

Aspiring Academics Workshop 2010

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: The Strand Campus, King's College, London

Country: Great Britain

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Details:

*** The Subject Centre for Philosophical and Religious Studies will be running another Aspiring Academics event in Scotland on 27 October 2010; further details are available from the event webpage: prs.heacademy.ac.uk/view.html/prsevents/470. ***

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 and Philosophy of Science, Technology and Medicine

This workshop 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 be useful both for those already teaching and researching in departments, and those hoping to start their academic careers soon. It also provided a chance to meet fellow academics from all over the country.

Workshop Programme

1030 Arrival, registration, coffee

1100 **Welcome and introduction**(Dr Clare Saunders, Subject Centre for Philosophical and Religious Studies)

1115 Panel: Views of the 21st century academic landscape

- **Systems and structures supporting research: the REF and the impact agenda** (Professor Helen Beebee, School of Philosophy, Theology and Religion, University of Birmingham)
- **Funding, including collaborative and interdisciplinary opportunities** (Dr Michael DeLashmutt, Department of Theology and Religion, University of Exeter)
- A career in three acts (Dr David Mossley, Higher Education Academy)
- Plenary discussion

1230 Lunch

1330 **Workshop: Curriculum design** (Dr David Mossley)

1430 **Workshop: Making the most of conferences** (Dr Rebecca O'Loughlin, Subject Centre for Philosophical and Religious Studies)

1515 Plenary: Question and answer session

1600 Close, depart

This annual event has proved to be exceptionally popular in the past, with attendees commenting:

- "I have learnt a lot more from the Subject Centre courses than from any other training that I have been involved in."
- "Very helpful and well run ? I have found that my skills have improved from advice given."
- "A rare exhibition of enthusiasm and passion for academia from presenters and participants alike."

The event, including lunch and refreshments, was provided at no charge to staff and students based in UK HE institutions.

The workshop was held at the Strand Campus, **King's College**, London.