



## NEWSLETTER

29 September 2014

### Thinking Through ISIS

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This evening the department is hosting a public seminar 'Thinking Through ISIS'. Dr Shadid Mathee will unpack 'ISIS and Conceptions of Khilafah', Omar Shaukat will examine 'The Politics and History of ISIS' and K. Ashraf will address 'How (Not) to talk about ISIS and Violence'.

Venue: Humanities Common Room

Time: 18:00

### Departmental Discussion: Women and Liberation 30 September 2014

On Tuesday the 30 September at 13:00 there will be an informal discussion with Prof de la Torres on women and liberation. Dr Nortje-Meyer will introduce the discussion. We will meet in the seminar room.

### Religion and Social Theory Reading Group

2 October 2014

The department is hosting a series of six reading groups on a Thursday from 11:00-13:00. This week we are reading Clifford Geertz 'Religion as Cultural System' (Page 61 – 82) Mary Douglas 'Land Animals, Pure and Impure' (Page 194-209) and Talal Asad 'The Construction of Religion as an Anthropological Category' (Page 114-132).

For more information and readings please contact Ashraf [religionstudiesuj@gmail.com](mailto:religionstudiesuj@gmail.com).

### Liberation and Ethics Theologian

2 October 2014

On Thursday the 2 October at 18:00-20:00 Prof de la Torres will give the fourth of his 7 week seminar series. This week's the discussion is 'The Sin of Neoliberalism: Within the Empire'. The seminar will be held in the departmental seminar room on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor Ring A.

### Liberation Theologies: 21<sup>st</sup> Century

27 September 2014

On Saturday the 27 September Prof de la Torres gave a stimulating seminar on Liberation Theologies - **Too large a Banquet – too few Diners – Exploring the competing demands on contours of Liberation Theology in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century**. Prof de la Torres argued that Liberation Ethics will never liberate the marginalised, disenfranchised and poor if it continues to think and operate within the dominant philosophical systems of Euro-America culture. He challenged liberation theology and liberation ethicists to become 'tricksters' who subvert the systems that oppress billions of marginalised people throughout the world.