

Philosophy and Theology Stream

Friday 19 March 7:30 pm (dinner) and Saturday 20 March (10:15 am - 3:45 pm) 2021

Online via Zoom

During the day on Friday 19 March: Join in the first day of the [Humanities Stream](#), the [Natural Sciences Stream](#), [Medical Stream](#), or the [Social Sciences Stream](#).

Senior convener: [Max Baker-Hytch](#) (Philosophy, Wycliffe Hall)

Student conveners: Jess Wyatt (Theology, Wycliffe Hall), Ben Logan (Philosophy, Mansfield College), David Williams (Christian Ethics, Wycliffe Hall)

How should we pursue the truth, Christ, relating to Him not as an object but as a person, one of the three persons of God, who is love?

Integrating study with worship challenges Christians across the university, but particularly philosophers and theologians. Our work penetrates to the very foundation of our beliefs. Disciplinary assumptions about religion, ethics, and other existential questions can contradict the God we encounter in our daily activities, quiet times, and churches. Meanwhile, courses along with research projects may expose tensions in our views that resist simple solutions. And classmates, colleagues, students, supervisors, or the broader public often push us to concretely serve our neighbors as Christ would.

The Philosophy and Theology Stream will help postgraduates, postdocs and academics, drawing on experience from many years, to discuss how our scholarship and spirituality not only inform but also strengthen each other. We will explore uniting our hearts and heads so as to wholly champion the Kingdom of God.

We welcome past as well as new attendees to the Philosophy and Theology Stream on Saturday 20 March. On Friday 19 March, participants are encouraged to attend one of the other Streams: [Humanities](#), [Natural Sciences](#), or [Social Sciences](#). Each combination will advance the philosophical and theological quest for wisdom, supplying a holistic vision of learning in faith.

Friday 19th March

You may join in the first day of the [Humanities Stream](#), [Natural and Medical Sciences Stream](#), or [Social Sciences Stream](#).

The following event is joint with all streams

7:30 pm All-Conference Celebratory Dinner - Enjoy a joint Zoom celebration dinner with postgraduates, lecturers, and faculty from all discipline streams. Featuring your choice of takeaway meal*, an interview with special guest speaker Alister McGrath, lively discussion

groups, and an optional time of mixing and mingling with new and old friends via Gather.Town. This event is designed to inspire attendees and give a sense of the larger Christian community at the University of Oxford and Oxford Brookes.

Saturday 20th March

10:15 am **Welcome & Introductions**

10:30 am **Prayer**

10:45 am **Pre-Recorded Talk Discussion: Caught ‘Somewhere Between’: Reflections on the Pauline Adoption Texts from a Christian Adoptee** - Erin Heim (New Testament, Wycliffe Hall)

11:15 am **Stretch break**

11:30 am **Live Lecture: ‘God understands the way to it’: biblical trajectories in the search for wisdom** - Hywel Clifford (Old Testament, Ripon College Cuddesdon, Oxford),

1:00 pm **Lunch**

1:30 pm **Live Lecture: Resident and Alien: Insights from St. Augustine from thriving in the secular academy’** - Stan Rosenberg (SCIO Executive Director, Theology, Wycliffe Hall)

2:30 pm **Stretch break**

2:45 pm **Panel Discussion** - Hywel Clifford (Old Testament, Ripon College Cuddesdon, Oxford), Erin Heim (New Testament, Wycliffe Hall), Stan Rosenberg (SCIO Executive Director, Theology, Wycliffe Hall)

3:45 pm **Closing**