Christian Ethics Research Seminar
Michaelmas Term 2026

All seminars will be held **4-5.30pm** and take place at the South West Canonry, **Christ Church** unless otherwise notified. There will be drinks in the Buttery Bar after each seminar, do come along to that as well.

It is expected that all Christian Ethics graduate students, postdocs, and research fellows who are resident in or near Oxford will attend the seminars unless there is a good reason to be absent, in which case apologies should, please, be sent a week in advance.

Thursday 15th October (Week 1)

Norman Wirzba
Climate Change: Some Challenges to Moral Philosophy and Theology

Norman Wirzba is Gilbert T Rowe Distinguished Professor of Christian Theology and Senior Fellow at the Kenan Institute of Ethics at Duke University. Earlier he taught at Saint Thomas More College/University of Saskatchewan, and Georgetown College. His research and teaching interests are in the intersections of theology, philosophy, ecology, and agrarian and environmental studies. Key publications include *Love's Braided Dance: Hope in a Time of Crisis* (2024), *This Sacred Life: Humanity's Place in a Wounded World* (2021), *Food and Faith: A Theology of Eating* (2011), and *The Paradise of God: Renewing Religion in an Ecological Age* (2003).

Thursday 29th October (Week 3)

Oliver Duerr
Anthropological Entanglements, Or: Why AI Ethics is Decided on its Premises

Oliver Dürr is Director of the Centre for Faith and Culture at the University of Fribourg and a postdoctoral researcher in Digital Religions at the University of Zurich. At Fribourg he leads the research project 'Contesting Computer Anthropologies: A Theology of Technology and Anthropology for the Digital Age'. Alongside articles and book chapters in German and English, he is the author of the monographs *Transhumanismus. Traum oder Alptraum?* (2023), *Homo Novus: Vollendlichkeit im Zeitalter des Transhumanismus. Beiträge zu einer Techniktheologie* (2021), and *Auferstehung des Fleisches. Umrisse einer leibhaftigen Anthropologie* (2020).

Monday 16th November (Week 6)

Luke Bretherton

Inaugural lecture

The Struggle to be Human:
Christian Humanism and the Future of our Common Life

5-6pm, Schwarzmann Centre, followed by a reception

Registration and further details here:
https://www.theology.ox.ac.uk/event/inaugural-lecture-professor-luke-bretherton

Thursday 26th November (Week 7)

Susannah Cornwall
Structural Sin and the Death of Institutions

Susannah Cornwall is Professor of Constructive Theologies at the University of Exeter, and the current President of the UK's Society for the Study of Theology. Prior to joining the Department at Exeter in 2013, she undertook postdoctoral research at Lincoln Theological Institute at the University of Manchester. Her research focuses on Christian constructive theologies, with particular interests in contextual theologies relating to sex, gender, and sexuality, as well as critical disability studies, homelessness, contextual Bible study, postcolonial and decolonial theologies, and theologies of art. Among many publications, key texts include *Structural Sin and the Death of Institutions* (2026), *Constructive Theology and Gender Variance: Transformative Creatures* (2022), and *Un/familiar Theology: Reconceiving Sex, Reproduction and Generativity* (2017).

Thursday December 3rd (Week 8)

Carmody Grey
Magnifica Humanitas and Laudato Si' - A way into AI and integral ecology

Carmody Grey is Special Professor of Integral Ecology at Radboud University, and a Visiting Professor at the London School of Economics. She was formerly Assistant Professor of Catholic Theology at Durham University, where she remains an Honorary Fellow, and has held appointments at the University of Bern and at Oxford's Campion Hall. Her research interests span philosophical theology and theological ethics, and her monograph *Theology, Science, and Life* was published in 2023. She is in high demand as a speaker and commentator across a range of print and broadcast media, including appearances on the BBC's *Moral Maze* and a recent essay in the *Financial Times* on AI.