

## Future(s) of Theology and Religious Studies

Day conference, Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> September 2021

*This is part of the New College building's 175<sup>th</sup> anniversary and coincides with 50 years of Religious Studies at Edinburgh. We're keen to showcase the study of TRS at Edinburgh, but want to open it up to the discipline more generally (on the 'all in it together principle').*

- 10-10.25      Arrival, coffee. Welcome from Dorothy Miell.
- 10.25-10.30    Jessie Fubara Manuel – winner of the University 3 minute thesis, 2020.
- 10.30-11.45    **Why Study Religion in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century?**  
*Has religion run its course? And why study it today? How can the study of religion contribute to the University and wider society?*  
Chair: Jolyon Mitchell.  
Panellists: Hannah Holtschneider, Sara Parvis, Anthony Reddie (Oxford); Ella Radley (alumna).
- 12.00-12.30    Pop-up Plenaries (10 min talks + 5 min Q&A)  
(1) New MOOC: Christian-Muslim Relations (Joshua Ralston, Shadaab Rahemtulla)  
(2) Bible and Environmental Ethics (Suzanna Millar)
- 12.30-1.30     Lunch
- 1.30-3.00      **Race, Diversity, and Decolonising the Curriculum**  
*What does it mean to 'race' the academy? How do we teach across a number of faiths? What does 'decolonising the curriculum' look like? How can this include community engagement? Possibilities?*  
Chair: Claire Wanless.  
Panellists: Alex Chow, Emma Wild-Wood; Mallory Nye (Independent); Naser Meer (Race.Ed).
- 3.15-3.30      Pop up Plenaries (10 min talks + 5 min Q&A)  
(1) Religion and Literature (Linden Bicket)  
(2) Science and Theology (Mark Harris and Mike Fuller)
- 3.30-4.00      Tea
- 4.00-5.30      **TRS in Schools**  
*How can schools and Universities work together more productively? What do we need from the other?*  
Panellists: Naomi Appleton (and chair); Joe Walker (Education Scotland); Susan Woodshore (Mary Erskine School), Graeme Nixon (University of Aberdeen), Andrew Bell (dissertation student/alumnus/trainee teacher).

The event is £10 for waged, and £5 for students/unwaged – price to include lunch and tea/coffee. Sign up at:

<https://www.ed.ac.uk/divinity/news-events/new-college-175/175-events/futures-of-theology-and-religious-studies>