Philosophy, Religion and Public Policy

A two-day conference at the University of Chester as part of the AHRC Philosophy and Religious Practices Research Network.

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- Clayton Crockett, University of Central Arkansas
- Adam Dinham, Goldsmiths College, London
- Elaine Graham, University of Chester

Cost:
£40.00 per day, (including lunch and tea and coffee, but excluding breakfast and dinner)
Students/Concessions £25.00 per day or £40.00 for whole conference

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Programme

April 8th

10.30  Registration (Tea/coffee on arrival)

11.00  Welcome

11.15 – 12.45  **Keynote Lecture: Public Policy Strand RIC 004/3**
Adam Dinham (Goldsmiths University of London) *Ontologies of Public Policy? – how philosophical and religious ideas shape and mis-shape the public policy debate*

12.45  Lunch

1.30  **Parallel Sessions # 1**

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| Dave Perfect (EHRC)  
‘Why the EHRC chose to intervene in *Bull* and what we see as the broader implications of the case’ | Richard Saville-Smith (University of Edinburgh)  
‘Metanarrative Vs Worldviews: Rethinking the philosophy of religion’ | Roberto Scalon (University of Turn)  
‘Constructing a Post-secular Public Square: Religion and bio-politics in the Italian Context’ |
| Anthony McCarthy (SPUC)  
‘Rights to have commitments to natural law principles respected’ | Benjamin Schewel (University of Leuven)  
‘Considering Practice: What Philosophers of Religion Can Learn from Philosophers of Science’ | Charlie Pemberton (University of Manchester)  
‘Homeless people, social exclusion and John Milbank on Charity’ |
| Anne Morris (University of Liverpool)  
‘The legal background to *Bull*, and its implications’ | Laila Kadiwal (University of Sussex)  
‘Rethinking the Theology and Philosophy of Religious Pluralism’ | Anthony Haynes (University of St Andrews)  
‘Is the National Health Service a Christian Enterprise?’ |
| Daniel J. Hill (University of Liverpool)  
‘Direct discrimination and intention’ | Liam Jones (University of Liverpool)  
‘Philosophy of Religion and the Problem of Materialism’ | Jonatan Bäckelei (University of Gothenberg)  
‘The Lived and The Written: Theological Incorrectness, Immersion and Negotiation’ |

15.30  Tea/Coffee
15.45 – 17.45  **Parallel paper sessions # 2**

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| Ruth Sheldon (University of Kent)  
‘“Ordinary Ethics” in Universities: Philosophical and Ethnographic Relationships’ | | Angela Quartermaine (University of Warwick)  
‘Discussing Terrorism: A pupil-inspired guide to UK counter-terrorism policy implementation in Religious Education classrooms in England’ |
| Steph Berns (Lancaster University)  
‘Decentring the visitor: considering the agency of non-humans within religious practices in museums’ | Kevin Schilbrack (Western Carolina University)  
*MPhilosophy and the Study of Religion: A Discussion* | Mathew Clark (Regents Theological College)  
‘Two recent African studies on the relationship between traditional world-views and the development of a modern nation-state’ |
| Anna Strhan (University of Kent)  
‘Between Ethnography, Existentialism and Ethics: Bringing Voices into Conversation’ | Mikel Burley (University of Leeds)  
William Wood (University of Oxford) | Catharine Loy (King’s College London)  
‘Confronting the Secular: How Christian discourses of international development are challenging the normative paradigm’ |

18.15 – 19.45  **Keynote lecture 2: Philosophy of Religion Strand RIC 004/3**

Clayton Crockett (University of Central Arkansas), *Philosophy of Religion at the End of the World*
April 9th

9.30 – 11.00:  Parallel Paper Sessions # 3

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11.00 – 11.20  Tea/Coffee

11.20 – 12.50  **Keynote Lecture 3: Public Theology Strand RIC 004/3**

Elaine Graham (University of Chester), *The Unquiet Frontier: tracing the boundaries of philosophy and public theology in a post-secular context* RIC

12.50 – 13.30  **Panel discussion: The Future of Collaborations in the Study of Religion**

Chris Baker (University of Chester)
Beverley Clack (Oxford Brookes University)
Alison Scott-Baumann (University of Derby)
Daniel Whistler (University of Liverpool)

13.30  End (Lunch provided)