

## Workshop for Aspiring Academics 2009

A one day workshop for post-graduate students and early career academics in PRS disciplines.

**Event type:** Workshop

**Organiser:** Subject Centre for Philosophical and Religious Studies

**Location:** Woburn House, London

**Country:** Great Britain

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### Details:

This one day event was aimed at those who are relatively new to teaching, or those who are planning to begin a career in academia in the UK, working in the following areas:

- ? Philosophy
- ? Religious Studies
- ? Theology
- ? Biblical Studies
- ? History & Philosophy of Science, Technology & Medicine

It offered an opportunity for aspiring academics to gather and share information and advice, and to develop the skills necessary for a successful academic career. The event was aimed both at those already teaching and researching in departments, and those hoping to start their academic careers soon. It also provided delegates with a chance to meet fellow academics from all over the country.

The event included a panel on 'Views of the 21st century research landscape'. The panellists were Professor Jonathan Wolff (Department of Philosophy, University College London), Dr Mathew Guest (Department of Theology and Religion, Durham University), and Dr Joe Cain (Department of Science and Technology Studies, University College London). Professor Wolff gave an address on the systems and structures supporting research: the RAE and the REF; Dr Guest presented on funding, including collaborative and interdisciplinary opportunities; and Dr Cain spoke about the conference scene, and maximising your academic capital by using research networks. Subject Centre staff also ran sessions on curriculum design and career planning.

Comments from evaluation forms include:

- 'I found the event very useful in terms of knowing what steps to take towards achieving my goals in the academic world.'
- 'I gained enormously from the talks on the research landscape?I felt this was much-needed information, open and frank in style'
- 'Several important issues, which I had never thought of, were presented in an impressively accessible way!'
- 'A really good event.'

## **Programme**

**10.30: Arrival, registration, tea and coffee**

**11.00: Welcome and introduction - [PowerPoint presentation - Introduction](#)**

Dr Rebecca O'Loughlin and Dr David Mossley (Subject Centre for Philosophical and Religious Studies)

**11.30: Panel: Views of the 21st century research landscape - [PowerPoint presentation on funding](#)**

Dr Joe Cain (Department of Science and Technology Studies, University College London), Dr Mathew Guest (Department of Theology and Religion, Durham University), Professor Jonathan Wolff (Department of Philosophy, University College London).

**13.00: Lunch**

**14.00: Workshop: Curriculum design - [PowerPoint presentation on curriculum design](#) | [PowerPoint presentation on teaching portfolios](#)**

David Mossley

**15.00: Closing plenary: Career planning - [PowerPoint presentation on career planning](#)**

Rebecca O'Loughlin

**16.00: Close, depart**