

Conference Programme

All the Conference plenary sessions and the AGM will take place in the Mary Hallaway Lecture Theatre. Meals will be served in the main dining room and the reception at 6.30 pm on Friday will also take place there. The lounge bar will be open in the evening on Thursday and Friday.

Thursday 4 September

- 14.30 Arrival, registration and tea
- 16.30 Introductory session
Revd Dr Michael Fuller
- 16.45-18.15 Plenary 1 - **Newton, the pre-Critical Kant, and three problems about the lawfulness of nature**
Dr Michela Massimi, Senior Lecturer in Philosophy of Science at the University of Edinburgh
- 18.30 Dinner
- 20.00-21.30 Plenary 2 – **the 8th Annual Gowland Public Lecture**
How Could Laws Make Things Happen?
Nancy Cartwright, FBA, Professor of Philosophy and Director of the Centre for Humanities Engaging Science and Society (CHESS) in the Department of Philosophy, University of Durham
- Chairman: Revd Dr Michael Fuller

Friday 5 September

- 07.30 Service (in the Chapel)
- 08.00 Breakfast
- 09.00-10.30 Plenary 3 - **How does a scientist seek the laws of nature and of God?**
Professor Eric Priest, FRS, Professor Emeritus in the School of Mathematics and Statistics, University of St Andrews
- 10.30 Coffee

Friday 5 September (continued)

11.00–12.30 Plenary 4 - **Faith, Nature and the Wisdom Tradition: towards a Theology of Science**

Tom McLeish, FInstP,FRS, Professor of Soft-matter Physics, Director of the EPSRC Centre for Doctoral Training in Soft Matter and Functional Interfaces, and Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Research at Durham University

12.30 Lunch

14.00-15.00 **Short papers Session 1**

Each short paper will consist of a 15 minute presentation followed by questions and discussion. There will be a few minutes at the end of each of the first two papers for participants to move between sessions if they wish.

	Room A	Room B
14.00	Fraser Watts Lawfulness, Biological Contextuality and a Theology of Inter-dependence	Richard Gunton Fine-tuning Arguments for the Existence of God: a shot in the foot?
14.30	John Lockwood How does Prayer fit into Laws of Nature, Laws of God??	Juuso Loikkanen Intelligent Design and Methodological Naturalism – Are They Really Not Compatible?

15.15-16.15 **Short papers Session 2**

Each short paper will consist of a 15 minute presentation followed by questions and discussion. There will be a few minutes at the end of each of the first two papers for participants to move between sessions if they wish.

	Room A	Room B
15.15	John Emmett Laws of Nature, Laws of God: Perceptions and Pitfalls	Gavin Hitchcock Laws of mathematics, laws of God?
15.45	Fabien Revol The link between the concepts of law of nature and continuous creation	Ian Tully A Defense of Nomic Error Theory

Friday 5 September (continued)

- 16.15 Tea
- 16.45-17.30 **SRF Annual General Meeting**
- 18.30 Reception
- 19.00 **Conference dinner**
After-dinner speaker – Geoffrey Cantor, Professor Emeritus of the
History of Science at the University of Leeds

Saturday 6 September

- 08.00 Breakfast
- 09.00-10.30 Plenary 5 - **The Theological Origins of the Concept of Laws of Nature
and its subsequent secularisation**
John Henry, Professor of the History of Science at the University of
Edinburgh
- 10.30 Coffee
- 11.00-12.30 Plenary 6 - **Religion in an Age of Science: The Laws of Nature and
Christian Piety in the Bridgewater Treatises**
Dr Jon Topham, Senior Lecturer in the History of Science at the
University of Leeds
- 12.30-13.00 Closing remarks
Revd Dr Michael Fuller
- 13.00 Lunch and departure