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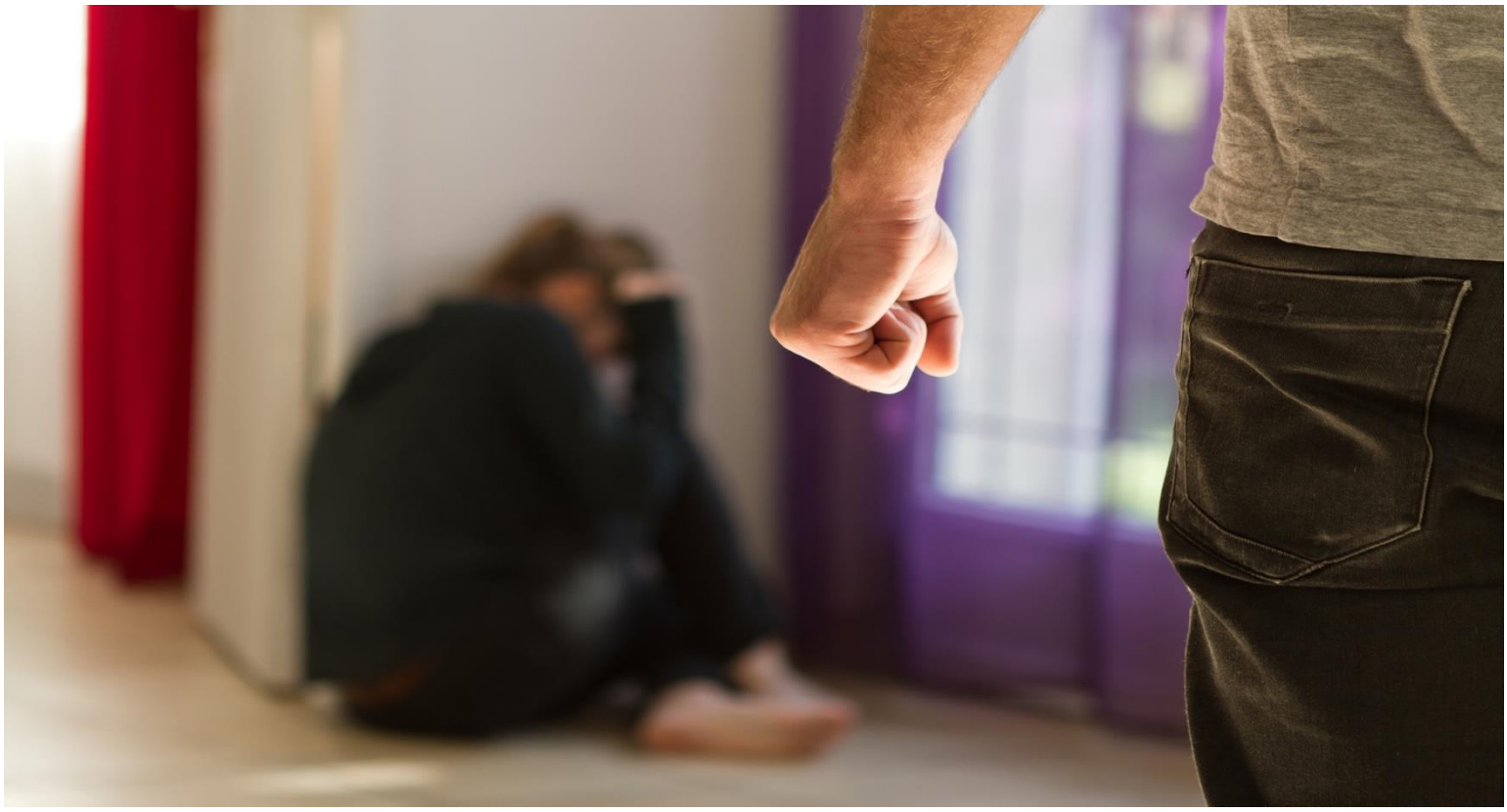

Domestic Violence in Faith/Spiritual Multicultural Communities Symposium:
Providing a Platform for Critical Discussion

23 October 2017

City West campus, University of South Australia

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Program

8:30am – 9.00am	**Registration Desk Open**
9.00am - 9:05am	**Welcome to Country – Uncle Rodney O'Brien** **& Symposium Overview**
9:05am - 9:25am	**Symposium Opening** 1. The Honourable Zoe Bettison, Minister for the Status of Women 2. The Honourable Jing Lee, Shadow Parliamentary Secretary for Multicultural Affairs, Trade and Investment and Small Business. 3. The Honourable Stephen Wade, Shadow Minister for Health and Wellbeing. 4. Professor Stephen Dobson, Dean, School of Education
9.25am – 10:10am Q & A 10mins	**Keynote Address: Domestic Violence in Muslim Communities** Dr Nada Ibrahim, Centre for Islamic Thought and Education, University of South Australia
10:10am – 10.30am	**Morning Tea**
10.30am – 11.30am Q & A 15mins	**Session 1: *Role of Faith/Spiritual based communities in Domestic Violence Responses*** **1. Family Violence; Beyond Cultural Competence – Exploring the religious and cultural traditions of the Jewish Community** Ms Marilyn Kraner, Manager, Individual & Family Support, Jewish Care Victoria Ms Melinda Kidgell, Program Manager, Client Services, Jewish Care Victoria **2. Dwelling in God's House – A Place of Safety: Do religious leaders understand the complexity and factors involved in violence against women?** Dr Joseph Masika OAM, White Ribbon Ambassador, Member South Australia Multicultural and Ethnic Affairs Commission (SAMEAC) Ms Nagita Kaggwa, Department of Child Protection, South Australia **3. Utilising Hinduism constructs to Propel Communities to Prevent Violence Against Women.** Ms Sunila Kotwal, Diversity and Inclusion Manager, White Ribbon Australia, Sydney
11.30am – 12.30pm Q & A 15mins	**Session 2: *Faith/Spiritual based perspectives on Domestic Violence*** **1. Challenges Faced in Preventing Violence against Sikh Women: Contradiction between Patriarchal Indian Culture vs Gender Equality within Sikh Faith** Ms Jatinder Kaur, Director of JK Diversity Consultants, Queensland **2. Faith Leaders and their responses to Family Violence: What they and their communities need to understand to respond appropriately to disclosure of family violence** Ms Deborah Wiener, Barrister-at-Law, Melbourne **3. Unintended Consequences** Ms Yasmin Khan, President of Eidfest Community Services, Queensland
12:30pm – 1.10pm	**Lunch and *Prayer*[1]**

[1] *Salah Times: Dhuhr 13:00; Asr 16:42; Maghreb 19:37*

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1.10pm	Afternoon Session
1.10pm – 2.10pm Q & A 15mins	**Session 3:** ***Current trends in responses to Domestic Violence for Faith/Spiritual based communities*** **1. Promoting Equality: How Faith Communities Can Change the Story on Violence Against Women** Mr Scott Holmes, Manager Practice Development, Our Watch, Melbourne **2. Anglican Diocese of Melbourne Preventing Violence Against Women Project** Bishop Genieve Blackwell, Melbourne **3. From Shame to Resilience: Supporting Resilient Muslim Female DV Survivors** Ms Mariam Hii, Pakistani Australian Women's Association, Adelaide Mrs Azra Misbahuddin Ahmed, Pakistani Australian Women's Association, Sydney Ms Rana Syed, Pakistani Australian Women's Association, Sydney
2.10pm – 3.10pm Q & A 15mins	**Session 4:** ***Challenges faced by Service providers/practitioners when responding to Domestic Violence in Faith/Spiritual based communities*** **1. Clinical Challenges and Opportunities Working in Domestic Violence** Ms Hanan Dover, Clinical and Forensic Psychologist MAPS; Director of PsychCentral Psychiatric and Psychological Services, Sydney **2. Responses to Domestic Violence in Islamic Community Processes of Divorce in Australia** Dr Ghena Krayem, Faculty of Law, University of Sydney Ms Tamana Daqiq, Faculty of Law, University of Sydney **3. Self Actualize Australia to Stop Family and Domestic Violence** Ms Nina Azam Trad, Registered, Accredited, Bilingual Mental Health Social Worker MAASW, Director of Russell vale Family Medical and Acupuncture Practice; Founder Self Actualize Australia Ltd.
3:10pm – 3.20pm	**Afternoon Tea**
3.20pm – 4.05pm	**INTERACTIVE WORKSHOP:** **Trauma & Healing for Faith-based Communities** Aunty Debra Bennet, Relationships Australia, Queensland
4:05pm – 4:50pm	**Facilitated Roundtable Discussions on Current Trends & Themes on Domestic Violence in Faith/Spiritual based communities**
4.50pm – 5.00pm	**Closing remarks – Way forward**