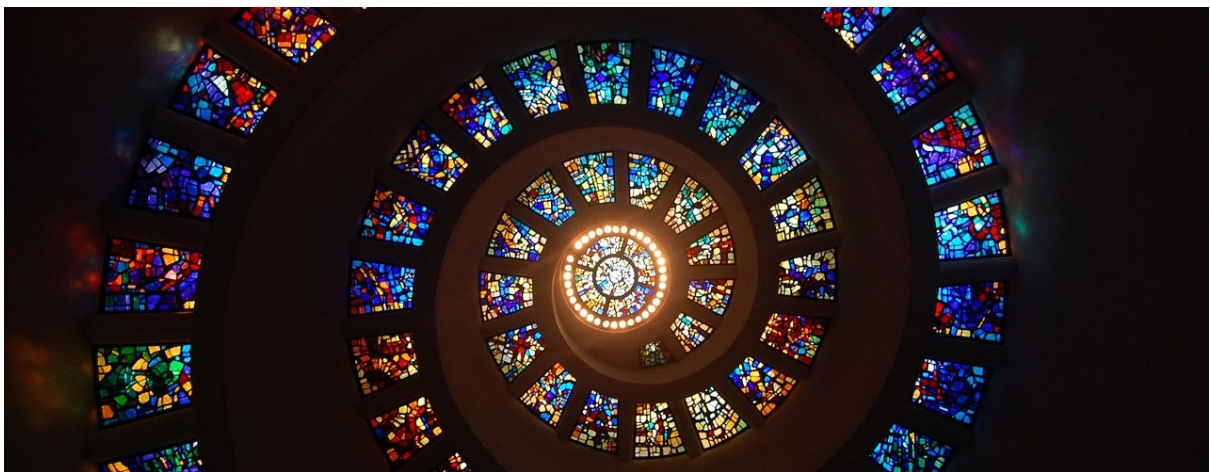




# Science and Religion Forum 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference

## Revisiting and Reimagining the Relationships between Science and Religion



### Early Conference Information

**\*Please note timings and speakers are subject to change dependent on submissions received etc.**

**28<sup>th</sup> May – 31<sup>st</sup> May 2025  
Halifax Hall, Sheffield**



# SRF 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: Hybrid Conference 2025

## Call for Papers (closes 28<sup>th</sup> February)

Submissions are invited for traditional papers, round table discussions, or interactive workshops related to the conference theme. Works-in-Progress may be submitted for paper and round table sessions. Paper sessions are 30mins, round tables & workshops are 45mins. Timings include any Q&A [please note final timings may be adjusted slightly to ensure a good flow to the conference - speakers will be notified in good time if this occurs].

Students and ECRs may also apply for/be invited to present a "new voices" paper. These are lightning 10minute presentations + 10mins Q&A designed to share an aspect of research, or prompt a discussion. It is expected that "new voices" papers will be works-in-progress.

All Submissions MUST engage with the intersection of science and religion. This engagement may include natural or social sciences. Ethnographic/sociological studies that address scientists' engagement with faith or how people of faith engage with science also fall within the remit of this call.

We invite submissions which engage with any issue at the intersection of science and (any) religion. Whilst continuing to value the Christian origins of the Forum, we particularly welcome papers that engage with science and religion from Eastern Orthodox, and non-Christian perspectives which are historically under-represented at our conferences. We encourage speakers to engage directly with the theme "revisiting and reimagining" the relationship. This may include approaches that engage critically with the (continued?) relevance of established/historic positions; addressing underrepresented voices in the sector (including issues related to colonisation, gender, and/or indigenous religions/science); questions of inter/multi disciplinary research, science-and-religion education, and those that look forward to the upcoming opportunities and challenges science-and-religion.

This will be a hybrid conference and we welcome submissions for online delivery to support accessibility of the conference. We will aim to balance online and on site presentations to ensure a mix across the full conference.

## Stay in touch ahead of the conference:

LinkedIn: <https://lnkd.in/euznvmE9>

X/Twitter: [https://twitter.com/SciRelForum\\_SRF](https://twitter.com/SciRelForum_SRF)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/411289328147318>



## The Peacocke Essay Prize

In memory of its founding President and former Chairman, the Revd Dr Arthur Peacocke, the Science and Religion Forum offers an annual essay prize. The student essay can address any issue at the intersection of science and religion and does not need to relate to the conference theme, although students are welcome to address the conference theme should they wish. In 2025 the conference theme is Revisiting and Reimagining the Relationships between Science and Religion.

**The 2025 Peacocke Prize is open from 1st November to 16<sup>th</sup> March. Entrants must be registered as students (in school or university) at the time of submission OR have been registered in the 6 months prior to the closing date.**

- i.e. PhD students who have had their viva no earlier than 1<sup>st</sup> October 2024 can submit for the 2025 prize.

### The Peacocke Prize Winner

The Peacocke Prize is usually run annually with the prize judged by a review panel. The Prize includes:

- A cash award of £250
- Free membership of the Forum for one year.
- UK travel and accommodation costs to the Forum's annual conference to present their winning essay in full (subject to panel decision).
- Publication of the essay as part of the conference "Special Section" in Zygon (subject to essay quality and continuing collaboration with Zygon or another journal or appropriate standing).

### Highly Commended Essays

Subject to the decision of the panel a number of further essays may be commended. Commended essays will receive:

- (Unfunded) Opportunity to present their work in the "New Voices" section of the annual conference.
- Opportunity for the essay to be published in the Forum's journal Reviews in Science and Religion (subject to panel decision).

### How to Enter

- Essay entries can either be written or a recorded presentation.
  - VI Form/Post-16 entries should be 1,500-3,000 words (or a 15-30min recorded presentation)
  - Undergraduate and postgraduate entries should be 3,000-5,000 words (or 30-50min recorded presentation)
  - All entries should include an abstract of 150-200 words (this is excluded from the word count)
  - All entries should include full references/bibliography (there is no preferred referencing style). References are excluded from the word count.
- The prize is open to students broadly defined as anybody in full or part-time education (over 16).

For full details and FAQ visit the dedicated pages on the website: <https://www.srforum.org/peacocke-prize>



## Schedule Pre Conference Activity & Gowland Lecture Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> May

	Dining Room	The Library	Ennis Room
<b>15:30 – 16:00</b>			<i>Science &amp; Religion in Education Networking</i>
<b>16:00 – 16:30</b>			<i>Early Career Networking</i>
<b>17:00 – 18:00</b>		<b>REGISTRATION for conference attendees</b>	
<b>18:30 – 19:00</b>		Gowland Reception	
<b>19:00 – 21:00</b>	<b>Gowland Lecture</b>		

## Schedule Day 1 Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May

	Dining Room	The Library	Ennis Room
	Halifax Hall residents Breakfast (served 7:00 – 10:00)	<b>REGISTRATION for conference attendees</b>	
<b>8:30 – 9:00</b>	<b>Arrival Tea &amp; Coffee</b>		
<b>9:00 – 9:10</b>	Opening Remarks		
<b>9:15 – 10:00</b>	Short/New Voices Papers		
<b>10:10 – 10:30</b>			
<b>10:30 – 11:00</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>	<i>Science &amp; Religion in Ministry/Pastoral Theology</i>	<i>Early Career Networking</i>
<b>11:00 – 12:15</b>	KEYNOTE 1		
<b>12:15 – 13:15</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>		
<b>13:15 – 13:35</b>	New voices papers		
<b>13:50 – 15:05</b>	KEYNOTE 2		
<b>15:05 – 15:30</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>		
<b>15:30 – 16:15</b>	Short Papers		
<b>16:25 – 17:10</b>			
<b>17:20 – 18:20</b>	<b>Peacocke Prize Awards</b> Including Sixth Form Commended Entries 2024 & 2025 Presentation & Q&A:		
<b>18:20 – 18:30</b>	Plenary		
<b>19:00 – 21:00</b>	<b>DINNER</b>		



## Schedule Day 2 Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May

	Dining Room	The Library	Ennis Room
	Halifax Hall residents Breakfast (served 7:00 – 10:00)	<b>REGISTRATION</b>	
<b>8:45 – 9:15</b>	<b>Arrival Tea &amp; Coffee</b>		
<b>9:00 – 9:30</b>	<i>Science &amp; Religion in Ministry/Pastoral Theology</i>	<i>Science &amp; Religion in Education Networking</i>	<i>Early Career Networking</i>
<b>9:30 – 10:45</b>	KEYNOTE 3		
<b>10:45 – 11:15</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>		
<b>11:15 – 12:00</b>	<b>PEACOCKE STUDENT ESSAY PRIZE</b>		
<b>12:10 – 12:30</b>	New Voices papers		
<b>12:30 – 13:30</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>		
<b>13:30 – 14:15</b>	Short Papers		
<b>14:25 – 15:10</b>			
<b>15:10 – 15:30</b>	<b>BREAK</b>		
<b>15:30 – 16:45</b>	Keynote 4		
<b>16:45 – 16:55</b>	Plenary		
<b>17:00 – 17:30</b>			<i>Forum Town Hall, find out about the working groups &amp; wider opportunities – open session</i>
<b>19:30 – 22:00</b>	<b>FORMAL CONFERENCE DINNER &amp; After Dinner Speaker (drinks from 19:00)</b>		

## Schedule Day 3 Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> May

	Dining Room	The Library	Ennis Room
	Halifax Hall residents Breakfast (served 7:30 – 10:30)	<b>REGISTRATION</b>	
<b>8:45 – 9:15</b>	<b>Arrival Tea &amp; Coffee</b>		
<b>9:15 – 10:30</b>	Forum AGM		
<b>10:30 – 11:00</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>		
<b>11:00 – 11:45</b>	Short Papers		
<b>11:55 – 12:40</b>			
<b>12:40 – 13:30</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>		
<b>13:30 – 14:45</b>	Keynote 5		
<b>14:45 – 15:00</b>	Conference Plenary		



## About SRF

The Science and Religion Forum (SRF) had its inception in a series of discussions involving scientists, theologians and clergy which took place in Oxford in the early 1970s. The key figure in the early discussions was Arthur Peacocke who was to become the Forum's first Chairman, and later a Vice President and then President.

Today, SRF exists to promote discussion between scientific understanding and religious thought on issues at the interface of science and religion, and membership is open to people of any religion or none.

## History of the Forum

In 1972, informal consultations began in Oxford between a group of scientists, theologians, and clergy who were concerned to relate their scientific knowledge and methods of study to their religious faith and practice. This group, gradually increasing in size, met annually.

It was decided at a meeting in Durham, in 1975, to inaugurate the SCIENCE AND RELIGION FORUM to enable further discussion of the complex issues that arise at the interaction between scientific understanding and religious thought. Such issues need close attention and continuing re-assessment. Together with the social and ethical decisions demanded by scientific and technological advances, these issues have formed the subject of the Forum's meetings since that date.

The Forum received charitable status in 1994. In 2005 the Science and Religion Forum merged with the Christ and the Cosmos Initiative. (The latter had been founded by the Revd Bill Gowland, a past President of the Methodist Conference, with the intention of bringing the latest knowledge of scientific thinking within the orbit of the enquiring layperson.

## Membership

Science and Religion Forum a UK charity and membership organisation that is dedicated to promoting the discussion between scientific understanding and religious thought on issues at the interface of science, religion, and society. We are open to members of all faiths and none, and our conferences and student essay prize are open to all.

We have been working hard to diversify and broaden our membership, so that it is more reflective of those engaging with questions of science (including social sciences) and all religions. We have competitive membership rates. If you are interested in becoming a member of the follow the link below. Or to be added to our mailing list email [srforum.membership@gmail.com](mailto:srforum.membership@gmail.com).

### Membership benefits include (for full details see the website):

- The receipt of two editions of Reviews per year
- Member-only early access to recordings of talks at SRF conferences.
- Reduced rates for all SRF events, and opportunities for Early Bird discounts on the biennial hybrid conference.
- Student members receive free access to online events.
- Access to versions of conference papers published in external journals such as *Zygon*.
- Notification of the Forum's activities, details of relevant third party events and advance information concerning SRF conferences.

JOIN/ RENEW NOW



**Membership Costs for 2024** (membership runs for 365 days from purchase)

**Student Membership 1 year £20**

**Full Membership 1 year £40**

**Joint Full Membership (2 people same address) 1 year £60**

**Supporter Membership 1 year £100**

