

# **British Society for the Philosophy of Religion 2015: Divine Hiddenness and The Philosophy of Richard Swinburne**

*Oriel College, Oxford, 10<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> September 2015*

## **MAIN CONFERENCE PROGRAMME**

### **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September**

- 14.00 Registration opens, Harris Seminar Room  
15.00 Tea and Coffee, Harris Seminar Room  
16.40 Registration closes
- 16.50 Welcome from the President, Harris Lecture Theatre
- 17.00 PLENARY SESSION 1: Sarah Coakley (Cambridge): 'On the Very Idea of "Divine Hiddenness": Analytic Approaches to "Apophysis"'.  
Harris Lecture Theatre (Chair: Chris Insole)
- 18.45 Dinner - College Hall
- 20.00 PLENARY SESSION 2: Stephen Clark (Liverpool): 'Who is God?'.  
Harris Lecture Theatre (Chair: tba)
- 21.30 College bar

### **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September**

- 08.00 Breakfast
- 09.00 SESSION 3: Short papers

#### **Stream I Basil Mitchell Room Chair: Yujin Nagasawa**

1. Jeffrey Hanson, 'Infinite Striving and the Infinite Subject: A Kierkegaardian Reply to Schellenberg'
2. Hami Verbin, 'Maimonides and Kierkegaard on Divine Hiddenness and the Defeat of Suffering'
3. Thaddeus Robinson, 'Modest Modal Skepticism and the Problem of Evil'

#### **Stream II MacGregor Room Chair: Daniel Gustafsson**

1. Daniel Kodaj, 'Divine hiddenness and the possibility of rational atheists'
2. Travis Dumsday, 'Divine Hiddenness and the One Sheep'
3. Andrew Roberts, 'Some Paradoxes of Divine Hiddenness'

**Stream III Harris Lecture Theatre Chair: Sarah Coakley**

1. Tyler Paytas, 'God's Awful Majesty Before Our Eyes: Kant's Moral Justification for Divine Hiddenness'
2. Christopher Insole, 'Precision and Mystery: Apophatic Theology and Kant'
3. Michael Scott, 'Apophaticism'

10.40 Tea and Coffee – Harris Seminar Room

11.20 SESSION 4: Short papers

**Stream I Basil Mitchell Room Chair: Stuart Foyle**

1. Donald J. Bungum, 'Unless You Become as Little Children: Love, Union, and Belief in God'
2. Julian Perlmutter, 'Desiring the Hidden God: Knowledge Without Belief'
3. Natalja Deng, 'What hiddenness doesn't teach us'

**Stream II MacGregor Room Chair: Tyler McNabb**

1. Jaco Gericke, 'A Comparative-Philosophical Perspective on Divine Hiddenness in the Hebrew Bible'
2. Joshua Blanchard, 'Heschel, Hiddenness, and the God of Israel'
3. Daniel Gustafsson, 'Names and Explanations: the irreducible presence of God'

**Stream III Harris Lecture Theatre Chair: Mark Wynn**

1. Joshua Kulmac-Butler, 'Scotus' Univocity and the Prior Probability of Theism'
2. Liz Jackson, 'Pascal's Wager and Divine Hiddenness'
3. Calum Miller, '"I believe, help my unbelief!": Two kinds of credence and divine hiddenness'

13.00 Lunch – College Hall

14.00 SESSION 5: Short papers

**Stream I Basil Mitchell Room Chair: Esther Shalan-Williams**

1. Brandon L. Rickabaugh & Derek McAllister, 'Who You Could Have Known: Divine Hiddenness, Epistemic Counterfactuals, and the Recalcitrant Nature of Natural Theology'
2. Alexander Siantonas, 'Divine Hiddenness as a Resource for Natural Theology'
3. Leland Harper, 'Divine Hiddenness in the Multiverse'

**Stream II MacGregor Room Chair: Habibeh Rahim**

1. Zachary Mabee, 'Encountering the Hidden God in Mediated, Liturgical Ways: Some Fittingness Arguments'
2. Tyler McNabb and Tyler Taber, 'Is the Problem of Divine Hiddenness a Problem for the Reformed Epistemologist?'
3. William Konchak, 'Emerson and Divine Experience'

**Stream III Harris Lecture Theatre Chair: Michael Scott**

1. Herman Philipse, 'Divine Hiddenness and Cultural Evolution of Religions'
2. Yujin Nagasawa, 'Divine Silence and Shusaku Endo'

- 15.30 Tea and Coffee - Harris Seminar Room
- 15.40 GENERAL MEETING OF THE SOCIETY  
Harris Lecture Theatre
- 17.00 PLENARY SESSION 6: Trent Dougherty (Baylor): 'The problem(s) of  
divine hiddenness and evil'  
Harris Lecture Theatre (Chair: William Wood)
- 18.45 Dinner - College Hall
- 20.00 PLENARY SESSION 7: Richard Swinburne (Oxford): 'What we cannot  
know about God'.  
Harris Lecture Theatre (Chair: Robin Le Poidevin)
- 21.30 Bar, Harris Seminar Room

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September**

**The Philosophy of Richard Swinburne**

- 08.00 Breakfast - College Hall
- 09.10 Welcome, Harris Lecture Theatre
- 09.15 Keynote: Brian Leftow (Oxford), 'A Naturalist Cosmological  
Argument'  
Harris Lecture Theatre
- 10.30 Tea and Coffee, Harris Seminar Room
- 11.00 Teaching Presentation 1, Peter Vardy, 'The Strengths and Limitations  
of Swinburne's Philosophy of Religion'  
Harris Lecture Theatre
- 12.00 Lunch - College Hall
- 13.00 Keynote: Cyrille Michon (Nantes), 'The Ethics of Faith'  
Harris Lecture Theatre
- 14.15 Keynote: Christoph Jaeger (Innsbruck), 'Swinburne on Religious  
Experience'  
Harris Lecture Theatre

- 15.30            Tea and Coffee, Harris Seminar Room
- 15.45            Teaching Presentation 2, Michael Lacewing, 'Theme and Variations:  
Teaching Swinburne's Arguments for God's Existence'  
Harris Lecture Theatre
- 16.45            Keynote: Howard Robinson (Central European University), 'The  
"Perfect Person" conception of God, versus the Traditional conception.  
Is the difference so great?'  
Harris Lecture Theatre
- 18.00            Drinks Reception - College lawn (weather permitting)
- 18.45            Conference Dinner - College Hall  
After Dinner Speech: Richard Swinburne
- 20.30            Keynote: Mark Wynn (Leeds), 'Would it be good for us if there is a  
God? Some reflections drawn from the work of Richard Swinburne'  
Harris Lecture Theatre
- 21.45            College bar

*Richard Swinburne will offer replies throughout the day*

### **Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September**

- 08.00            Breakfast and departure



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