

[The Centre for the Study of Contemporary Muslim Societies](#) and the [Diversities, Ethics and Education Research Group](#) invite you to attend a special public lecture:

**‘New Meanings and Connections: A Multi-faith Exploration of British Religious Young Adults and Sexuality**

**Speaker: Associate Professor Andrew Yip, University of Nottingham, U.K.**

**Date:** Wednesday 3 August, 2011

**Time:** 2:00pm - 4:00pm

**Venue:** [Bankstown Campus](#) Building 23 Level G Room 41

Afternoon tea will be served. Please RSVP to [e.garcia@uws.edu.au](mailto:e.garcia@uws.edu.au) by Friday 29 July.

**ABSTRACT**

Andrew Yip was the principal investigator on ‘Religion, Youth and Sexuality: A Multi-faith Exploration’, a 26-month project (January 2009 - February 2011) funded by the Arts and Humanities Research Council (AHRC) and the Economic and Social Research Council (ERSC). The project explored the constructions and management strategies undertaken by religious / spiritual young adults (aged 18-25) from diverse faith backgrounds (namely Christian, Muslim, Hindu, Sikh, Jewish, and Buddhist) concerning their sexual identities, values, and choice. It examined the significant social, cultural, and political factors that inform the above-mentioned processes, focussing on how participants managed their religious, sexual and gender identities. In his lecture, Andrew will speak to the rich qualitative and quantitative data that was generated and the ways in which the project contributes new knowledge to academic and policy debates on religion, youth, sexuality, and gender.

**SPEAKER**

Andrew Yip is Associate Professor & Reader in Sociology at the University of Nottingham. His research interests include: Contemporary religious /spiritual identities, contemporary sexual identities, and Muslim communities in the West. Currently, he is working on an EU-funded project entitled ‘Citizens in Diversity: A Four-Nation Study of Homophobia and Fundamental Rights’ ([www.citidive.eu](http://www.citidive.eu)). He is the author of *Gay Male Christian Couples: Life Stories* (Praeger, 1997), *A Minority within A Minority: British Non-heterosexual Muslims* (Economic & Social Research Council, 2003); co-author of *Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual Lives Over 50* (York House Publishing, 2003), and *Queer Spiritual Spaces: Sexuality and Sacred Places* (Ashgate, 2010). His articles have appeared in journals such as *British Journal of Sociology*, *Sociology*, *Sociological Review*, *Social Policy & Society*, *Sexualities*, *Theology & Sexuality*, and *Sociology of Religion*.