



**St Andrew's Trust  
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# **Human Flourishing**



**Winton Higgins speaks on  
“The Politics of Decency”**

**St Andrew's on The Terrace  
Wellington, New Zealand**

**Thursday April 27, 12:30 - 2pm**



The tide of xenophobia, misogyny, prejudice and callousness towards ‘the Other’ **is rising**. This is the politics of indecency, so how do we create a sea wall that will turn it back? How do we respond forcefully **with a politics of decency**? What sort of communities and civil society do we want to build? How can we flourish as humans, living in harmony with each other and with nature?

Winton has been a Buddhist practitioner since 1987, and a teacher of insight meditation since 1995. He has contributed to the development of a secular Buddhism internationally, and is a senior teacher for Sydney Insight Meditators and Secular Buddhism in Aotearoa New Zealand. He also teaches an annual course at the Aquinas Academy in Sydney on various ethical, social and political topics.

Born in 1941, Winton grew up on a sheep and cattle station in outback NSW, and then in Tennant Creek in central Australia. He was an academic at Macquarie University, Sydney, and the University of Technology Sydney. Cultivating a wide range of intellectual interests, three came to dominate: social-democratic theory and practice, especially the Swedish experience 1928–76; genocide studies, with special reference to the Holocaust; and standardisation.

His most recent book is the novel Rule of Law. His website is at [wintonhiggins.org](http://wintonhiggins.org), and much of his dharma writing can be found at [secularbuddhism.org.nz/resources/documents/#wh](http://secularbuddhism.org.nz/resources/documents/#wh)

– This meeting has been organised jointly by [St Andrew’s Trust for the Study of Religion and Society](http://sattrs.org.nz) [sattrs.org.nz] and Wellington’s secular Buddhist community, [One Mindful Breath](http://onemindfulbreath.org.nz) [onemindfulbreath.org.nz]

## **Friday evening and Saturday May 5/6 – Human flourishing Seminar**

The seminar will be part presentation and part workshop with a series of keynote speakers on the Friday evening.

The STEM focus of the current tertiary education focus (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) needs to be converted into STEAM by ensuring the arts subjects retain their legitimacy and reach in the tertiary sector. Dr Heidi Thompson, Associate Professor School of English, Film, Theatre and Media will discuss the role of the humanities as a legitimate, necessary subject for study as part of Human Flourishing.

## **Thursday June 8 12.30- 14.00 – Seminar follow up. (Speakers to be confirmed.)**

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### **Other events on in Wellington**

#### ***The Least and the Last in a World of Growing Inequality***

A Public Issues Conversation with RNZ Journalist Megan Whelan

**27 April, 6:30pm**

Venue: JJ Murphy's Pub (Cuba Mall)

- Max Rashbrooke (author of *Wealth and New Zealand*)
- Eric Crampton (The New Zealand Institute)
- Jon Hartley (World Vision)

*To find out more information about this event go to:*

<http://www.otago.ac.nz/ctpi/ctpi-wellington/inequality.html>

#### ***Protecting the Planet in a World of Ecological Crisis***

**25 May, 7:00pm** Refreshments, **7:30pm** Roundtable discussion

Venue: The St John's Centre, (Corner of Willis and Dixon Streets - CBD)

- Jonathan Boston (Victoria University of Wellington, IGPS)
- Catherine Iorns (Victoria University of Wellington Law and 365 Aotearoa)

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<http://www.otago.ac.nz/ctpi/ctpi-wellington/protectingtheplanet.html>

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