyyah Surtee, a postgraduate student in the department, presented a paper at the ASK Academy Annual Conference in Pretoria on "Gendered Humanity, Genderless Divinity". In her paper she interrogated the notion of a male God, the asma al-Husna (99 names of God) as encompassing spectrum of gender and women's spiritual autonomy within the Islamic Tradition based on legal and mystical texts.



#### Lectures on Islam in Germany

The recent lecture delivered by Professor Farid Esack at the <u>Katholische Akademie</u> <u>in Berlin</u> "Speaking about the Qur'an and Violence with Your Back Against the Wall" is now available for viewing at <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VD7hm1kBZ\_c</u>



#### **Proposal Writing Seminar**

#### 25 March2015



Our next meeting will be on the 25 March at 10:30 in the seminar room. This week we will be looking at how to prioritize what goes into your proposal and what to leave out. We will be looking at rough versions of your proposals, so please bring them along to the seminar.