

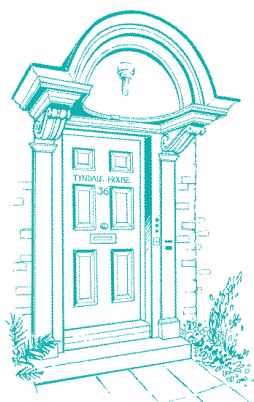
The Kirby Laing Institute for Christian Ethics and The Gospel & Our Culture Network present:

Responding to Secularism: Christian Witness in a Dogmatic Public Culture

Friday 24th April 2009
10.00am – 5.00pm
Tyndale House, Cambridge

- TRACING secularism from its origins to current developments
- DEFINING the secularist worldview and its depiction of religion
- ENGAGING secularist public policies and polemics

SPEAKERS: John Stackhouse (Regent College, Vancouver)
Elaine Storkey (Tearfund)
Andrew Kirk (formerly University of Birmingham).
Dominic Erdozain (King's College London)



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Programme

- 9.30 Coffee
- 10.00 Welcome and Introductions:
Rev'd David Kettle
(Coordinator, the Gospel and Our Culture Network)
Dr. Jonathan Chaplin
(Director, Kirby Laing Institute for Christian Ethics)
- 10.10 **Dr. Dominic Erdozain** (King's College, London):
'Christianity without the mumbo-jumbo'? The making of a secular outlook in modern Britain
- 10.50 Discussion
- 11.20 Coffee
- 11.45 **Prof. John Stackhouse** (Regent College, Vancouver):
Behaving in Public: Engaging Secularism in the Public Realm
- 12.30 Discussion
- 1.00 Lunch
- 2.00 **Rev'd J. Andrew Kirk** (formerly University of Birmingham):
'A Secular Age' in a Mission Perspective: a Response to Charles Taylor's magnum opus
- 2.45 Discussion
- 3.15 Tea
- 3.40 **Dr. Elaine Storkey** (Tearfund):
The Secularist Worldview: A Christian Response
- 4.20 Discussion
- 4.50 Closing remarks
- 5.00 Close

Coffee, tea and bottled water will be provided. You are encouraged to bring a packed lunch. Sandwiches are available at £3 to those who have pre-ordered on the Booking Form.

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Dominic Erdozain (Ph.D, Cambridge), is Lecturer in the History of Christianity at King's College London. In 2002 he was awarded a Rouse Ball post-doctoral studentship by Trinity College, Cambridge. He wrote his doctoral thesis on the relationship between Christianity and leisure in modern Britain. His book, *The Problem of Pleasure: Sport, Recreation and the Crisis of Victorian Religion* will be published by Boydell & Brewer in 2009. www.kcl.ac.uk/schools/humanities/depts/trs/who/de.html

Rev'd J. Andrew Kirk is now retired after a ministry in theological education that included 12 years in Argentina and some years with the London Institute for Contemporary Christianity, the Selly Oak Colleges and the University of Birmingham. He is the author of 15 books in Spanish and English on topics include liberation theology, inter-faith encounter and the meaning of mission. His most recent book is *The Future of Reason, Science and Faith: Following Modernity and Post-modernity* (Ashgate, 2007). His present research is on Islam and the West in the light of the 'clash of civilisations' thesis.

John Stackhouse (Ph.D., Chicago) is the Sangwoo Youtong Chee Professor of Theology and Culture at Regent College, a graduate school affiliated with the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, Canada. His commentary has been featured in *The Times Literary Supplement*, *The New York Times*, and *The Washington Post*, among many other periodicals, and on major North American television networks. Among his seven books is *Making the Best of It: Following Christ in the Real World* (Oxford University Press, 2008).
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Elaine Storkey (Ph.D., Oxford) is President of Tearfund and was Executive Director of the London Institute for Contemporary Christianity from 1991-1999. She has taught sociology, philosophy and theology at six UK institutions and is Vice-President of the University of Gloucestershire. She lectures widely in the UK and internationally, and is a regular media commentator, presenting BBC's *Thought for Day* for 20 years. She has served on the Church of England's General Synod and Crown Nominations Commission and is Chair of Fulcrum. She is author of and contributor to many books, including *Origins of Difference: The Gender Debate Revisited* (Baker Academic, 2001). She was awarded a life-time award for services to women by the American group CBE in 2008.

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