

Oxford Symposium on Religious Studies
at
The Queen's College

MONDAY, 8 AUGUST 2022

Lecture Room B

- 8:50 – 9:00 A.M. Opening Remarks
Brian Mountford MBE, Symposium Facilitator,
UK
- 9:00 – 9:30 A.M. Topic: *Why Callest Thou Me Good? From
Commonsense to Good to God*
Presenter: **Tim Mosteller**, Professor, California
Baptist University, USA
- 9:30 – 10:00 A.M. Topic: *The Problem of Evil in Genesis 20*
Presenter: **D. Malachi Walker**, Graduate
Student, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel
- 10:00 – 10:30 A.M. Topic: *Love and Unity*
Presenter: **Asger Trier**, Independent Scholar,
Denmark
- 10:30 – 10:50 A.M. Coffee/Tea Break
- 10:50 – 11:20 A.M. Topic: *The Scent of Respect: The Woman's
Pouring with Perfume and Fragrance as Identity
Design*
Presenter: **Bohye Kim**, PhD Student, New
Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, USA

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- 11:20 – 11:50 P.M. Topic: *Family Planning Differentials among Religious Groups in India*
Presenter: **Dewaram Nagdeve**, Professor,
International Institute for Population Sciences
Mumbai, India
- 11:50 – 12:20 P.M. Topic: *Taking Oral Testimonies from Anglican Women Religious: Pitfalls and Pickings*
Presenter: **Rosalind Janssen**, Student,
Archbishop's Examination in Theology, Lambeth
Palace, UK
- 12:20 – 12:50 P.M. Topic: *Neo-Pentecostalism: Black Ambivalence and Social Change*
Presenter: **DoVeanna Fulton**, Provost and Vice
President for Academic Affairs, Norfolk State
University, USA
- 12:50 – 1:50 Lunch
- 1:50 P.M. Adjourn

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TUESDAY, 9 AUGUST 2022

Lecture Room B

- 9:50 – 10:00 A.M. Opening Remarks
Brian Mountford MBE, Symposium Facilitator,
UK
- 10:00 – 10:30 A.M. Topic: *Milestones in the Development of Modern
Islamic Extremism*
Presenter: **Ronnie Azoulay**, Lecturer, Achva
College, Israel
- 11:00 – 11:20 A.M. Coffee/Tea Break
- 11:20 – 11:50 A.M. Topic: *The Capacity of Shared Stories to
Function as Myth and Encourage Inclusive
Participation*
Presenter: **Roger Haydon Mitchell**, Honorary
Researcher and Political Theologian, Lancaster
University and Westminster Theological Centre,
UK
- 11:50 – 12:20 A.M. Discussion

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- 12:20 – 12:50 P.M. Topic: *Shifting the Cultural Stereotype of Threat to Imago Dei: The Musical and Poetic Symbolism in Joel Thompson's "Seven Last Words of the Unarmed"*
Presenter: **Michael Murphy**, Director of Choral Activities/Associate Professor, Stephen F. Austin State University, USA
- 12:50 – 1:50 P.M. Lunch
- 1:50 – 2:20 P.M. Topic: *Insufferable Resilience*
Presenter: **Shahla Mehrgani**, Academic Tutor, University of Sheffield, UK
- 2:20 – 2:50 P.M. Topic: *Flag Waving Doesn't Help When the Bullets are Coming Down the Line: The Duality of Faith and Ethics with Military Chaplains*
Presenter: **Ann Strahle**, Associate Professor, School of Communication and Media, University of Illinois Springfield, USA
- 2:50 P.M. Adjourn

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WEDNESDAY, 10 AUGUST 2022

Lecture Room B

- 8:50 – 9:00 A.M. Opening Remarks
Brian Mountford MBE, Symposium Facilitator,
UK
- 9:00 – 9:30 A.M. Topic: *“Sacred Book” of China: “Operations of
God” in James Legge’s Translation of the Yijing
(Book of Changes, 1882)*
Presenter: **John T. P. Lai**, Professor of Religious
Studies, Department of Cultural and Religious
Studies, The Chinese University of Hong Kong,
Hong Kong, China
- 9:30 – 10:00 A.M. Topic: *Rewriting the Neo-Confucian Cosmology:
Lü Liben’s Cross-Textual Interpretation of the
Taiji Theory*
Presenter: **Jochebed Hin Ming Wu**, PhD
Student, The Chinese University of Hong Kong,
Hong Kong, China
- 10:00 – 10:30 A.M. Topic: *Manasa from Myth to Mundane: A
Contemporary Socio-Cultural Study of the
Worshippers of Lower Assam*
Presenter: **Ankita Chakrabarty**, Research
Scholar, Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi,
India

10:30 – 10:50 A.M. Coffee/Tea Break

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- 10:50 – 11:20 A.M. Topic: *To Preserve or to Practice? Philosophical Underpinnings of Qur'anic Education Revealed through Hermeneutical Analysis of Key Passages of the Sahih Bukhari and the Qur'an*
Presenter: **Brady Stimpson**, Graduate Student, Brigham Young University, USA
- 11:20 – 11:50 P.M. Topic: *Cab Driving in the Spirit of Islam*
Presenter: **Nasser Hussain**, Postdoctoral Scholar, Princeton University, USA
- 11:50 – 12:20 P.M. Topic: *Shamsi Guptis: Revisiting the Concept of Taqiyya*
Presenter: **Perwaiz Hayat**, Part-time Teaching Faculty, Concordia University, Canada
- 12:20 – 12:50 P.M. Topic: *From Lutheran Dogmatism to Religious Toleration: German Pietism and Jews' Conversion*
Presenter: **Doron Avraham**, Head, General History Department, Bar Ilan University, Israel
- 12:50 – 1:50 P.M. Lunch
- 1:50 P.M. Adjourn

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Aziza Hayat, Freelance Interpreter, Canada

Symposium Facilitator

Brian Mountford MBE was Vicar of the University Church, Oxford, from 1986-2016 and is a Supernumerary Fellow St. Hilda's College, Oxford. He is also Canon Emeritus of Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford. He was previously Fellow and Chaplain of Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge. His memoir *Church Going Gone – a biography of religion, doubt and faith* is now available on Amazon or at Blackwells. This year will also see the publication of *Religion and Generation Z – why 70% of 18-24-year-olds say they have no religion*, which he edited and contributed to. His bestselling book, *Christian Atheist* (2011), explores the phenomenon of those who find Christianity compelling, but struggle with its metaphysical beliefs. His main interests are in contemporary questions of faith and doctrine, but he has diversified into other areas giving seminars on leadership and ethics in corporate life for the Said Business School and the Academy for Leadership in the Netherlands. He is Publisher at Large for the *Christian Alternative* imprint of John Hunt Publishing, UK. He is currently Acting Chaplain of Corpus Christi College, Oxford.