

Media Release

Chiefs of Staff, News Directors

Monday 6 October 2014

Philosopher and author Raimond Gaita to speak at University this week

The 2014 James Martineau Memorial Lecture will be presented by philosopher, author and academic Professor Raimond Gaita in both Hobart and Launceston, on Monday 6 (Newnham) and Tuesday 7 October (Sandy Bay). Professor Gaita will deliver: *Human Rights and Human Dignity*.

He is Professorial Fellow in the Melbourne Law School and the Faculty of Arts, University of Melbourne, and Emeritus Professor of Moral Philosophy at King's College London.

He is also a Fellow of the Australian Academy of the Humanities. The University of Antwerp awarded him Doctor Honoris Causa "for his exceptional contribution to contemporary moral philosophy and for his singular contribution to the role of the intellectual in today's academic world."

His books, which have been widely translated, include: *Good and Evil: An Absolute Conception*, *Romulus*, *My Father*, which was made into a feature film of the same name; *A Common Humanity: Thinking About Love & Truth & Justice*; *The Philosopher's Dog*; *Breach of Trust: Truth, Morality and Politics*, and *After Romulus*.

Professor Gaita has contributed extensively to public discussion about reconciliation, collective responsibility, the role of moral considerations in politics, the Holocaust, genocide, crimes against humanity, education (the nature of teaching as a vocation, the role of love in learning) and the plight of universities.

Event details

Who: All are welcome to attend these free public lectures.

What: 2014 James Martineau Memorial Lectures.

When: Monday 6 AND Tuesday 7 October, from 6-7.30pm.

Where: Monday: Sir Raymond Ferrall Centre, Newnham University campus. Tuesday: Stanley Burbury Theatre, University Centre, Sandy Bay campus.

Information/RSVP: www.events.utas.edu.au or 03 6226 2521.

This lecture will also be livestreamed: <http://new.livestream.com/UniversityofTasmania>

Information released by:

University of Tasmania, Communications and Media Office

Phone: (03) 6226 2691

Email: Media.Office@utas.edu.au