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Public Compassion?

Reflections on the Role of Compassion in Shaping Public Policy

Friday, 2 November 2012

Wellington Railway Station, Level 5, Room 501

12.30-1.30pm All Welcome

"Public Compassion? Reflections on the Role of Compassion in Shaping Public Policy"

Few people would deny the importance of compassion in oiling the wheels of interpersonal relationships, but embedding compassion in political and institutional life is much more challenging. This seminar will explore the meaning of compassion, and review the contested place of compassion in public life.

Associate Professor Chris Marshall is Head of the School of Art History, Classics and Religious Studies at Victoria University. His latest book ***Compassionate Justice: An Interdisciplinary Dialogue with Two Gospel Parables on Law, Crime and Restorative Justice*** was released in early September.

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