



Programme for January 2018

Saturday 27 January 2018

9:00 a.m. Registration, coffee, & croissants

9:30 a.m. The Discipleship of the Mind: Reflections on Integrating Faith and Scholarship - [Alister McGrath](#)

This lecture explores the rich intellectual vision which arises from the Christian faith and how it informs our thinking about ourselves and our world. After interacting with leading Christian thinkers such as G. K. Chesterton and C. S. Lewis, the lecture considers the importance of the discipleship of the mind and how Christian graduates and academics can think about their roles in the academy and church.

10:15 a.m. The Doctrine of Creation and the Science of Nature - [Bethany Sollereeder](#)

'Creation' is often thought of as only addressing the first moments of the universe, or the first chapters of the Bible. This talk will go beyond 'creation' as an issue of origins, and will explore how the natural sciences inform a broader set of theological concepts surrounding creation, both now and in the past.

11:00 a.m. Coffee & tea

11:30 a.m. Discussion

12:15 p.m. The Calling of Christian Postgrad Students and Academics - [Ard Louis](#)

Based on his own academic career and experience with postgraduate ministry in several countries, Dr Ard Louis will discuss the main themes of the conference in the light of questions such as: What does our calling to be disciples of Christ mean for our academic vocation (whether temporary as students or longer term as a career)? What are some of the promises and pitfalls of the scholarly life? How can academics and postgraduate students serve and relate to the wider body of Christ (the Church)?

1:00 p.m. Sandwich lunch

2:00 p.m. What Does It Mean to Be Human? - [Elaine Storkey](#)

This lecture discusses how the Christian understanding of the human being steers a course between individualism and collectivism, between fatalism and personal freedom, between materialism and 'idealism'; and how its personal and communitarian understanding of the human being is grounded in the Trinitarian God.

2:45 p.m. Discussion

3:30 p.m. Coffee & tea

4:00 p.m. Panel discussion: Faith and Scholarship - [Nadia Falzone](#) (Radiobiology), [Steven Gunn](#) (History), [Daniel Maughan](#) (Psychiatry), and [Lorna Smith](#) (Chemistry)

5:10 p.m. Prayer led by [Christopher Landau](#)

5:30 p.m. Day closing

Subject to availability: Dinners hosted in homes with academics across Oxford

Sunday 28 January 2018

9:00 a.m. Coffee & croissants

9:30 a.m. Christian History in a Fallen World – [Stephen Tuck](#)

Christian biographies tend to focus on heroes of the faith, and, for the most part, the heroic aspects of their lives. Bonhoeffer and Wilberforce, for example, are held up as examples of the best of the Christian tradition. But what about the dark side of Christian history – those who promoted injustice, or were silent in the face of it? This lecture will focus on the often troubling history of Christianity and racism, to explore the challenges of studying Christian history – and, by extension, to consider the question of faith and scholarship.

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11:15 a.m. Looking to the Future: Christian Living and Scholarship in Light of the World to Come - [Michael Lloyd](#)

Where you think we're headed will shape what you think we're for. And what you think we're for will shape how you live in the meantime. So eschatology is foundational for meaning, ethics and hope. This talk indicates how the eschatological redemption affirms, challenges and directs the lives of Christians generally, and their vocations as scholars specifically.

12:00 p.m. Devotional Reflection on Faith and the Academic Life - [Glenn Nesbitt](#)

12:30 p.m. Concluding with a sandwich lunch

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Event topic: CHRISTIANITY & THE LIFE OF THE MIND: AN INTRODUCTION

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