

# PHILOSOPHY, RELIGION AND ETHICS

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## A LEVEL STUDY DAY



**18 SEPTEMBER 2025**

## DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

A series of talks from academics on topics which appear across all A Level specifications. The event is intended for A Level students studying Religious Studies. This event would be invaluable for those aiming for top grades or those considering studying these subjects at university.

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# WHAT TO EXPECT

**Explore the key ideas within the Religious Studies A Level at the Philosophy, Religion and Ethics Study Day at the University of Nottingham.**

Access a fresh perspective of your knowledge and inspiration at our University Park Campus, held at the prestigious Russell Group, University of Nottingham. Designed to help both students and teachers gain confidence in key topics and essay writing, this event offers insights into course content from the university's most eminent scholars - whilst proffering a glimpse into these subjects at university.

**Suitable for AQA, OCR, Edexcel & Eduqas**

A wide-angle photograph of the University of Nottingham Park Campus. In the background, a large, light-colored stone building with a prominent clock tower stands behind a line of lush green trees. In the foreground, a calm body of water reflects the sky and the surrounding greenery. A small green boat with a red buoy is visible on the water. The sky is a clear, bright blue.

**BRINGING KEY  
EXAMINATION IDEAS TO  
LIFE AND INSPIRING  
SUCCESS IN RPE.**

# PERFECT MIX: UNIVERSITY-STYLE + REVISION

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During the day, students will engage in university-style talks, reinforcing and strengthening their understanding of essential themes in the Religious Studies A Level. There will be ample opportunities to question the experts, **including textbook authors**, encouraging engagement with ideas and participation at university level. Comprehensive slides accompany each talk - the day is totally designed to add academic acclaim to any essay.

**There will also be a chance to attend talks covering “What is it like to study RPE at university?”, “Where can RPE take me?”, and “What is life at the University of Nottingham like?”.**



# PROGRAMME

There will be an extremely broad survey of lectures on the day, with 3 parallel sessions running - talks will include:

- The Problem of Evil, Theodicy, and Feminist Philosophy of Religion
- Error Theory Unpacked: Why Misunderstanding Cognitivism and Realism Matters
- 'Liberation Theology'
- 'AI and Christian Ethics'
- Islamic Approaches to the Problem of Evil
- And many more....

09:20	Registration
9:45	Talk block 1.
10:45	Break
11:00	Talk block 2.
12:00	Lunch (bring your own). (Potential Tours of the Campus)
13:00	Talk block 3.
14:00	Break
14:15	Talk block 4.
15:00	Optional Q&A. Programme end.

**VISIT A TOP 25  
EUROPEAN  
UNIVERSITY  
(QS 2025)**



# SPEAKERS

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**Professor Fiona Ellis'** work is at the intersection of philosophy and theology and her areas of research expertise include the philosophy and theology of desire, the philosophy and theology of nature, the nature of spirituality, and the question of life's meaning. She has a particular interest in figures like Nietzsche, Schopenhauer, Hegel, Heidegger, and Spinoza.



**Dr Tim Hutchings** is interested in the relationship between religion, media and culture, with particular attention to digital forms of Christianity. His research has included studies of online worship; digital evangelism and formation; online community; digital publishing and e-reading; apps and games; and death and dying.



**Dr Ian James Kidd's** research explores Buddhism, illness, misanthropy, classical Chinese philosophy, and moral and intellectual virtues and vices. They also have broader interests in aesthetics, ethics, philosophy of education, and the history of Western philosophy



**Professor Neil Sinclair's** research focuses on meta-ethics, particularly the nature and status of moral judgments, with a central interest in expressivism—the view that moral judgments express emotions aimed at influencing others.



**Professor Andrew Fisher's** research explores the philosophy of education, with a focus on the transformative role of education in raising aspirations. Their commitment to teaching extends beyond the university, including engagement with the community through philosophy education in local primary schools.



**Dr Michael Burdett's** research spans philosophical theology, with expertise in both continental and analytic philosophy of religion. Specializing in theological anthropology and eschatology, they also engage with religion and science—particularly Science and Technology Studies and evolution—as well as Christian ethics, and the intersection of religion and culture.



**Professor Jon Hoover's** research focuses on Islamic theology and philosophy, exploring foundational questions about religious knowledge, divine attributes, human freedom, and prophecy. They also examine Muslim ethical and theological interactions with non-Muslims, as well as the integration of late antique philosophical traditions into Islamic thought.



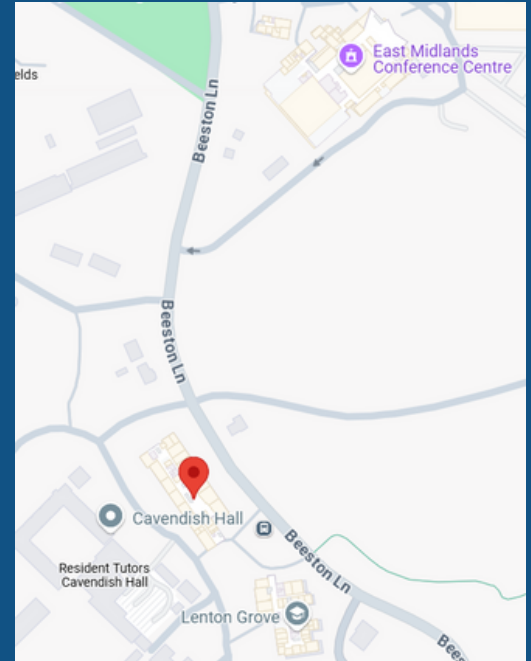
**Dr Patrice Haynes'** research focuses on the philosophy of religion, with a particular interest in reconfiguring the field through engagement with West African religious thought and decolonial theory. Future work aims to develop the concept of "theological materialism," exploring how continental philosophy of religion can retrieve divine transcendence in a way that affirms embodied, worldly life.

# BOOKINGS AND ARRIVALS

The day is being hosted at the Humanities Building on the University Park Campus.

There will be mini-bus parking available along **Beeston Ln.** This includes parking further along Beeston Ln., past the conference centre and David Ross Sports Village. Permits will be supplied on the day.

The Humanities Building  
University Park Campus  
The University of Nottingham  
Nottingham NG7 2RD



## BOOKINGS

The event will fill up very quickly, but we would like to help all those who wish to attend - please do email us if you would like to inform us that you may need assistance: **atyke1@nottingham.ac.uk**

Bookings should be made on behalf of students by their teacher. These can be done through the University of Nottingham website: <https://store.nottingham.ac.uk/product-catalogue/schools-and-departments/humanities/philosophy-religion-and-ethics-a-level-study-day>.

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## ARRIVAL

The day will run start promptly from 9:45 on **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2025**.

There will be a registration prior to this, so please do try and arrive prior to the 9:45 start - especially as there will be a number of audience members who require seating. The early arrival and therefore seating of large groups will ensure you can all sit together and that the day can start seamlessly!

## STUDY DAY COSTS

Both students and staff tickets cost **£10** per attendee.

Please note that there are a number of subsidised tickets available, please do contact **atyke1@nottingham.ac.uk** for further information.

**PLEASE NOTE:** *You will need to bring your own lunch and refreshments.*



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