

John Hick Conference

Religious Pluralism and the Modern World: An Ongoing Philosophical Engagement with John Hick

A two-day international Symposium in honour of Emeritus Professor John Hick was held at the University of Birmingham from March 10th - 11th, 2011. The Symposium was well attended with over 100 delegates present, some of whom came from Canada, New Zealand, Germany, and different parts of the United Kingdom. The conference was a huge success and the feedback from conference speakers and attendees was very positive.

The Symposium brought together renowned scholars of international standing and emerging scholars from the United Kingdom, as well as from various parts of the world, such as China, Europe and the USA. The nineteen thought-provoking papers led to a stimulating discussion and raised pertinent questions on various issues ranging from theology and philosophy of religious pluralism to interreligious dialogue and race relations. The highlight of the occasion was the question-answer session with John Hick, which sparked off a lively discussion on the subject of religious pluralism and related themes. The Symposium concluded with a Reception in honour of John Hick, at which Professor Michael Whitby, Pro-Vice Chancellor of the College of Arts and Law, gave a welcome speech, followed by messages of appreciation. The papers presented at the Symposium will be published as a volume of essays in honour of Professor John Hick (ed. Sharada Sugirtharajah) by Palgrave Macmillan.

The Symposium was made possible by grants from the University of Birmingham (the School and North American Fund), the Spalding Trust and the Mind Association, and we are grateful to all of them for their support.

Podcast

- [Listen to the question and answer session with John \(mp3\) \(/Audio/college-arts-law/ptr/johnhickconference.mp3\)](#)

Appreciation videos

Various conference speakers, former colleagues and students of John share their experiences of his life and work. There are nine videos in total (click to view)

- [Professor Julius Lipner \(University of Cambridge\) \(/schools/ptr/departments/theologyandreligion/news/2011/johnhick/julius-lipner.aspx\)](#)
- [Professor Chester Gillis \(Georgetown University\) \(/schools/ptr/departments/theologyandreligion/news/2011/johnhick/chester-gillis.aspx\)](#)
- [Professor Ursula King \(University of Bristol\) \(/schools/ptr/departments/theologyandreligion/news/2011/johnhick/ursula-king.aspx\)](#)
- [Professor Paul Knitter \(Union Theological Seminary\) \(/schools/ptr/departments/theologyandreligion/news/2011/johnhick/paul-knitter.aspx\)](#)
- [Dr Timothy Musgrove \(TextDigger Inc. California\) \(/schools/ptr/departments/theologyandreligion/news/2011/johnhick/timothy-musgrove.aspx\)](#)
- [Professor Perry Schmidt-Leukel \(University of Münster\) \(/schools/ptr/departments/theologyandreligion/news/2011/johnhick/schmidt-leukel.aspx\)](#)
- [Professor Gavin D'Costa \(University of Bristol\) \(/schools/ptr/departments/theologyandreligion/news/2011/johnhick/gavin-dcosta.aspx\)](#)
- [Dr. Anastasia Scrutton \(Durham University\) \(/schools/ptr/departments/theologyandreligion/news/2011/johnhick/anastasia-scrutton.aspx\)](#)
- [Professor Stephen T. Davis \(Claremont McKenna College\) \(/schools/ptr/departments/theologyandreligion/news/2011/johnhick/stephen-davies.aspx\)](#)