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The SFU Seniors Program in Continuing Studies was established in 1974. It remains an integral part of SFU's commitment to help older adults achieve their intellectual, professional, and cultural goals through programs for lifelong learning that build on the strengths of the university and resources of the community.

The Seniors Program, unique in Canada, has grown greatly over the years. It now offers a wide selection of academically exciting and challenging non-credit courses, monthly seniors forums, and individual events open to anyone 55+, regardless of educational background. Each year over 2,500 seniors participate in our programs.

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- The SFU Seniors Lifelong Learners Society
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# The Seniors Program and



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## OUTREACH PROJECT 104

### DEMOCRACY: THE INTENT AND THE REALITY

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A roundtable discussion with:

Dr. Alan David Aberbach

Dr. André Gerolymatos

Dr. John Harriss

Moderator: Dr. Adrienne Burk

*You don't stop learning when you grow old ... you grow old when you stop learning!*

## RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE FACILITATOR

To make this video enjoyable to seniors who come to your centre to view it, please:

- carefully select a responsible person to act as Discussion Leader.
- give the Discussion Leader the Leader's Evaluation Form.
- make all arrangements for time, place, and equipment, advertising the event well in advance.
- arrange for refreshments, if desired.
- duplicate enough audience evaluation forms so each member of the audience has an Audience Evaluation Form.

**After the public viewing and discussion, please return both the leader and audience evaluation forms to:**

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- Outreach Project 101 *Perceptions of God and Heaven*
- Outreach Project 102 *Multiculturalism and the Canadian Identity*
- Outreach Project 103 *Grandparenting in the 21st Century*
- Outreach Project 105 *Seniors Rights and the Challenge of Seniors Abuse*
- Outreach Project 106 *A Place for Everyone: Age-friendly Communities*

More information is available on our website at [www.sfu.ca/seniors/outreach.htm](http://www.sfu.ca/seniors/outreach.htm)

## RESPONSIBILITY OF THE DISCUSSION LEADER

Please view the very short but useful "How To" DVD that was sent to you, or you may view it online: [www.sfu.ca/seniors/outreach.htm](http://www.sfu.ca/seniors/outreach.htm). Click on the link in the right hand column. This will give you some excellent ideas regarding how to use the DVD player and especially how to handle the discussion.

Most videos stop at one or more points along the way, with key questions then appearing on screen. This is the signal for you to start the discussion. (Questions remain on screen until you push the "enter" button on the DVD player, at the conclusion of the discussion.) Not every on-screen question has to be asked, and other questions may be substituted. Below are the questions that appear after each part.

Please keep the discussion moving, and control the participants if one or more tries to do all the talking or if tempers flare. It is vital that as many people as possible have a chance to speak.

Please keep in mind that the Discussion Leader's role is not to express his or her ideas, or sermonize, but to encourage others to express their thoughts.

Remember the goal is to get older adults to think, talk, and socialize.