



2018

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This free series of lectures aims to promote a conversation between theology and public issues and to contribute to the creation of personal and collective decision making in economic, political and social spheres. Speakers range from leaders in their fields to those with an important story to tell. The lectures provide people with an opportunity to engage with current issues such as politics, economics, contemporary culture, religion, spirituality, and globalisation. The Ebor lectures also offer a space for dialogue between theology and a range of communities such as educational institutions, public interest groups, religious groups and anyone with an interest in contemporary issues within society.

The Ebor Lectures is a project jointly organised by York Minster, York St John University, The Order of Carmelites, The Yorkshire North and East District of the Methodist Church and The C. & J. B. Morrell Trust.

PEACE AND RECONCILIATION

The year 2018 marks the centenary of the ending of World War I. Communities and individuals across the world will be involved in commemorating and remembering those who fought, survived or died in this war. As part of this commemoration our 2018 series of the Ebor lectures, 'Peace and Reconciliation' offers a range of speakers who will talk about various themes, issues and examples, both past and present, concerned with building peace and promoting reconciliation in a variety of contexts. It is hoped that this series will provide further understanding of how the healing of communities and progress along the peace-building road can be achieved.

**AS MAHATMA GANDHI SAID IN HIS TEACHING ON PEACE:
'YOU MUST BE THE CHANGE YOU WISH TO SEE IN THE WORLD!'**

WEDNESDAY

7 MARCH 2018 | PROFESSOR TARIQ MODOOD



INTERCULTURAL RECONCILIATION AND PUBLIC INTELLECTUAL ENGAGEMENT



7.00pm | Temple Hall, York St John University



Professor Tariq Modood (MBE) considers how intellectuals can contribute to improving cross-cultural understanding and creating an inclusive public culture. He will also reflect on his engagement with some of the challenges which the presence of Muslims as British citizens creates for British public culture and the national citizenship.

The founding Director of the Bristol University Research Centre for the Study of Ethnicity and Citizenship, a Fellow of the British Academy, Professor Modood is a prolific author and served on the Commission on Religion and Belief in British Public Life.

WEDNESDAY

11 APRIL 2018 | COLIN CRAIG



THE CHALLENGE OF LEARNING NEW HABITS SO WE CAN LIVE WELL TOGETHER



7.00pm | York Minster



Colin Craig has recently stepped down as Executive Director at Corrymeela, an organisation working alongside fractured communities and groups in Northern Ireland. Having been involved with the organisation since the 1970s, Colin continues to support their work.

Through this lecture, Colin will explore the challenges faced in Northern Ireland, living with a compromise where, in the end, no-one claims to have won, but so many actually carry a sense that somehow they lost. How do we achieve a collective commitment to a future that is by its nature uncertain and, at the same time, learn to let go of the certainty that our historical sectarian narratives continue to trap us in?

WEDNESDAY

9 MAY 2018 | MARINA CANTACUZINO



"WHERE LOVE AND JUSTICE FINALLY MEET". THE PLACE OF FORGIVENESS IN MENDING BROKEN RELATIONSHIPS



7.00pm | Temple Hall, York St John University



Amid a global rush towards hate, division and insularity, Marina Cantacuzino, founder of The Forgiveness Project, will examine how forgiveness and humanising narratives can help break cycles of violence, transform relationships and restore hope.

Marina is a journalist who founded the forgiveness project in 2004. The project was set up to tell the real stories of people whose response to being harmed was not a call for revenge but rather a quest for restoration and healing.

TUESDAY

5 JUNE 2018 | MICHAEL MORPURGO



THE MOZART QUESTION



7.30pm | York Minster



Michael Morpurgo returns to York Festival of Ideas to give a moving performance of his book, *The Mozart Question*, set against the background of the Holocaust. Joined by actress Alison Reid, violinist Daniel Piore and The Storytellers Ensemble, together they will interweave words and music to tell this haunting tale of survival against the odds. Tickets will be available from April 2018 at yorkfestivalofideas.com

Michael Morpurgo, OBE, is an English book author, poet, playwright, and librettist. He became the third British Children's Laureate from 2003 to 2005.

WEDNESDAY

11 JULY 2018 | LORD BHIKHU PAREKH



SECULARISM AND NEUTRALITY OF POLITICAL SPACE



7.00pm | Temple Hall, York St John University



In this lecture Lord Bhikhu Parekh will argue that conflicts in a multi-religious society can only be avoided by creating a procedurally secular and religiously sensitive state. He warns that procedural secularity should not be turned into a full blooded substantive ideology that poses a threat to all religions and becomes a new source of disorder.

Lord Parekh is a political theorist and Labour member of the House of Lords.

WEDNESDAY

3 OCTOBER 2018 | JULIE NICHOLSON



CROSSING PLACES



7.00pm | York Minster



Julie Nicholson's lecture will draw on personal narrative and experience in exploring the choices people make about how to live and thrive in the shadow of death and trauma, including the complex area of forgiveness.

Julie is a writer and an ordained priest in the Anglican Church. Following the sudden death of her eldest daughter in the London bombings on the 7th July 2005, Julie resigned her post as a parish priest to attend to the demands of bereavement and family support in what was a high-profile terrorist attack.

TICKETS

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