



# **ETHICS & EMPIRE III: THE EARLY MODERN PERIOD**



**A COLLOQUIUM AT CHRIST CHURCH, OXFORD**

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## PROGRAMME

**Timings are British Summer Time (BST) which is Greenwich Mean Time + 1 hour**

THURSDAY, 2 SEPTEMBER

1400-1405: Welcome

1405-1430: **Session I: Resumé of Ethics & Empire I and II**

Speaker: Nigel Biggar

1430-1545: **Session II: The Akbari Conception of Empire**

Chair: Eric Gregory

Speaker: Douglas Streusand

Respondent: J. J. L. Gommans

1545-1600: short break

1600-1715: **Session III: Hugo Grotius and Dutch Empire**

Chair: Ali Ansari

Speaker: Martine Van Ittersum

Respondent: Tristan Mostert

1715-1730: short break

1730-1830: **Session IV: Towards a Theory of Empire**

Chair: Robin Lovin

Speaker: Robert Jackson

FRIDAY, 3 SEPTEMBER

1400-1515: **Session IV: Edmund Burke and the British Empire in India**

Chair: Charles Mathewes

Speaker: Uday Mehta

Respondent: Zareer Masani

1515-1630: **Session VI: The Ottoman Empire**

Chair: Alexander Morrison

Speaker: Douglas Howard

Respondent: Dimitri Kastritsis

1630-1645: short break

1645-1800: **Session VII: Spanish Empire and its Critics**

Chair: Krishan Kumar

Speaker: Anthony Pagden

Respondent: John Elliott

1800-1810: close of colloquium

1810-1900: Core Group planning meeting

## PARTICIPANTS

- Ali Ansari, Professor in Modern History (Middle East), St Andrews University and author of *The Politics of Nationalism in Modern Iran* (2012)
- Nigel Biggar, CBE, Regius Professor of Moral and Pastoral Theology, and Director of the McDonald Centre for Theology, Ethics, and Public Life, University of Oxford, author of *Between Kin and Cosmopolis: An Ethic of the Nation* (2014) and *Colonialism: A Moral Reckoning* (2022).
- Sir John Elliott, formerly Regius Professor of Modern History, University of Oxford, and author of *Imperial Spain: 1469-1712* (1963, 2002) and *Empires of the Atlantic World: Britain and Spain, 1492-1830* (2006)
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- Charles Mathewes, Carolyn M. Barbour Professor of Religious Studies, University of Virginia; author of *The Republic of Grace: Augustinian thoughts in dark times* (2010); co-editor of *Comparative Religious Ethics: the major works* (2015)
- Uday Mehta, Distinguished Professor in Political Science at Central University of New York, and author of *Liberalism and Empire: A Study in Nineteenth-Century British Liberal Thought* (1999) and *A Different Vision: Gandhi's Critique of Political Rationality* (forthcoming)
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Douglas E. Streusand, Professor of International Relations, Marine Corps Command and Staff College, Quantico, VA, and author of *Islamic Gunpowder Empires: Ottomans, Safavids, and Mughals* (2010)

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