

So, what?

Public lectures in contemporary humanities and social sciences

Adam Kahane, International expert on dialogue and social change will speak on his recent research relating to

Power and Love: A Theory and Practice of Social Change

The lecture will be introduced by Professor Patrick Dodson, Director of the Indigenous Policy and Dialogue Research Unit, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences UNSW

Date: Thursday 25 March 2010

Time: Cocktail food and drinks from 6.00pm
Lecture from 6.30 – 7.30pm

Location: Tyree Room, John Niland Scientia Building UNSW Kensington

RSVP: so.what@unsw.edu.au (numbers are limited)
www.arts.unsw.edu.au/so-what

Campus map – www.facilities.unsw.edu.au/Maps/maps.html



Bio Adam Kahane is a partner in Reos Partners, an international organisation dedicated to supporting and building capacity for innovative collective action in complex social systems, and a Visiting Practitioner at the University of Oxford and an Associate Practitioner at the University of Waterloo.

Adam is a leading organizer, designer and facilitator of processes through which business, government, and civil society leaders can work together to address their most complex challenges. He is the author of *Solving Tough Problems: An Open Way of Talking, Listening, and Creating New Realities* and *Power and Love: A Theory and Practice of Social Change*.

Abstract The two methods most frequently employed to solve our toughest social problems - relying on violence and aggression, or submitting to endless negotiation and compromise - are fundamentally flawed. This is because the seemingly contradictory drives behind these approaches - power, the desire to achieve one's purpose, and love, the urge to unite with others - are actually complementary. As Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. put it, "Power without love is reckless and abusive, and love without power is sentimental and anemic." But how do you combine them?



Arts and
Social Sciences