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Public Engagement

Professor Francis Davis [discussed](#) religious literacy, or lack thereof, in government agencies on BBC Radio 4 on 17 March 2017.

Dr Andrew Davies, Director of The Edward Cadbury Centre for the Public Understanding of Religion, took eminent theologian Professor Candida Moss on [a road trip](#) to Cadbury World, and learned more about martyrdom on the way.

Philosophy, Theology and Religion students [met](#) [Westminster politicians](#) and other high-profile speakers on a trip organized by **Professor Francis Davis**.

Honorary Fellow Dr Iqtidar Cheema [spoke](#) at the 34th session of the United Nations Human Rights Council (27 February to 24 March 2017) in Geneva, Switzerland.

Cadbury academics **Andrew Davies, Francis Davis, Jocelyne Cesari** and their colleague Katherine Brown [spoke](#) at the world-famous Berkley Centre for Religion, Peace and World Affairs at Georgetown University, Washington, DC. at the end of February.

Honorary Fellow **Michael Wear** [spoke](#) alongside Ross Douthat of The New York Times at an event responding to Rod Dreher, author of The New York Times' bestseller, The Benedict Option.

Professor Francis Davis is looking to supervise PhD students in faith-based social action and innovation, especially those interested in (i) empowering those with disabilities and (ii) in socially excluded urban settings.

Read our summary of [Michael Wear's lecture](#) at the



[Dr Andrew Davies](#) discusses martyrdom with Professor Candida Moss on a trip to Cadbury World in March 2017.



[Dr Andrew Davies](#) and [Professor Francis Davis](#) (to the right) with students in London.

Publications

Honorary Fellow **Dr Sarah Dunlop** has published an article in the *Journal of Practical Theology*, called '[Is "Being There" Enough? Explorations of Incarnational Missiology with Chaplains](#)'. In the article, Sarah Dunlop explores the presence of the religious in the public sphere.

Honorary Fellow **Dr Rebecca Catto** has published an article in [Muslim Identity in a Turbulent Age: Islamic Extremism and Western Islamophobia](#) (Jessica Kingsley Publishers 2017) called 'Europe and the Amman Message: Overview, Challenges and Potentials'.

Dr Catto has also published an article in [Materiality and the Study of Religion: The Stuff of the Sacred](#) (Routledge 2016) called 'The significance of sacred secular space in the formation of British atheist identities'.

Three members of the Department of African Studies and Anthropology edited the book '[Beyond religious tolerance: Muslim, Christian and Traditionalist encounters in an African Town](#)'. It is about everyday religious encounters in Nigeria.

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[Jocelyne Cesari](#), [Andrew Davies](#), [Francis Davis](#) and [Katherine Brown](#) talking at the Berkley Centre for Religion, Peace and World Affairs at Georgetown University, Washington, DC.



[Michael Wear](#) speaking alongside Ross Douthat and Rod Dreher in March 2017.



Honorary Fellows [Dr Sarah Dunlop](#) and [Dr Rebecca Catto](#)

Upcoming events

United for Peace - Unity through Poetry

The Oxford Foundation, in partnership with the Cadbury Centre, will host a poetry evening on 10 May 2017. We are looking for participants (academic staff and students) from different faith traditions, or none, who will read, chant, or sing poetry that will speak across cultures affirming the values of peace, love, wisdom, unity, and harmony. They will be joined by actors from the [Royal Shakespeare Company](#) who will recite selected Shakespeare sonnets. Please visit the [Eventbrite online page](#) to register for this event.

Charlotte Hempel's Inaugural Lecture



[Charlotte Hempel](#), Professor of Hebrew Bible and Second Temple Judaism, University of Birmingham

The Cadbury Centre proudly supports Charlotte Hempel's [inaugural lecture](#) on May 10, 2017.

Guest Lecture by Merete Bilde

Merete Bilde, policy advisor at the European External Action Service (EEAS) of the European Union in Brussels will give a guest lecture on religion and foreign policy on May 16, 2017. Please visit the [Eventbrite online page](#) to register for this free event.



Merete Bilde, [talking about her work](#) at EEAS (July 26, 2015). (c) Source / Societal Security Network.

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