

Members attending are welcome to wear masks.

U3A lectures are for members only.

We regret we're unable to welcome visitors to our lectures – to do so would be unfair to those on the waiting list.

5 August A Peace Perspective on the Conflict in Palestine. *Richard Jackson*

This talk will provide some basic background on the causes of the latest war in Gaza and its wider implications for international peace and security. It will then explore the obstacles and possibilities for resolving the conflict, including diplomacy and negotiation; the two state solution; a one state solution; international peacekeeping and BDS (Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions) and international pressure. It will also explore some of the other key factors impeding resolution and assess the possibilities for peace in the coming years.

12 August What does 'Social Security' Mean in the 21st Century? *Max Rashbrooke*

The welfare state is supposed to provide 'social security', protection from life's shocks and disasters. Most people would say it fails on both counts; failing to adequately support those who have no other resources and, where appropriate, assisting people (back) into paid work. How can we reform it? Is a Universal Basic Income – or something equally far-reaching – the solution?

19 August The fight to Lower the Voting Age. *Thomas Pope-Kerr*

In November 2022, the New Zealand Supreme Court declared that the voting age of 18 is inconsistent with the Bill of Rights because it discriminates against 16 and 17 year-olds and the Government failed to justify that discrimination. In response, the then Prime Minister announced a bill would be introduced proposing to lower the voting age. That proposal was dropped by the new Government so let's talk about the voting age.

2024 PROGRAMME DATES:

SERIES 1: Mar 4, 11, 18

SERIES 2: Apr 8, 15, 22

SERIES 3: May 6, 13, 20

SERIES 4: Jun 10, 17, 24

SERIES 5: Jul 1, 8, 15

SERIES 6: Aug 5, 12, 19

SERIES 7: Sep 2, 9, 16

SERIES 8: Oct 7, 14, 21

SERIES 9: Nov 11, 18, 25

Meetings

West End Hall, 35a Maltby Avenue, Timaru.

Lectures may start a few minutes before 1.30 pm and conclude about 2.30 pm with questions to follow.

Coffee/tea will be provided after the meeting.

As a courtesy to our speakers and other members, please

be seated by 1.20 pm.

wear your name tag.

turn your cell phone off.

no talking during lectures.

wait until the end of the lecture before asking questions.

stand when asking a question, and wait for the microphone.

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Series 6 begins
Monday, 5 August