



Royal Institute of Philosophy Public Lectures 'Knowledge, Wisdom and the University'

St Mary's University College Philosophy Department

Series Abstract

Universities in Britain and elsewhere are facing an uncertain future. Significant cuts in public funding have already led to a number of (philosophy) departments facing closure. In this context the idea of a university is rarely mentioned, let alone the place of philosophy in universities. Our series invites speakers from a range of disciplines to address this oversight and reflect on concepts of knowledge and wisdom, and their place in modern universities.

Programme

21st September 2011

Mr Peter Worley (The Philosophy Shop)

What can university philosophy learn from primary philosophy?

5th October 2011

Prof Murray Shanahan (Imperial College, London)

Animal minds and robot minds

23rd November 2011

Dr Phil Hutchinson (Manchester Metropolitan University)

What has philosophy ever done for us?

1st February 2012

Prof Luciano Floridi

(University of Hertfordshire/University of Oxford)

What is a philosophical question?

29th February 2012

Prof Beverley Clack (Oxford Brookes University)

Loss and the struggle for meaning

18th April 2012

Dr Cecile Hatier (University of Wolverhampton)

The morality of university decision-makers

Registration

All lectures are free, open to the public without registration and suitable for a non-specialised audience. Lectures start at 5.15pm and last for 50 minutes, with 40 minutes for questions. This is then followed by a wine reception.

Venue

Senior Common Room, St Mary's University College, Waldegrave Road, Strawberry Hill, Twickenham, TW1 4SX, UK
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