



## **Science and Religion Forum**

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**President:** Professor John Hedley Brooke

**Chairman:** The Revd Canon Dr Michael Fuller

### **FORTIETH ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE, 2015**

**Thursday 3 to Saturday 5 September 2015**

### **‘Science and Religion: Celebrating the Dialogue, Exploring the Future’**

The conference will take place at St John’s College, Durham University, from 3 to 5 September 2015. St John’s College is located in Durham city centre, adjacent to the Cathedral; it is easily reached by a short taxi journey (or 20 minute walk) from Durham train station. There is no car parking available at St John’s College itself.

Accommodation will be available in single rooms and double rooms, with either a ‘standard’ or ‘en-suite’ option.

The Conference is open to members and non-members of the Science and Religion Forum.

The plenary speakers will include–

**Michael Burdett** (Oxford/St Andrews)

**Helen de Cruz** (Amsterdam),

**Andrew Davison** (Cambridge),

**Alister McGrath** (Oxford),

**Gillian Straine** (London)

**David Wilkinson** (Durham).

**Professor Willem B. Drees** (Tilburg, Netherlands) will be giving the Gowland Lecture which will be entitled ‘From Authority to Authenticity and Accountability: The Changing Character of Religion and Science’.

## Bookings and Registration

The Conference fees are as follows:

SRF members and spouses/partners	£230 (en-suite £250)
Non-members	£260 (en-suite £280)
Students	£110 (en-suite £130)

The fee covers registration, accommodation, meals and coffee/tea breaks, and conference documents. Some double rooms are available (for couples and those who wish to share), at the same price per head: please indicate on the booking form if you require a double room. For those wishing to attend as non-residents the fee (with dinner) is £160 for members and £190 for non-members.

Accommodation is also available for the night of Wednesday 2 September, for those who wish to take part in the pre-conference events on the Thursday morning (see below). Rooms for the Wednesday night are available at £40 (en-suite £50), which includes lunch on the Thursday.

Students in full-time education may apply to attend at the student rate even if they are not yet members of the Forum.

Please complete a conference registration form and e-mail or post it to the Membership Secretary

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The closing date for conference applications is 31 July 2015.

Payment by cheque is the preferred option, and should be included with the Conference registration form. If necessary, payment can be made by credit card instead, through PayPal (please see the Forum's website for details of how to make a payment through PayPal).

A small number of bursaries are available to assist with the cost of Conference attendance (see below for application details).

There is an optional programme of **pre-conference events** (presentations on modern and medieval cosmology, and a tour of Durham Castle) beginning at 10.30 am on Thursday 3 September. **Registration** for the Conference proper will begin at 1.30 pm on Thursday 3 September, with the first session beginning at 2.30 pm. There will be a service of worship on the Friday morning, to which all participants are welcomed. The Conference dinner will be held on the Friday evening (with an after-dinner speech given by our President, Prof John Hedley Brooke). The Conference will end with lunch on Saturday 5 September.

## Call for Short papers

The conference will include a Short Paper session for which all attendees are encouraged to submit proposals. **Short papers must be related to the main conference theme.**

Each speaker will have a maximum of 15 minutes presentation time, to be followed by 10 minutes discussion. Proposals, in the form of a title and a 200 word summary, should be sent by Friday 26 June 2015 to Dr Andrew Robinson at [a.j.robinson@exeter.ac.uk](mailto:a.j.robinson@exeter.ac.uk).

Submissions will be acknowledged within two weeks of receipt. If you do not receive an acknowledgment please re-submit your proposal. Acceptance of short papers will be according to criteria of quality, originality, relevance to the conference theme, and plausibility of presentation within 15 minutes. Submissions from students are particularly encouraged. Those whose proposals are accepted will be informed by Friday 17 July 2015.

## Bursaries

The Forum is offering a limited number of bursaries, each worth £60, initially to retired clergy, and then to other retired members, who have been members of the Forum for at least five years.

Bursary applications, preferably by e-mail, should be sent to the Membership Secretary, Mrs Hilary Martin (address above).

The closing date for Bursary applications is 10 July 2015.

## Peacocke Student Essay Prize

In memory of its founding President and former Chairman, the Revd Dr Arthur Peacocke, the Science and Religion Forum offers a prize for an essay directly relevant to the theme of its annual conference.

The prize is open to all undergraduate and post-graduate students in full or part-time education. The prize will consist of a cash award of £100, free membership of the Forum for one year, and the UK travel and accommodation costs (or equivalent of) of the winner's participation in the Forum's 2015 conference. Subject to the decision of the panel, the winning essay will be published in the Forum's journal (*Reviews in Science and Religion*) and the winner may be given the opportunity to present the paper at the annual conference.

The essay should not exceed 5000 words in length, including footnotes but excluding references. It should be preceded by an abstract of no more than 250 words, and should be submitted as an email attachment in Microsoft Word format, no later than 31 July 2015 to Dr Louise Hickman: [l.hickman@newman.ac.uk](mailto:l.hickman@newman.ac.uk). Dr Hickman will answer any questions about the prize. All submissions will be acknowledged within 1 week of receipt.

The essay should be the original work of the applicant – unacknowledged quotation from the work of others will automatically disqualify the entry. Copyright in the essay will remain with the author. Each submission should be accompanied by a statement from the author's Supervisor or Head of Department, confirming the author's student status and indicating awareness that the essay has been submitted. The adjudicators reserve the right not to award the Prize if no entry of sufficient standard is received. Their decision will be final, and no correspondence about it will be entered into.

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