

2009

July 4 oases breakfast

Dr Cristina Neesham, PhD Melb.

Human and Social Progress

“ *This culture-shaping
idea of our times is now on trial!* ”

You are invited to a conversation about the relationship between progress in society and progress in individuals, in terms of values promoted and enacted. Three dominant social projects are taken into account: the scientific-technological, the economic and the political. Although each of these projects was originally founded on humanist premises, each has received technocratic interpretations, which have distorted their direction and content. We discuss a dynamic-relational perspective on relationships among values, in which different dimensions of humanness both limit and support one another.

*Dr Cristina Neesham, PhD Melb, BABuch, is a social philosopher interested in principles of the good society, the social impact of business, and social leadership. She also draws on her experiences in the Australian public service and management consulting in Europe to reflect on the relationships between market, government and civil society and their role in community building. Cristina's recent book, **Human and Social Progress: Projects and Perspectives** was published by VDM Verlag (Germany) in 2008.*

Come and be inspired and challenged!

Saturday, July 4
9am breakfast
Cost \$25, \$15 con.
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Oases breakfasts '09

May 2	Yoland Wadsworth	<i>Living systems theory: How can inquiry bring life?</i>
June 6	John Spooner	<i>Professional Stirrer – Political cartoonist for The Age</i>
July 4	Dr. Cristina Neesham	<i>Human and Social Progress</i>
August 1	Geoff Berry (Monash)	<i>Shamanism in Indigenous Cultures and in Relation to Modern Urban Life and Ecology</i>
Sept 5	Ian Roberts	<i>Coming Home - reflections on resistance to life</i>
October 3	Roozbeh Malekzadeh	<i>Music Poetry</i>
Nov 7	Eva Ruland	<i>The Transformative Power of Imaginary Journeys</i>
Dec 5	tba	
Feb. 5, 2010	tba	
March 9	Jan Allen	<i>Creativity</i>

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