



University  
of Victoria

Centre for Studies in  
Religion and Society

# SCHOLARS IN THE SQUARE



Bob Gibbs



## Disagree for God's Sake: The Idea of Discord in the University

While many have claimed that our universities are organized around an idea of unity, I will show how the idea of discord is central in the work we do. The university is home to long-standing disagreements about what it means to know and what it means to seek new knowledge. This resonates with a Jewish tradition that sees disagreements as a way of developing a religious community.

**Bob Gibbs** is Professor of Philosophy and Religion at the University of Toronto, and was inaugural director of UofT's Jackman Humanities Institute. His next book is *What Could a University Be? Revolutionary Ideas for the Future* (UBC Press).

May 21, 2025 (Wed)  
12:00-1:00pm PT

JOIN US ONLINE  
[uvic.ca/csrs/events](https://uvic.ca/csrs/events)