Einladung zur

BUCHVERNISSAGE

mit dem Autor, Prof. Dr. Dr. Douglas Pratt

Dr. Dr. Douglas Pratt ist Professor für Religious Studies an der Waikato Universität (Neuseeland), Adjunct research Professor am Institut für Christkatholische Theologie der Universität Bern und Mitglied des UNESCO – Lehrstuhls für interreligiöse und interkulturelle Beziehungen Asien – Pazifik.

Einführungen durch

Lic. oec. Margret Kiener Nellen (Nationalrätin SP)

und

Prof. Dr Dr Paul Weller, Coventry University; Regent’s Park College, University of Oxford; and University of a Derby

Donnerstag, 21. Dezember 2017, 17.30 Uhr

anschliessend Apéro

Universität Bern, Lerchenweg 36, Hörsaal F -121
**Religion and Extremism**

**Rejecting Diversity**

**Douglas Pratt**

"Douglas Pratt's book *Religion and Extremism* cannot come at a more opportune time. Through a painstaking historical analysis Pratt demonstrates beyond doubt that all religions, including Judaism, Christianity and Islam, have had a violent past and path, whether one thinks that violence is inherent in religion, or religion has a violent core, or religion, though peaceful, can be instrumentalized as a violent means to achieve secular goals. Pratt forces adherents of all religions humbly to acknowledge this sad fact; like an addict who cannot be healed unless he or she recognizes his or her addiction, so believers cannot work for peace unless they first confess their addiction to violence. This is Pratt's uplifting message that we all need to hear."  
*Peter C. Phan, The Ignacio Ellacuri Chair of Catholic Social Thought, Georgetown University, USA*

---

Focusing on the three monotheistic religions of Judaism, Christianity and Islam, Douglas Pratt argues that despite a popular focus on Islam, extremist Jews and Christians can also enact terror and destruction. *Religion and Extremism* stresses that the ideological rejection of diversity underlies religious extremism resulting in violent behaviours and, increasingly, in hardening social and religious attitudes and responses.

An analysis of religiously-driven terrorism reveals the presence of a distinctive and rigid form of exclusivity found in these religions. In this regard, the contemporary resurgence in totalising claims of fundamentalist ideologues is cause for particular concern. Pratt reasons that however expressed, the motif of the ‘Absolute’ is central to all, but how that absolute is and has been received, interpreted and responded to, is a matter of great diversity. The author asserts that theological ‘Absolutism’ displays an underlying dynamic whereby these three religions may be led into extremism. *Religion and Extremism* also explores contemporary issues of Islamophobia and mutual extremism, identified as ‘reactive co-radicalization’, and concludes by reflecting on how extremism today might be countered.

**Douglas Pratt** is Professor of Studies in Religion at the University of Waikato, New Zealand, and Adjunct Professor of Theology and Interreligious Studies at the University of Bern, Switzerland. He is an Associate of the Centre for the Study of Religion and Politics at the University of St Andrews, Scotland, and the New Zealand Associate, UNESCO Chair in Interreligious and Intercultural Relations Asia – Pacific.
Order online at www.bloomsbury.com by entering the discount code GLR MY1 on the first page at checkout

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>ISBN</th>
<th>Title</th>
<th>Discount Code*</th>
<th>Offer Price</th>
<th>Qty</th>
<th>Total</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>9781474292245</td>
<td>Religion and Extremism</td>
<td>GLR MY1</td>
<td>£17.59</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Please remember to add Postage and Packaging:
UK: add £3.50 per order, for total of under £25 (including discount). Postage is free for orders of £25 and over. 
Europe: add £4.50 per order + £1 per item. Rest of World: add £7.50 per order + £1 per item.

* This offer is available to individuals only. Please note price and availability subject to change without notice. Discount code only valid for books showing as available on Bloomsbury.com

Contact and Delivery Details (Please use capitals)

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Billing Address</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>City/County/Postcode</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Delivery Address (If different)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>City/County/Postcode</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Country</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Email/Telephone</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Payment Details

☐ I enclose a cheque made payable to Macmillan Distribution (MDL)

☐ Please debit my VISA / MASTERCARD / AMERICAN EXPRESS (circle one)

| Name: |
| Card Number: | Expiry Date: |
| CCV: | Signature: |

All credit card payments are processed by our distributor, Macmillan Distribution (MDL)

Keep informed about new book releases and special offers. Subscribe to our e-newsletter service today!

☐ Yes, sign me up, my email address has been provided above.

☐ Yes, please send me details of relevant Bloomsbury Group products and special offers by post.

How to Order

UK / All other territories (orders will be processed in £ Sterling):
Mail order forms to: Macmillan Distribution Ltd, Cromwell Place, Hampshire International Business Park, Lime Tree Way, Basingstoke, Hampshire, RG24 8YJ
Order online at: www.bloomsbury.com/uk

US / South and Central America (orders will be processed in USD):
Mail order forms to: Academic Marketing, Bloomsbury USA, 1385 Broadway, 5th Floor, New York, NY 10018
Order online at: www.bloomsbury.com/us

Canada (postal orders will be processed in USD and web orders in £ Sterling):
Mail order forms to: Academic Marketing, Bloomsbury USA, 1385 Broadway, 5th Floor, New York, NY 10018
Order online at: www.bloomsbury.com/uk

AUS / NZ (orders will be processed in Aus$):
Mail order forms to: Bloomsbury Publishing Pty Ltd., Level 4, 387 George Street, Sydney NSW 2000
Order online at: www.bloomsbury.com/au