



Since September 11 2001, the world has been awash with fear and anger and intolerance. Each year, UNIYA, the Jesuit Social Justice Centre, seeks to make a positive contribution to public debate within this climate through its Jesuit Lenten Seminars.

This book contains the papers given by the principal speakers in 2003, *Muslims and Christians — Where do we all stand?*, and 2004, *A Fair Go in an Age of Terror*. Contributions from some of the 2004 panel members are also included.

These papers invite us, as individuals and as a nation, to expand our thinking.

- Should not respect for human rights and the rule of law be central to our understanding of human security?
- Do we really think that we can protect ourselves from terrorism while blithely ignoring the poverty, disadvantage and dispossession in communities in which anti-Western sentiment abounds?
- As we continue to wait for the dust to settle in Iraq, should we not have listened more critically to a justification for war that failed to assess the political, constitutional and regional impact of the invasion?
- When should we join with the United States in such pre-emptive action, without endorsement from the United Nations?
- Terrorism cannot be destroyed by armaments and force, these authors argue. The more we resort to heavy-handedness in dealing with social and cultural grievances, the more we contribute to an 'artificial clash of civilisations', and the more we compromise our own rights and identity.

All contributors to this book recognise that genuine and disciplined dialogue is one way forward. We need to refrain from the discourse of fear, blame and reprisal, and recover the language of dialogue.

For 2003: Rome-based Australian Jesuit priest, **Dan Madigan**, and Muslim academic, **Abdullah Saeed**. **Frank Brennan**, Jesuit lawyer and UNIYA's Associate Director, responded to their keynote papers.

For 2004: **Frank Brennan**, keynote speaker. From the panels of experts and grass-roots contributors: **Mohamad Abdalla**, **Teresa Bonello**, **Alison Broinowski**, **Alex Bruce**, **Anthony Burke**, **Duncan Campbell**, **Patty Fawkner**, **Matt Foley**, **Miriam Gani**, **Nitra Kidson**, **Hannah Moore**.

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