

## Research in Philosophy

We have an active, lively research community which is strongly committed to delivering the highest quality of philosophical research and which also ensures that postgraduates are well integrated into our research culture.

The department combines research excellence in all core areas of philosophy with distinction in number of specialty areas. Furthermore, our research profile features strength in many interdisciplinary areas. Our department also hosts the [Centre for the Study of Global Ethics \(/research/activity/globalethics/index.aspx\)](/research/activity/globalethics/index.aspx) and the [John Hick Centre for Philosophy of Religion \(/research/activity/philosophyofreligion/index.aspx\)](/research/activity/philosophyofreligion/index.aspx).

In addition, we have created the following research clusters, bringing together the expertise of a number of staff from across the university and offering our postgraduates a supportive and well-connected environment in which to study:

### Research groups

- [Epistemology and philosophy of mind research cluster \(/schools/ptr/departments/philosophy/research/epistemology.aspx\)](/schools/ptr/departments/philosophy/research/epistemology.aspx)
- [Ethics and philosophy of religion research cluster \(/schools/ptr/departments/philosophy/research/ethics.aspx\)](/schools/ptr/departments/philosophy/research/ethics.aspx)
- [Metaphysics research cluster \(/schools/ptr/departments/philosophy/research/metaphysics-cluster.aspx\)](/schools/ptr/departments/philosophy/research/metaphysics-cluster.aspx)
- [Philosophy of language and philosophy of mathematics research cluster \(/schools/ptr/departments/philosophy/research/language.aspx\)](/schools/ptr/departments/philosophy/research/language.aspx)

### Some of our projects

- [The probability of time travel \(/schools/ptr/departments/philosophy/research/projects/time-travel.aspx\)](/schools/ptr/departments/philosophy/research/projects/time-travel.aspx)
- [PERFECT \(Pragmatic and Epistemic Role of Factually Erroneous Cognitions and Thoughts\) \(/schools/ptr/departments/philosophy/research/projects/perfect.aspx\)](/schools/ptr/departments/philosophy/research/projects/perfect.aspx)
- [Interpersonal narratives and mental health \(http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/research/activity/ias/workshops/2013/interpersonal-narratives-and-mental-health.aspx\)](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/research/activity/ias/workshops/2013/interpersonal-narratives-and-mental-health.aspx)
- [The epistemic innocence of imperfect cognitions \(/schools/ptr/departments/philosophy/research/projects/epistemic.aspx\)](/schools/ptr/departments/philosophy/research/projects/epistemic.aspx)
- [Shaping the ethics and governance of UK Biobank and genetic research practices \(/schools/ptr/departments/philosophy/research/projects/biobanks.aspx\)](/schools/ptr/departments/philosophy/research/projects/biobanks.aspx)
- [Midlands metaphysics of science association \(http://www.mimosa.org.uk/index.html\)](http://www.mimosa.org.uk/index.html)
- [Logic and unconscious mentation \(/schools/ptr/departments/philosophy/research/projects/logic-unconscious-mentation.aspx\)](/schools/ptr/departments/philosophy/research/projects/logic-unconscious-mentation.aspx)
- [Rationality and sanity: implications of a diagnosis of mental illness for autonomy as self governance \(/schools/ptr/departments/philosophy/research/projects/rationality-sanity.aspx\)](/schools/ptr/departments/philosophy/research/projects/rationality-sanity.aspx)
- [Psychiatric kinds \(/schools/ptr/departments/philosophy/research/projects/psychiatric-kinds.aspx\)](/schools/ptr/departments/philosophy/research/projects/psychiatric-kinds.aspx)
- [Toward a nonphysicalist monist solution to the mystery of consciousness \(/schools/ptr/departments/philosophy/research/projects/nonphysicalist-monist.aspx\)](/schools/ptr/departments/philosophy/research/projects/nonphysicalist-monist.aspx)
- [Exploring alternative concepts of God \(/schools/ptr/departments/philosophy/research/projects/alternative-concepts.aspx\)](/schools/ptr/departments/philosophy/research/projects/alternative-concepts.aspx)