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Juliette has a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology with Honours and is a current PhD candidate in the Arts and Communications Department at Murdoch University Western Australia. Her current research focuses on the role of concepts of tolerance within civil governance. More specifically, she examines a history of past treatments of successful tolerationalist programs as well as the forms of personae necessary for peaceful cohesive communities and ongoing civil peace. Juliette's interests also include research on media portrayals of 'difference' and how media forms such as Twitter may be used to promote community social cohesion.

### Interpreting Tolerance

This presentation will focus on intellectual treatments of tolerance to show how variations of this term can be used not to signpost 'putting up with something', but as a way to expose underlying causes of discrimination and racism. The aim of my thesis is to explore the function of tolerance within social cohesion studies, but first an explanation of the many forms of tolerance is necessary. There are two main overarching approaches to studies of social cohesion, the more recent of which comes from policy makers and analysts. The second, also a focus of this paper, is to explore the intellectual origins of tolerance. This involves questions of social inclusion/exclusion, security, and the role of religious toleration. Humans in all forms may not necessarily want an inclusive approach to community, but may be satisfied with an environment of mutual respect, community cordiality, peace and security. Studies of Tolerance involves finding ways in which people of differing cultures, genders, histories and religion, can live peacefully and respectfully alongside each other. In this sense, mutual tolerance and cohesion involves extending the hand of friendship and breaking any ties to the binaries of 'us' and 'other'.

