

Nineteenth Joint Postgraduate Conference on Religion and Theology  
**'Spiritual Exercises'**  
**7-8 March 2014**

University of Bristol  
 Arts and Humanities Complex  
 Woodland Road 3-5

FRIDAY, 7 MARCH: MORNING			
9.00-9.30	Registration (Humanities Common Room)		
9.30-11.00	<p><b>Bible: Textual Studies</b>                      Room: <u>G113</u>  <i>Patricia Jelbert</i> - A Brief History of Time-Recording in Assyrian and Babylonian Chronographic Writings  <i>Peter D. Myers</i> - Deuteronomy 27 and the Goal of the Deuteronomistic Redactor  <i>Mark Arnold</i> - The Syntax of YHWH: Interpreting "I will be who I will be" in narrative context.</p>	<p><b>Cultivating Conscience: Spiritual Exercise and Self-Examination in Buddhist, Jewish, And Islamic Traditions</b>                      Room: <u>G4</u>  <i>Michael Van Zandt Collins</i> - Spiritual Exercise and Conscience in Ibn Ata'ullah Iskandari  <i>Bethany Slater</i> - Spiritual Exercise and Conscience in Jewish Mussar Tradition  <i>Glenn Willis</i> - Spiritual Exercise and Conscience in Tibetan Lojong</p>	<p><b>Philosophy, Dialogue and Recitation as Practice</b>                      Room: <u>LT1</u>  <i>Francis Mohan</i> - Justin Martyr and the Spiritual Exercise of Dialogue  <i>Daniel Crowther</i> - Memorizing and Reciting the Scriptures Until They Taste Good  <i>Dechen Rochard</i> - Candrakīrti's Analysis of the Self: How Buddhist Philosophy Functions as Spiritual Exercise</p>
11.00-12.00	Early lunch (Humanities Common Room)		
12.00-13.30	<p><b>Understanding the Bible</b>                      Room: <u>B1</u> (entrance through Woodland Road 11)  <i>Viv Randles</i> - STUBBORN AS A MULE: When Numbers 22 - 24 resists readers' wishes  <i>Kyung Hur</i> - 'Is there a concept of graded holiness in the OT?'  <i>Benson Oommen</i> - Reading Job and Friends as a Social Interaction</p>	<p><b>Liturgy as an Exercise</b>                      Room: <u>G50</u>  <i>Stephen D'Evelyn</i> - Body and the Spiritual Exercise of Liturgy: Hildegard of Bingen's Imagery of the Virgin Mary  <i>Zachary Guiliano</i> - Paul the Deacon's Homiliary in Western spiritual exercises  <i>Tim Allen</i> - Philosophical Foundationalism, History and the Liturgy of the Roman Catholic Church after Vatican II</p>	<p><b>Comparative Exercises</b>                      Room: <u>G64</u>  <i>Laurentiu Andrei</i> - Why practice? Stoic and Zen training between means and goals  <i>Luke Perera</i> - Bodhicitta and Charity: A Comparison  <i>Jamie Barnes</i> - 'Ways of Being': an Ethnographic Exploration of the Similarities and Differences between Christian Contemplative Prayer and Mindfulness Practice</p>
13.30-14.00	Coffee break (Humanities Common Room)		

**FRIDAY, 7 MARCH: AFTERNOON**

14.00-15.30	<p><b>Spirituality in Society</b>  <u>Room: LT1</u>  <i>Eleanor Tiplady Higgs</i> - Narrative theology in an African context: the case of Kenya Young Women's Christian Association  <i>Edward Wigley</i> - Modern, mobile and spiritual: religious practices within everyday movement  <i>Marjorie Crombie</i> - Relational consciousness: a 'tool' for exploring young people's spirituality and for deeper inter faith engagement and dialogue in RE.</p>	<p><b>Theory and Practice in Islam</b>  <u>Room: LT2</u>  <i>Esra AkayDag</i> - Weaknesses and Strengths of the Modern Qur'anic Interpretations; The Case of Fazlur-Rahman and Sayid Qutb  <i>Asima Iqbal</i> - An Investigation into Islamic and spiritual leadership practices of Muslim headteachers: A comparative study of private secondary schools in England and Pakistan  <i>Liudmila Gamaiunova</i> - Sufi practice of surrender: involvement in coping process</p>	<p><b>Religious Practice in East Asia</b>  <u>Room: G33</u>  <i>Lia Wei</i> - Playing Crosswords with Master An  <i>Tom Francis</i> - The essence of traditional Japan: religious experience as defined by modern Shinto shrines  <i>Ngar-sze Lau</i> - Vipassanā meditation and transforming suffering: cases in contemporary Chinese societies</p>
15.30-16.00	Coffee break (Humanities Common Room)		
16.00-17.30	<p><b>Modern Spirituality</b>  <u>Room: G16</u>  <i>Charmaine Sonnex</i> - Pagan spellcasting: Discovering the Homogenous among the Heterogeneous  <i>Maria Nita</i> - Ecological Rituals in Faith Groups involved in the Climate Movement  <i>Anja Pogacnik</i> - The Sacredness of Apple: Applying Durkheim's Definition of Religion to a 'Secular' Phenomenon of Apple Religiosity</p>	<p><b>Round table: approaches in the study of spiritual exercises</b>  <u>Room: LT2</u></p>	<p><b>Practice in South Asian Religions</b>  <u>Room: G33</u>  <i>Rhea Anthony</i> - The Viṣṇu Purāṇa on Vedic Sacrifice and Its Alternative Spiritual Disciplines in Early India  <i>Sangseraima Ujeed</i> - From the Steppes to the Himalayas: the Religious Journey of Zaya Pandita (1642-1715)</p>
17.40-18.40	<p><b>Keynote address:</b> Professor Rupert Gethin: "Emptiness and unknowing: comparing Buddhist and Christian spiritual practices" (Room: LT1)</p>		
19.00	Optional social event: Pub (The White Bear - 133 St Michael's Hill, BS2 8BS)		

**SATURDAY, 8 MARCH: MORNING**

9.00-9.30	Registration (Humanities Common Room)		
9.30-11.00	<p><b>Modern Christian Practices</b>  Room: <a href="#">Link1</a>  <i>John Friday</i> - Religious Experience as Spiritual Exercise Becoming a Pupil in the School Without Graduates  <i>Dries Bosschaert</i> - Reading your Way to Holiness: The Role of Literature in Charles Moeller's Christian Humanism  <i>Mónika Varga</i> - Reconstruction théorico-conceptuelle des représentations relatives à l'expérimentation du divin en milieu pentecôtiste</p>	<p><b>Undergraduate panel</b>  Room: <a href="#">LT1</a></p>	<p><b>Concepts of South Asian Religions</b>  Room: <a href="#">LT2</a>  <i>Chris Duncan</i> - Gau Mata: A Whale (Cow?) of a Symbol  <i>Harpal Singh Jandu</i> - The Existential Sikh? How the Sikh Tradition Deals with Issues of Authenticity and Finitude  <i>Laura Frude</i> - Cannibals and Demonic Jesus: Food and Yakkhas in Theravada Buddhism</p>
11.00-11.30	Coffee break (Humanities Common Room)		
11.30-13.00	<p><b>From Ancient Greece to Byzantine Empire</b>  Room: <a href="#">Link1</a>  <i>Elizabeth Fitzgerald</i> - The Visceral Gods of Aeschylus  <i>Jennifer Pearce</i> - Islamic influences of the first Byzantine Iconoclasm  <i>Konstantinos Trimmis</i> - Hidden cults in the Medieval Aegean: Spiritual discipline and cave churches in 11th-16th century Aegean societies.</p>	<p><b>Sufi Spiritual Practices in the Contemporary World</b>  Room: <a href="#">LT1</a>  <i>Aziz El Kobaiti Idrissi</i> - Purification of Heart, Mind, and Soul: From a Sufi Perspective  <i>Daniel Křížek</i> - Practice of Zikr in the Tariqa Naqshbandiyya Haqqaniyya  <i>Ute Falasch</i> - Poverty as Spiritual Exercise: Full-Time and Part-Time-faqīrs in the Madāriyya.</p>	<p><b>Mindfulness and Vipassana</b>  Room: <a href="#">LT2</a>  <i>Marek Sullivan</i> - Mindfulness of Life Vs. Mindfulness of Death: Thich Nhat Hanh and Buddhaghosa Compared  <i>Antonio Carvalho</i> - Meditation in Everyday Life - A socio-philosophical exploration of Mindfulness and Vipassana  <i>Sarah Serning</i> - Spiritual Exercises: The practice of Buddhist Psychotherapy</p>
13.00-14.00	Lunch (Humanities Common Room)		

**SATURDAY, 8 MARCH: AFTERNOON**

14.00-15.30	<p><b>Spiritual Exercises in Hesychasm</b>  Room: <a href="#">Link1</a>  <i>Eduard Constantinescu</i> - The Silent Quest of the Divine Encounter in the Hesychastic Tradition  <i>Alexandros Andreou</i> - Scriptural study as source of ascetic practice in the Philokalia  <i>Laura Anellia Soureli</i> - The 'prayer of the heart' in the Philokalia</p>	<p><b>20th Century Theology</b>  Room: <a href="#">LT1</a>  <i>Neil Hinnem</i> - Dietrich Bonhoeffer's encounter with Roman Catholicism as theology through biography.  <i>Luke Martin</i> - Karl Rahner and the Pre-apprehension of Being  <i>Emma Jane Harris</i> - Exercising the Feminine: The Merits and Limitations of a Gendered Epistemology in Theological Method</p>	<p><b>Practice in Buddhism</b>  Room: <a href="#">LT2</a>  <i>Joanna Gruszewska</i> - Contemplating the impermanence of the body in early Buddhism as a spiritual exercise  <i>Bethany Lowe</i> - Sonic exercises in Buddhist spirituality: 'In the heard, only the heard'  <i>Katarzyna Sikora</i> - Dance (Tsam) and mask (Buddhist) as a spiritual exercises</p>
15.30-16.00	Coffee break (Humanities Common Room)		
16.00-17.30	<p><b>Classics of Western Spirituality</b>  Room: <a href="#">Link1</a>  <i>John Arblaster</i> - "You cannot see my face, for no one shall see me and live."  Richard of Saint-Victor and John of Ruusbroec on Seeing God and Spiritual Death as the Ultimate Goal of Christian Life  <i>Edward Sutcliffe</i> - In the Footsteps of Abraham: Early Responses to the Asceticism of Saint Francis  <i>Luke Steven</i> - Augustine in the Garden of Eden ("Confessions" 8, 7.16-12.30)</p>	<p><b>Theology and Mysticism</b>  Room: <a href="#">LT1</a>  <i>Barry K Morris</i> - Why and How Christian Realism and some of the New Monastic Disciplines Are Needed for Urban Ministries  <i>Hugh Burling</i> - Evaluating the Practical Argument for Engaging in Mystical Practices</p>	<p><b>Buddhist Soteriology</b>  Room: <a href="#">LT2</a>  <i>Kate Edwards</i> - Balance and Form: The Stories of the Bamboo Acrobats and Literary Stylistics in Early Buddhist Scripture  <i>Henry John Hadwin Albery</i> - 'Skill in Means' (upāya-kauśalya) and an anomalous usage of the optative in the stories of the Saddharmapuṇḍarīka-sūtra  <i>Sooil Kim</i> - A Soteriological Inquiry: On karma and kliṣṭamanas in Yogācāra Buddhism</p>
17.40-18.10	<b>Closing session</b> (Room: LT1)		
	Optional social event: Dinner (Chin! Chin! - 155 St Michael's Hill, BS2 8DB)		