

Being with Water OTHERWISE: sacred knowledge and sustainable water–human relations

Faculty of Divinity, Cambridge

Day 1 | Monday 15 April

10:00 | Registration and coffee

10:30 | Welcome & Introductions

Healing water

Dr Safet Hadži Muhamedović,
Convenor, Cambridge

Cambridge Interfaith Programme &
Global Challenges

Esra Özyürek, Sultan Qaboos
Professor of Abrahamic Faiths &
Shared Values, Cambridge

11:00 | Vitality and movement

Water as provocation: movement and
transformation in the circumpolar
North

Franz Krause, Professor of
Environmental Anthropology,
Cologne

On water and pilgrimage

Dr Guy Hayward, Director, British
Pilgrimage Trust

12:00 | Vulnerability and adaptation

The socio-technical dynamics of water
management in an age of climate
emergency: insight from regional
cases in Iran, Kenya, Tanzania and
Bangladesh

Matthew Cotton, Professor of
Environmental Justice and Public
Policy, Teesside

We can be indigenous and modern!
Legitimising river pollution using
bricolage knowledge systems

Dr Alesia Ofori, Lecturer in Water,
Society and Development, Cranfield
University

13:00 | Lunch

14:00 | Encounters and relations

Water (based) kinship versus blood
kinship: water–human relations in
Mongolian Inner Asia

Dr Sayana Namsaraeva, Mongolia &
Inner Asia Studies, Cambridge

Saltwater-Freshwater Lore

Gina Heathcote, Professor of Public
International Law, Newcastle

15:00 | Refreshment break

15:30 | Keynote

Divine alternatives: Water beings and
their transformational potential in
human-non-human relations



Professor Veronica Strang FAcSS,
Oxford. *With Q&A*

17:00 | Close of Day 1

For speakers and organisers:

17:45 | Depart Selwyn (suggested)

18:00 | Excursion (optional)

19:00 | Dinner

Day 2 | Tuesday 16 April

10:00 | Panel: The Cambridge Water project, *Water efficiency in faith & diverse communities*

Dr Anastasia Badder, research lead & author *Water and/in religious relations*, Cambridge

Mumin Islam, South Staffs and Cambridge Water; architect of the Ofwat-funded project

Professor Ian Barker, Vice President, Environment of the Institute of Water

Chair: Dr Iona Hine, Programme Manager, Cambridge Interfaith Programme

10:45– | Self-service refreshments

(available throughout the morning)

10:50 | Workshop: Scriptural Reasoning with water

An interactive text-based workshop facilitated by Dr Giles Waller, Hina Khalid & Dr Tali Artman-Partock. *This session includes breakout groups from 11:15–12:15. Groups will be assigned at registration.*

- Group 1: Seminar Room 4, Lower Ground Floor (with Giles Waller)
- Group 2: Seminar Room 7, First Floor (with Hina Khalid)
- Group 3: Lightfoot Room, First Floor (with Tali Artman-Partock)

12:20 | Voices from Cambridge—panel chaired by Dr Anastasia Badder & featuring research interlocutors:

- Meg Clarke, permaculture designer at Transition Cambridge, co-director of Water Sensitive Cambridge
- James Murray White, writer, filmmaker, and co-creator of Water Sensitive Cambridge

- Tilak Parekh, PhD student at the Faculty of Divinity, Cambridge
- Dr Yassar Mustafa, former president Cambridge University Wilderness Medicine Society
- Tony Booth, Professor of Education and Friends of the River Cam steering committee member

13:20 | Lunch

14:20 | Book reviews: What can recent publications add to our knowledge?

Discussants: Dr Anastasia Badder & Dr Safet HadžiMuhamedović

15:00 | What's next? Future synergies

Open discussion facilitated by Dr Iona Hine & Dr Safet HadžiMuhamedović

16:00 | Close

Abstracts and speaker biographies:

www.interfaith.cam.ac.uk/water-conference



Water efficiency in faith and diverse communities, an Ofwat Innovation Fund project—with option to download *Water in/and religious relations: A Cambridge study* (PDF).

www.interfaith.cam.ac.uk/water-efficiency

