

FRIDAY MARCH 15TH : THE SOCIAL SCIENCES AND THE CHRISTIAN WORLDVIEW

10:30 am **Registration in Magdalen College's Old Kitchen Bar with coffee & tea**

11:00 am **Introductions** and gathering in break-out groups

11:30 am **Social scientific and Christian understandings of human beings in society** - Donald Hay (Emeritus Fellow, Economics)

This talk has focusses on comparing (and contrasting) Christian anthropology with rational choice theory (including behavioural economics and cooperative game theory), social theory/constructionism, and persons/agency (including the social theory of Christian Smith).

1:00 pm **Lunch in the Old Kitchen Bar**

2:00 pm **Part One: Social ethics in the social sciences: theological and secular approaches** - Tom Simpson (Associate Professor, Philosophy & Public Policy)

The talk considers the implicit commitments in social sciences about the way society should be structured, considers whether there is a Christian view and if so, what constitutes that view, and then presents a critique of the dominant secular proposals. The talk starts with a case study, to focus attention on the questions that need to be addressed.

3:30 pm **Coffee and tea in session room**

4:00 pm **Part Two: The role of the political authorities** - Tom Simpson (Associate Professor, Philosophy & Public Policy)

The talk will consider a range of views about the role of the political authorities in the Christian tradition, and contrast these with contemporary understandings in social and political thinking in the social sciences and law.

5:15 pm **Interview with Mary Louis** (Senior Fellow, Business Management Practice) by **Bethan Willis** (Chaplain, the Oxford Pastorate)

The following events are held jointly with all streams at New College.

6:30 pm **Walking together from Magdalen College to New College***

6:40 pm **Drinks at the New College Bar**

7:30 pm **Dinner in the New College Dining Hall**

SATURDAY MARCH 16TH : A CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE ON INTERNATIONAL MIGRATION AND REFUGEES

9:00 am **Registration in Magdalen College Old Kitchen Bar with coffee & tea**

9:05 am **Prayer in Magdalen College Chapel**

9:30 am **A roundtable discussion on the Christian perspective on International Migration and Refugees**, with Romu Meango (Associate Professor, Economics), Thiago Alves Pinto (Lecturer & Director of Studies, Religion and Theology, Continuing Education), John Owen (Professor, Politics, University of Virginia), and Robert Heimburger (Lecturer, Theological Ethics, University of Cardiff), chaired by Timothy Endicott (English Law)

11:30 am **Coffee & tea in Old Kitchen Bar**

12:00 pm **Roundtable discussion continued**

1:00 pm **Lunch in the Old Kitchen Bar**

2:00 pm **Closing**

***Due to scheduling needs**, those in the Social Science & Law Stream will be skipping Friday evening prayer from 6-6:30pm in Magdalen Chapel and walking straight to New College for the drinks reception and dinner

SOCIAL SCIENCES & LAW STREAM

Fri 15th March (10:30am - 9:00pm) and Sat 16th March (9:00am - 2:00pm)

Venue: [Sophia Sheppard Room, Magdalen College, Oxford](#)

Senior Convener: Donald Hay (Emeritus Fellow, Economics); Timothy Endicott (Vinerian Professor, English Law)

Convener: Andrew Marshall (JRF, Politics)

How can postgraduates, postdocs, and academics at the University of Oxford and Oxford Brookes approach their academic disciplines as Christians? What does it mean to respond to a Christian vocation and to honour God in university life?

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