



ETHICS & EMPIRE V: MAKING MORAL JUDGEMENTS

A COLLOQUIUM AT NEW COLLEGE, OXFORD

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PROGRAMME

FRIDAY, 16 JUNE

0900 Welcome

0905-0945: **Session I: Resumé of Ethics & Empire I-IV**
Speaker: Nigel Biggar

0945-1100: **Session II: Empire and Ethics**
Chair: Krishan Kumar
Speaker: Peter Bang
Respondent: Robin Lovin

1100-1130 Coffee

1130-1245: **Session III: Ethics and Empire**
Chair: Robin Lovin
Speaker: Charles Mathewes
Respondent: Krishan Kumar

1300-1400 Lunch

1400-1515: **Session IV: The Imperial History Wars**
Chair: Brad Faught
Speaker: Stephen Howe
Respondent: Eric Gregory

1515-1630: **Session V: The Geopolitical 'Weaponisation' of Anti-colonialism**
Chair: Charles Mathewes
Speaker: Gwyn Prins
Respondent: Alexander Morrison

1630-1700: tea

1700-1815: **Session VI: The Meta-Ethics of Empire**
Chair: Nigel Biggar
Speaker: Robert Jackson
Respondent: Charles Mathewes

1830: bus to the New House for dinner

SATURDAY, 17 JUNE

- 0900-1030: **Session VII: 'Colonialism: A Moral Reckoning' (1)**
Chair: Ali Ansari
Speakers: Krishan Kumar, Zareer Masani, Alexander Morrison
- 1030-1100: Coffee
- 1100-1230: **Session VIII: 'Colonialism: A Moral Reckoning' (2)**
Chair: Eric Gregory
Respondent: Nigel Biggar
- 1230-1300: **Session IX: How should the present judge the past?**
Chair: Nigel Biggar
Open discussion
- 1300-1400: lunch
- 1400-1500: Core Group final planning meeting

PARTICIPANTS

- Ali Ansari, Professor in Modern History (Middle East), St Andrews University, and author of *The Politics of Nationalism in Modern Iran*.
- Peter Bang, Associate Professor of History, University of Copenhagen, and editor of the *Oxford World History of Empire*.
- Nigel Biggar, CBE, Regius Professor of Moral and Pastoral Theology, Director of the McDonald Centre for Theology, Ethics, and Public Life, University of Oxford, and author of *Colonialism: A Moral Reckoning*.
- Brad Faught, Professor of History and Global Studies, Tyndale University College, Toronto, and author of *Into Africa: The Imperial Life of Margery Perham*.
- Eric Gregory, Professor of Religion, former Chair of the Council of the Humanities, Princeton University, and author of *Politics and the Order of Love: An Augustinian Ethic of Democratic Citizenship* and *The In-Gathering of Strangers: Global Justice and Political Theology* (in progress).
- Stephen Howe, Professor in the History and Cultures of Colonialism, University of Bristol, and author of *Ireland and Empire: Colonial Legacies in Irish History and Culture*.
- Robert Jackson, Quondam Fellow of All Souls, formerly Special Adviser to the Governor of Rhodesia, Member of Parliament for Wantage, and minister in the Department of Education and Science.
- Krishan Kumar, William R. Kenan, Jr, Professor of Sociology, University of Virginia, and author of *Visions of Empire: How Five Imperial Regimes Shaped the World*.
- Robin Lovin, Cary M. Maguire University Professor Emeritus of Ethics, Southern Methodist University, and author of *Reinhold Niebuhr and Christian Realism* and *Christian Realism and the New Realities*.
- Zareer Masani, author of *Indian Tales of the Raj* and *Macaulay: Britain's Liberal Imperialist*.
- Charles Mathewes, Carolyn M. Barbour Professor of Religious Studies, University of Virginia, author of *The Republic of Grace: Augustinian thoughts in dark times*, and co-editor of *Comparative Religious Ethics: the major works*.
- Alexander Morrison, Fellow and Tutor in History, New College, University of Oxford, and author of *Russian Rule in Samarkand, 1868-1910*.
- Gwyn Prins, former Research Professor and Director of the Mackinder Programme at the London School of Economics & Political Science, and author of *The Hidden Hippopotamus. Reappraisal in African History: The Early Colonial Experience in Western Zambia*.
- Daniel Robinson, Director of Research at the Pharos Foundation, former Fellow in History at Magdalen College, Oxford, former advisor in the UK Government's Cabinet Office and the Department for Levelling Up, and author of *Natural and Necessary Unions: Britain, Europe, and the Scottish Question*, (Oxford, 2020).