

## Aspiring Academics Workshop in Scotland 2010

By popular demand, the Subject Centre for PRS has organised an event for post-graduate students and early career academics in our disciplines, to take place in Scotland.

**Event type:** Workshop

**Organiser:** Subject Centre for PRS

**Location:** Edinburgh

**Country:** Great Britain

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### Details:

The Subject Centre for Philosophical and Religious Studies ran the first Aspiring Academics workshop in Scotland. Designed for research students in philosophy, theology, religious studies, biblical studies and history and philosophy of science, 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 in the relevant discipline. The event aimed to 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 post-grads and academics working in relevant fields from all over Scotland and the rest of the UK.

This event was aimed at those who are planning a career in academia in the UK.

Contributors included:

- Professor Larry Hurtado (School of Divinity, University of Edinburgh)
- Professor Peter Clark (School of Philosophical, Anthropological and Film Studies, University of St Andrews)
- Dr. Sara Parvis (School of Divinity, University of Edinburgh)
- Dr Lisa Jones (School of Philosophical, Anthropological and Film Studies, University of St Andrews)

- Dr Rebecca O'Loughlin (Subject Centre for Philosophical and Religious Studies)
- Dr Richard Gunn (Subject Centre for Philosophical and Religious Studies)

Topics covered included:

- Views of the 21st century research landscape ? including changing / influential factors in academic life, funding opportunities and getting on to the academic career ladder
- Subject-specific approaches to curriculum design

These events have 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. The sessions began at 10.30am and finished by 4pm.

## Programme

**1030** Arrival, registration, coffee

**1100** Welcome and introduction

Professor Oliver O'Donovan (School of Divinity, University of Edinburgh)

**1115 Introduction to the Subject Centre**

**1130** Panel: Views of the 21st century research landscape

- **1130-1155** Professor Larry Hurtado (School of Divinity, University of Edinburgh) ? **Winning an academic post: getting onto the academic career ladder**
- **1155-1220** Professor Peter Clark (School of Philosophical, Anthropological and Film Studies, University of St Andrews) ? the influence of the RAE/REF, and trends in academia

**1220-1245** Plenary discussion

**1245** Lunch

**1345** Parallel workshop sessions

Teaching and Curriculum Design in Theology and Religious Studies

Dr. Sara Parvis, School of Divinity, University of Edinburgh

Teaching and Curriculum Design in Philosophy

Dr. Lisa Jones, School of Philosophical, Anthropological, and Film Studies, University of St Andrews

**1445** Closing plenary: open surgery

All speakers

**1545** Close/depart