



THE UNIVERSITY of EDINBURGH
School of Divinity

Theology and Ethics Research Seminar 2014/15 Semester One

Wednesdays from 11.10 a.m. to 12.50 p.m. in the Martin Hall

24 September

Dr Lydia Schumacher *Theological philosophy: rethinking inquiry into the rationality of Christian faith*

1 October

Dr Michael Burdett *The God of possibility and promise: a rejoinder to futurism in dialogue with Jüngel, Kearney and Moltmann*

8 October

Dr Alexander Chow *Justifying humanity in post-Maoist China? The problem of evil in shifting contexts*

15 October

Mr J.T. Turner *The problem of disembodied Paradise*
Revd David Robinson *Peccatorum communio: confession and forgiveness in Bonhoeffer's use of Hegel*

Prof Miroslav Volf—Cunningham Lectures

20 to 22 October from 5 to 6.15 p.m. in the Martin Hall

Monday: *Religion, state and the economy* followed by reception

Tuesday: *Religion and the freedom of religion*

Wednesday: Panel discussion on faith and public life followed by reception

Register at <http://bit.ly/1vEf30M>

29 October

Ar.tic.u.late postgraduate conference (all day)

5 November

Prof Sarah Coakley *Rational sacrifice: possibility or impossibility?*

12 November

Prof Graham Ward Discussion of *Unbelievable*

19 November

Ms Deborah Casewell *"What is this strange and uncouth thing?": Jüngel's theology of the Cross*

Revd Andrew Bowyer *Restless moralists: Donald MacKinnon and Stanley Cavell in conversation*

26 November

Dr Natalie Carnes *Coming again in glory: Christ the iconocrat*

Thursday 4 December at 4 p.m. in the Martin Hall

Prof Eberhard Busch in conversation with Prof David Fergusson

Dr Michael Burdett is Postdoctoral Fellow in Religion, Science and Technology at Wycliffe Hall, University of Oxford. A former aerospace engineer, he is working on research projects funded by the BioLogos Foundation and the Templeton Religion Trust.

Prof Eberhard Busch held the Chair in Systematic Theology at the University of Göttingen. He was Prof Karl Barth's last research assistant and has been a leading editor, publisher and biographer of Barth and his works.

Dr Natalie Carnes is Assistant Professor of Theology in the Department of Religion at Baylor University. Her research interests include Christology, images and iconoclasm and her book *Beauty: A Theological Engagement with Gregory of Nyssa* is in press with Cascade.

Dr Alexander Chow is Chancellor's Fellow in World Christianity in the School of Divinity, having previously held a postdoctoral fellowship at Renmin University of China. He has published *Theosis, Sino-Christian Theology and the Second Chinese Enlightenment* (Palgrave 2013).

The Revd Canon Prof Sarah Coakley holds the Norris-Hulse Chair in Divinity at the University of Cambridge. She was previously Mallinckrodt Professor at Harvard Divinity School and has recently published *God, Sexuality, and the Self: An Essay 'On the Trinity'* (CUP 2013), which is the first volume of her systematic theology.

Dr Lydia Schumacher is Chancellor's Fellow in Moral and Catholic Theology in the School of Divinity. She is author of *Divine Illumination: The History and Future of Augustine's Theory of Knowledge* (Wiley 2011). She previously held a British Academy Postdoctoral Fellowship at the University of Oxford.

Prof Miroslav Volf holds the Henry B. Wright Chair of Systematic Theology at Yale University and is Director of the Yale Center for Faith and Culture. His many books include *Exclusion and Embrace* (Abingdon 1996) and he has recently published works on interfaith engagement and public theology.

The Revd Canon Prof Graham Ward occupies the Regius Chair of Divinity in the University of Oxford. His research spans Christian social ethics, Christology, political and cultural theory and postmodern theology. His new book is *Unbelievable: Why We Believe and Why We Don't* (Tauris 2014).

The seminar is for postgraduates and staff, and others are most welcome. For enquiries, please contact Dr David Grumett (david.grumett@ed.ac.uk).