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The
Cambridge
Interfaith
Programme

catalysing inter-religious inquiry

Greetings from Cambridge,

New year, new shoots: This month, we're recruiting an administrator & advertising Visiting Fellowships for academics in the Global South. This email includes more information about those opportunities plus two further vacancies, together with news of our seminar series, a fresh report on water & religion, & some advance diary dates.

New Water report

What does water mean for religious communities in Cambridge?

Dr Anastasia Badder has been finding out, with support from the Ofwat Innovation Fund.

[Learn more](#)



CIP researcher Dr Anastasia Badder has been investigating water use and meaning, prompted by Cambridge Water, other industry stakeholders, and ecologically-minded organisations—a collaboration supported by the Ofwat Innovation Fund.

The report released last Friday recommends industry actors **listen, learn, avoid generalising** and **be reflexive**, that wider stakeholders **collaborate** because water is everyone's concern, and that researchers and educators **continue to contribute** to work at the intersection of climate change and values, including via targeted education initiatives.

[Read more and download the full report.](#)

Being with water OTHERWISE

sacred knowledge and
sustainable water–human relations

KEYNOTE | Professor Veronica Strang FAcSS

**Divine Alternatives:
water beings and their transformational
potential in human-non-human relations**



The Ofwat Innovation Fund is also supporting an academic conference on this topic, **Being with Water OTHERWISE**. The conference will take place on 15 & 16 April 2024, with a keynote lecture from Professor Veronica Strang (Oxford). The programme will be published next month.

Make a date with our April conference.

Events this term



24 January | The University's **Holocaust Memorial Day Lecture** will be delivered by **Adam Sutcliffe** (KCL), exploring the challenges of empathy. CIP's Esra Özyürek will chair this event at Selwyn College.

Book a place at the Holocaust Memorial Day Lecture.

Interfaith theology and philosophy of mind in the Ethica Composition Cycle after Baruch Spinoza

Integrating past & present Dutch immigrant communities, Dániel Péter Biró's Ethica cycle explores the continuing relevancy and complexity of Spinoza's Enlightenment project and its relationship to statehood and belonging.

MONDAY 29 JANUARY, 2024 | 12:30-14:00 GMT
Faculty of Divinity, West Road, Cambridge & via Zoom

29 January | **Inter-Religious Research seminars** recommence with a Monday lunchtime special from composer **Dániel Péter Biró** (Grieg Academy, Bergen)—relating the contemporary interfaith inspiration behind an ongoing musical series based on Baruch Spinoza's works.

Learn more about Biró's Ethica Composition Cycle (including event details).

6 February | The **Interfaith Research Forum** hosts a morning roundtable during **World Interfaith Harmony Week**:

Afework Beyene, Lecturer in Church History at EGST and Visiting Scholar in the Faculty of Divinity, joins Jörg Haustein, Associate Professor of World Christianities, to open discussion. They will draw on the project "Religious Polarisation in Ethiopia" as impetus for a broader discussion of religion and conflict.

Join the morning roundtable on Religion and Conflict in Context.

The above events are available to audit on Zoom if unable to join on site in Cambridge. Please register in advance to receive joining information.

[View our Events page for more IRR seminars, Scriptural Reasoning, &c.](#)

[About the Inter-Religious Research seminar series \(via CIP website\)](#)

An expanding Forum

Last term, CIP's Management Committee approved applications from 10 researchers keen to join the Cambridge Interfaith Research Forum—their interests range from experimental linguistics to urban planning.

[Read a short introduction to the new crop of Research Forum members.](#)

Opportunities and vacancies



**Religious
boundaries**

Funding for scholars working at Higher Education Institutions in the Global South.

Global South Visiting Fellowships 2025

Combining 3 months in Cambridge and 9 months' digital access to University resources, this scheme is open to academics working at Higher Education institutions in the Global South.

Proposals should engage with the theme of **Religious boundaries**. Please read the eligibility information and application guidance carefully.
Deadline: Midday, UTC. 26 February.

More information on how to apply for the Global South Visiting Fellowship scheme.

Theology, Gender & Sexuality: Research Associate

The Faculty of Divinity is recruiting to this 5-year post, researching and contributing to the Christian Theology curriculum.

Interest in inter-religious relations is not required. Of course, we will be delighted if the postholder wishes to get involved with CIP's work too!
Deadline: 2 February.

More information about the Theology, Gender and Sexuality role—via jobs.cam.ac.uk.

Outreach Officer

The Faculty of Divinity is recruiting a part-time Outreach Officer, to design & implement outreach activities, with a schools focus.

The appointee will work 15 hours weekly during English school terms (39 weeks/year).
Deadline: 2 February.

More information about the Outreach Officer role—via jobs.cam.ac.uk.

CIP Programme Administrator (part-time)

Support colleagues pursuing research and outreach in the domain of interfaith relations—

We are looking for someone with excellent administrative skills. Maybe that's you?
Deadline: 19 January.

flexible working, with some on site event support.

More information about the CIP Programme Administrator role.

Advance notice

The CIP Summer School returns to a residential model this year (1—5 July). We will share more information in February, and open applications in March. We're also supporting the second Online Colloquium on Interreligious Interactions in South Asia, starting c. 3 April, and bringing students together to plan this year's Interfaith Forum Symposium.

Here's a rundown of key dates.

Upcoming events

(**O** = online; **S** = on site; **H** = hybrid)

22 January 2:15pm | Indian Religions Seminar | Hina Khalid and Tilak Parekh | Hindu-Muslim Relations in Poetry and Practice. **S**

24 January 5:30pm | Holocaust Memorial Day Lecture | Professor Adam Sutcliffe: Holocaust memory and the challenges of empathy. **H**

29 January 12:30pm | IRR Seminar with Dániel Péter Biró | Interfaith theology and philosophy of mind in the Ethica Composition Cycle after Baruch Spinoza. **S**

6 February 10:30am | Roundtable: Religion and Conflict in Context | With Afework Beyene & Jörg Haustein **H**

13 February 2:15pm | IRR Workshop | Scriptural Reasoning with Giles Waller **S**

13 February 5:15pm | Queer Sacred: Joint event with CamQueerHistory (tbc) **S**

26 February 11:59am | DEADLINE for Global South Fellowship applications **O**

26 February | CIP Management Committee meets

27 February 2:15pm | IRR Seminar with Alyson Wharton (Lincoln) | Ottoman-Armenian architects and interfaith relations in cities of the Ottoman East in the late 19th & early 20th century **H**

3–8 April 3:00pm | Online Colloquium: Interreligious Interactions in South Asia **O**

15 & 16 April | Conference: Being with Water OTHERWISE: sacred knowledge and sustainable water-human relations. **S**

7 May 2:15pm | IRR Seminar with Dr Stacey Gutkowski

4 June 2:15pm | IRR Seminar with Kaleem Hussein

11 June | Interfaith Forum Symposium: by students, for students (details tbc)

1–5 July | CIP Summer School — Applications open March 2024. **S**

Plans may change due to circumstances outside our control.

View www.interfaith.cam.ac.uk/events for the most up-to-date listings, or tune in to our social media channels for the latest announcements.



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