

CHRISTIANITY & HISTORY FORUM

2019 SPRING CONFERENCE

All Nations Christian College, 9-11 April

The **Christianity and History Forum** aims to explore interfaces between Christianity and historical understanding, in part through the study of specifically Christian topics, but also through developing Christian perspectives on the historical process as a whole. This event continues our sequence of regular biennial residential conferences when we invite papers across a range of our interests. We warmly welcome both students (to whom a discount is offered) and established scholars and indeed anyone with a serious interest in the subject. If you would like to attend please print out complete and return the attached booking form by Monday 25 March.

PROGRAMME

Tuesday 9 April

1600 Arrival, registration and tea

1700-1815 Prof John Coffey (Leicester): **John Newton and the origins of British slavery abolitionism**

1830 Dinner

1930 **The Legacy of the First World War: 1**

Dr Mark Smith (Oxford): The Importance of Being Earnest: Religion, radicalization and the impact of World War I

Prof John Wolffe (Open University): Sacred and secular martyrdom in the aftermath of World War I

2115 Devotional epilogue

2130 Close

Wednesday 10 April

0830 Breakfast

0915 **The Legacy of the First World War: 2**

Grant Masom (Oxford): The Longest Battle? Engaging with secular culture 1919 onwards

Iris Leung (Hong Kong/KCL): Impacts of the First World War on German missions in Hong Kong

1100 Coffee

1115 **Methodism, Mission and Identity**

Prof David Bebbington (Stirling): Brunswick Wesleyan Methodist Chapel, Leeds: A case study of Victorian support for mission

Ann Cotterrell (Birkbeck): The role of Methodism in the formation of Ghanaian national identity, 1893-1921

1300 Lunch followed by free time for walks and relaxation

(1530 Committee meeting)

1600 Tea

1630-1815 **News, projects and short presentations** to include ...

Martin Light (Isle of Wight), 'What should we tell children about their heroes'; and updates on Wilberforce diaries, and Religious Toleration and Peace projects.

1830 Dinner

1930 Dr Sam Brewitt-Taylor (Oxford): **The freedom of the Christian historian: Christianity, secularization and the cultural turn** (with response from Prof David Bebbington and time for extended discussion)

2115 Devotional epilogue

2130 Close

Thursday 11 April

0830 Breakfast

0915 Christian Identities Across Time and Space 1

Esther Counsell (Cambridge): Law, Liberty and Religion in Sir John Eliot's prison manuscripts, 1629-1632

Dr John Usher (Roehampton): Rev. Arthur Polhill of the Cambridge Seven: His church and De Civitate Dei in China

1100 Coffee

1115 Christian Identities Across Time and Space 2

Sam Jeffery (KCL): 'One New man in Christ': New Frontiers, multi-ethnic churches and the globalization of British 'Restorationism', 1986-2005.

Dr Debby Gaitskell (SOAS) Seth Mokitimi and the 'Equality of Believers': A biographical slant on Christian multiracialism in South Africa.

1300 Lunch and depart

Directions

All Nations Christian College, Easneye, Ware, Stanstead Abbots, SG12 8LX

See: <https://www.allnations.ac.uk/contact-us/find-us>

The Christianity and History Forum (formerly the Study Group on Christianity and History) has been in existence for over forty years. It aims to foster Christian thinking and scholarship on history, particularly (but not exclusively) the history of the Christian church.

Booking Form

I intend to attend the CHF Spring Conference (Please tick one option)

Full Board

Single-Night Full Board – Tuesday 9th April

Single-Night Full Board – Wednesday 10th April

**Day Visitor – Tuesday*

– Wednesday

– Thursday

- *Please indicate which meals you expect to require.*

Details of any disabled access or special dietary requirements:

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Payment of Conference Fees may be made in advance by Bank Transfer or by Cheque.

Please indicate your option: Bank Transfer OR Cheque by post

Bank Transfer details:

- *A/c Name – Christianity and History Forum*
- *A/c Number - 00781052*
- *Bank Sort Code - 30-97-21*

Please use Reference “April Conference”, to assist identification

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Name

Address

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Telephone/Mobile *Email*

Please return to Rob Collins, 38 Ridgeway Road, Chesham, HP5 2EN, by Monday, 25th March.

Conference Fees

Full Board: £135; student/non-salaried rate £110; for those helping to defray costs £150.

Single-Night Full Board: £75; student/non-salaried £60; for those glad to defray costs £85.

Day Visitors: (just lunch or supper) £20; student/non-salaried £15;

(lunch and supper) £30; student/non-salaried £25.

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Note: these fee rates cover refreshments during the conference. They do not cover our overall expenses, including concessions for students and guest speakers. Hence, additional contributions from those who feel able are greatly appreciated.