

Alphacrucis Research Roundtable 2016

The purpose of the roundtable is to facilitate discussion among academic staff and advanced research students of important topics, with input from external experts. They are deliberately less formal than a traditional university seminar, and personal reflection by speaker is encouraged. Our initial focus has been the nature and practical aspects of scholarship within a Christian worldview, but by no means restricted to this issue. Roundtables begin at 12:15pm in the Conference Room, with lunch provided, finishing by 1:45pm. For those who can stay discussion often continues at a local coffee shop. Our program currently is:



11 February 2016 – Guest Speaker: Prof Rikk Watts, Regent College, Canada

Why the Narrative Structure of the Gospels REALLY Matters.

Initially trained as an aeronautical engineer, Rikk Watts worked for a number of years with IBM in large retail systems engineering while undertaking a degree in philosophy, art history, and sociology. He later joined a parachurch organization engaged in Christian awareness projects in public schools and in providing crisis accommodation and various rehabilitation programs for the urban poor. He was a founding member of *On Being*, a major Australian Christian magazine, and supported himself and his family as a professional drummer. Rikk Watts has served as an instructor at Gordon-Conwell (Boston), Wycliffe Hall (Oxford), Latrobe University (Melbourne), and the Bible College of Victoria (Melbourne). He presently attends Living Waters, which is part of the Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, and is also a member of the preaching team. Among other writing projects is a major commentary on Mark in the NICNT series. Rikk Watts is married to Katie, a primary teacher, and they have adult children, Steven and Rebecca.

10 March 2016 – Guest Speaker: Dr Hugh Chilton, Director of Research and Professional Learning, The Scots College

After Christian Australia: Evangelicals and the religious crisis of the 1960s.

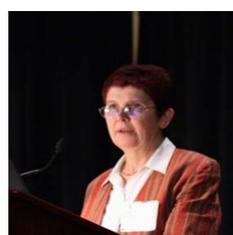
Hugh serves as a Research Fellow at The Scots College, Sydney, where he teaches history and Christian studies, cultivates research-led practice amongst staff and students, and convenes programs on faith, learning and vocation including the annual Clark Lectures (featuring theologian John Stackhouse in 2014, historian David Bebbington in 2015 and MIT physicist Ian Hutchinson in August 2016). He was awarded his PhD in History at the University of Sydney in 2015 for a thesis on the relationship between evangelical Christianity and national public culture in Australia in the 1960s and 1970s. He is currently working on a postdoctoral book manuscript 'The End of Christendom and the End of the World: Nation and Religion in the Wake of Greater Britain'.



20 April 2016 – Guest Speaker: Prof Mary Morgan, LSE (Special Invitation-Only Roundtable)

Women in Research.

Mary Morgan FBA is Professor of History and Philosophy of Economics at London School of Economics and Political Science. She has published on the history of econometrics, measurement issues, the role of models in social-science and many other issues. She is visiting Australia as Economic Society of Australia Eminent Speaker for 2016.



12 May 2016 – Guest Speaker: Dr Tim Hawkes, Headmaster, Kings School

Schools that have impact.

Dr Tim Hawkes is one of Australia's best-known educators and his writings are used around the world. Dr Hawkes is the recipient of many educational awards and his duties have included serving on the Executive of the Association of Heads of Independent Schools of Australia (AHISA) and the Association of Independent Schools (AIS) in NSW, Chairing the Headmaster's Conference of NSW and the Australian Boarding Schools' Association. In 2014, Dr Hawkes was awarded an OAM for services to education and professional organisations. Dr Hawkes' first book, *Boy Oh Boy*, became a best seller, as did his Learning Leadership series. Dr Hawkes' course, *Duty of Care*, is now the major training course for boarding staff in Australasia. His more recent books, including his novel, *Ten*



Conversations You Must Have with Your Son and *Blizzard Lines*, have also been well received.



2 June 2016 – Guest Speaker: Dr Mulyadi Robin, Monash University

Servant Leadership, employee engagement, and organisational workplace deviant behaviours in Australian workplaces.

Mulyadi is a lecturer at the Department of Management, Monash University, whose research interest include servant leadership, high performing work systems, destructive leadership, psychological capital, and the dark triad of personality. Previously, Mulyadi worked as a post-doctorate research fellow at the Centre for Workplace Leadership at The University of Melbourne. He holds a PhD in Leadership from Monash University, and his research on servant leadership was awarded the 2013 Greenleaf Scholar by the Robert K. Greenleaf Center for Servant Leadership in the United States, and the 2014 Emerald/EFMD Outstanding Doctoral Research Award.

30 June 2016 – Guest Speaker: Prof Mark Elliott, Head of School of Divinity, University of St Andrews

Providence Construed.

I was born and educated in Glasgow, Scotland, took a degree in Law at Oxford, then to Aberdeen to pursue a ministerial vocation, which soon morphed into an academic theological one after a PhD at Cambridge in Patristic Biblical Interpretation. I had jobs at Nottingham University and Liverpool Hope University College before arriving at St Andrews in 2003. I have benefitted from a number of short research visits to Germany (notably Heidelberg, Regensburg and Munich) and also try to attend the AAR/SBL most years. I believe that theology can serve the church and that the church benefits when its faith is informed by prayerful study and thinking.



1 September 2016 – Guest Speaker: Prof Mark Cartledge, Regent University

Mark is a Professor of Practical Theology at Regent University in 2015. He is a minister ordained in the Church of England (UK) for over twenty-five years and describes himself as a 'Charismatic Evangelical Anglican' or 'Renewal Anglican'. He has worked in parish ministry, overseas theological education, seminary (Durham) and secular university departments (Lampeter and Birmingham). His publications include the books *Charismatic Glossolalia: An empirical-theological study* Ashgate 2002, *Practical Theology: Charismatic and Empirical Perspectives* Paternoster 2003, *The Mediation of the Spirit* Eerdmans 2015 and many journal articles.

22 September 2016 – Guest Speaker: Dr John Flett, University of Divinity

Method in mission studies: World Christianity or intercultural theology.

John Flett, originally from New Zealand, has lived and taught in the USA, South Korea, Germany, the DRC, and Australia. His PhD from Princeton Theological Seminary used Karl Barth to inform a trinitarian theology of mission (*The Witness of God*, Eerdmans, 2010). After completing his Habilitation at the Kirchliche Hochschule Wuppertal/Bethel on apostolicity (IVP Academic, 2016). He now teaches missiology and intercultural theology at Pilgrim Theological College, part of the University of Divinity, Melbourne.



13 October 2016 – Guest Speaker: Prof Peter Anstey, Professor of Philosophy, University of Sydney

Learning to live well in a pluralist community.

Peter Anstey is ARC Future Fellow and Professor of Philosophy at the University of Sydney.

In 2015 he became a Fellow of the Australian Academy of Humanities. Peter specialises in early modern philosophy and especially the philosophy of John Locke.

Publications include *John Locke and Natural Philosophy* Oxford University Press 2011, "The Origins of Early Modern Experimental Philosophy" *Intellectual History Review* 2012, and he is currently working on the role of "Principles" in early

modern thought. He is also the co-ordinator of the “A Life Worth Living” course at the University of Sydney. This course, inspired by a similar course designed by Miroslav Volf at Yale University, is open to the whole university community from students to alumni. It asks of a range of religious and philosophical traditions what their answers are to the question: What is it to live well?

***3 November 2016 – Guest Speaker: Dr Steve Chavura,
Senior ARC Research Associate, Macquarie University***

Australian secularism.

The paper will discuss the origins of the concept of the secular state in Australian history and track its changing meaning into the twentieth century. It will be of interest to anyone researching the separation of church and state and the history of Australian education. Stephen is the author of *Tudor Protestant Political Thought, 1547-1603* (Leiden: Brill), and articles in numerous journals including *History of European Thought*, *Journal of Religious History*, and *Australian Journal of Political Science*. He also teaches Australian history at Campion College, Sydney. This talk will present findings that are part of a joint ARC Discovery Project with Dr. Ian Tregenza and Professor John Gascoigne.

