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Student Symposium Rupture and Reconciliation

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Programme



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14 June Lightfoot Room, Faculty of Divinity

9:20am Welcome and Opening Remarks

9:30am **Panel 1 | Mystical Meanings**

Noah Rouse, Faculty of Divinity, Cambridge

**The praise of birds, from Assisi to Damietta:
Rupture and reconciliation as the axes of
Saint Francis' interactions with Islam and
nature**

Medomfo Owusu, Faculty of Music, Cambridge

**Remembering mama whilst feeling like a
motherless Chile: The womanist spirituality of
Sister Dr Thea Bowman**

River Searles, Faculty of Modern & Medieval
Languages & Linguistics, Cambridge

**Divine genderfluidity: A genderfluid vision of
Catherine of Siena in (/as) Christ**

11am Coffee break (Selwyn Room, Ground Floor)

11:30am **Panel 2 | Identities Inscribed**

Ammie Vudathu, Faculty of Divinity, Cambridge

**The mystery behind the Sree
Padmanabhaswamy temple**

Lia Kornmehl, Faculty of Divinity, Cambridge

**Lawful myths and holy hostilities in Uttar
Pradesh**

McKay Bowman, The Woolf Institute, Cambridge

**Religion rupturing: Interreligious learning,
reconciliation, and resistance**

1pm Lunch

2pm **Panel 3 | Aesthetic Articulations**

Mark Seow, Faculty of Music, Cambridge

**Stretched to snapping point: Scordatura and
pain in the music of Heinrich Biber**



Margarita Bonora, Faculty of Music, Cambridge
**Jacques Maritain's conception of dialectics
and the role of music**

Hina Khalid, Faculty of Divinity, Cambridge
**Stitching relations across ruptures: The
ripples of partition across Bollywood's
aesthetic imagination**

3:30pm Afternoon break

3:45pm **Panel 4 | Conversions and Contestations**

Naomi Richman, Department of Social
Anthropology, Cambridge

Thinking with "repair"

Susie Triffitt (via Zoom), Faculty of Divinity,
Cambridge

**Wrestling for souls: lessons in evangelism
from comparing wrestling church and the
Alpha Course**

Michael Habashi (via Zoom), Faculty of Divinity,
Cambridge

**Towards Christian unity: Healing the fifth-
century division of the Coptic Orthodox
Church**

5:15pm Closing remarks

Presenters

We kindly ask those presenting to limit papers to 20 minutes maximum. This is to preserve time for discussion and maintain the overall schedule.

Speakers who wish to use slides to accompany a talk are asked to share any files with us by email at **if-forum-symposium@divinity.cam.ac.uk**, by no later than 12th June. We will transfer these to a computer connected to the in-room display, enabling a smooth transition between talks and minimising technical disruption. Please note that the computer will be a Windows PC. Mac users are asked to save files in a compatible format. NB It is unlikely that we can display presentations prepared using Prezzi software.

Dr Giles Waller will be on hand during sessions, to provide light technical support with the presentation set-up.

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Venue information



Travel within Cambridge

On foot | The Faculty is about 15 minutes' from central Cambridge, and 35–40 minutes' walk from Cambridge train station. (View route map via Google.)

By bus | The Universal bus services (U1 and U2) call at Cambridge train station (Stand 8) on the way between Addenbrookes (south of city centre) and Girton or Eddington (north of city centre). Stops are shown on the interactive map (courtesy of maps.cam.ac.uk). The two routes alternate approximately once every 15 minutes. U1 (toward Girton) stops closest to the Faculty of Divinity (stop: University Library). U2 (toward Eddington) stops near the end of West Road, around 4 minutes' walk from the Faculty. The bus journey takes around 12 minutes. Once at the Sidgwick Site, the Faculty is located off the parking area adjacent to West Road Concert Hall.

There is a taxi stand outside the train station. The fare from the station to the Faculty (one-way) should be less than £10. A map showing connections on the U bus route is shown on page 4.

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Food and refreshments

Please make your own lunch arrangements. There is plenty of space within the Faculty to eat your packed lunch, and to take a break in between sessions.

Refreshments during the breaks will be provided.

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This one-day symposium is organised by student members of the Cambridge Interfaith Research Forum.

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