

International conference on religion to be held in Birmingham

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Academics from around the world will converge in the University of Birmingham, between 14 and 16 June 2009, for an international conference on the concept of God and the cognitive science of religion.

They will examine cutting-edge research in cognitive science, evolutionary anthropology, and developmental psychology from philosophical and theological points of view.

According to the Anselmian perfect-being theology, God has many distinctive attributes. Over the last hundreds of years, philosophers have tried to understand the existence and nature of God by analysing His individual attributes.

Anthropologists, psychologists, and cognitive scientists have published numerous findings that have significant implications for the challenges to Anselmian perfect-being theology.

The international conference will advance the traditional theological and philosophical debate by studying the most recent research in these areas. It will take place at the University of Birmingham's Arts Building.

Speakers at the conference will include leading experts from Australia, the United States, Canada, Israel and the UK.

The event is being organised by the School Of Philosophy, Theology and Religion, University Of Birmingham. It is sponsored by the Cognition, Religion and Theology Project at the University of Oxford and funded by the John Templeton Foundation.

Further details can be found here: <http://www.philosophy.bham.ac.uk/events/cogsci.shtml> (<http://www.philosophy.bham.ac.uk/events/cogsci.shtml>)

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