



2009 Pre-Parliament of World Religions Seminar I
Politics, Compassion and Religious Boundaries

Wednesday, 27 May 2009 at the University of Agder, room B2 004

10.00 – 10.10 **Opening Comments**

Aslak Brekke, Director of Stiftelsen Arkivet

10.10 – 10.30 **Introduction: Compassion and Religious Boundaries**

LeRon Shults, Professor of Theology and Philosophy, UiA
Scientific Director of the Transforming Compassion Project at Stiftelsen Arkivet

10.30 – 11.30 **Religious Actors in the Making of War and Peace**

Ingrid Vik, Special Advisor at the Oslo Center for Peace and Human Rights

11.30 – 12.30 **Lunch**

12.30 – 13.10 **Lokale møteplasser for tros- og livssynsdialog: utfordringer og muligheter**

Anders Kartzow, Coordinator of The Council for Religions and Life Stance Communities
Akmal Ali, Religious Leader of the Muslim Union in Agder
Odd Harald Reme, Free Church Youth Worker

13.10 – 13.50 **Religion, Reconciliation and Human Rights**

Gunvor Andresen, Director of the Agder United Nations Association office

13.50 – 14.00 **Coffee Break**

14.00 – 15.00 **Pity, Compassion and Forgiveness in Political Philosophy**

Brent Waters, Stead Professor of Christian Social Ethics
Director of the Stead Center for Ethics and Values.

15.00 – 15.30 **Audience Questioning and Panel Responses**

15.30 – 15.45 **Closing Comments**

Årstein Justnes, Director of the Institute of Religion, Philosophy and History, UiA

