

Name and position today and a short background

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Biography

Dr Marian de Souza is a Senior Lecturer at Australian Catholic University and the Editor of the Journal of Religious Education. Marian has published extensively about her research into the spirituality of young people and the implications for education. Her approach to education recognizes the complementarity of the cognitive, affective and spiritual dimensions of learning. As well, within the approach, the perceiving, thinking, feeling and intuiting elements are identified in the learning process as a means of promoting meaning and connectedness in learning which, potentially, effects transformative learning.

Marian teaches in the teacher education programs for religious education at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels. Currently has eight doctoral students working in different areas of spirituality and religious education

Research and interest fields – and Current projects

Marian's other research interests include values-based education, using the arts to teach across the curriculum, interspiritual education and the transmission of religious and spiritual cultures of ethnic communities in secular and pluralist societies. Her most recent studies have examined how non-conscious learning can promote or impede relationality, an important consideration in multicultural and multi-faith societies that aim for social cohesion. She is currently examining the potential of the perennial philosophy as a basis for interspiritual learning.

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