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### News

#### Public engagement

**Professor Francis Davis** advised Theos, a Christian think tank, on faith-based social innovation. A pamphlet was published as a result and can be read [here](#). Professor Davis also [visited the town of Reading](#) to talk about social innovation and inclusion at a time of change. At a conference at the University of Leuven (May 19, 2017) he spoke about [religion as a source of economic and civic capital](#) that should be taken seriously by policy makers.

**Professor Jocelyne Cesari** [commented](#) on a speech by US President Donald Trump in Voice of America and [spoke](#) about the rise of Islamophobia in the United States.

[Watch](#) Honorary Fellow and eminent theologian **Professor Candida Moss** comment on recent moves in the Catholic Church to be more inclusive on CBS News on 24 May 2017.

[Watch](#) **Professor Francis Davis** talk about disability rights in the UK on Al Jazeera on 22 May 2017.

[Read](#) our summary of **Merete Bilde's** talk on religion and foreign politics in the European Union, given on 16 May 2017 at the University of Birmingham.

[Read](#) our summary of the event **United for Peace - Unity through Poetry**, an evening of poetry that celebrated the common values of love, peace and understanding on 10 May 2017.

[Watch](#) **Professor Charlotte Hempel** giving her inaugural lecture on 10 May 2017 at the University of Birmingham.

**Honorary Fellow Dr Tanya Riches** and Kabi Kabi/Gureng Gureng/Torres Strait Islander woman Larissa Minnieconn [presented a future vision of the Australian church](#) to Christian Media & Arts Australia on 17 May 2017 that addresses the lack of representation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Christians.



[Professor Francis Davis](#) talks about UK disability rights on Al Jazeera



Honorary Fellow [Professor Candida Moss](#) talks about issues in the Catholic Church on CBS News



Honorary Fellow [Imam Monawar Hussain](#) addresses the audience at the event United for Peace - Unity through Poetry

## Blog posts

**Dr Jagbir Jhutti-Johal**, Senior Lecturer in Sikh Studies at the University of Birmingham, writes about [the origins of Sikhism on the Cadbury Centre blog](#). This is the first in a series of four blog posts ending on 3 June 2017.

**Honorary Fellow Dr Heather Buckingham** [wrote](#) a blog post on the upcoming UK general elections. In it she suggests that love, and not fear, can guide our decision making, and that we can make decisions based on a Christian concept of love not only on election day, but also in our workplaces, homes and communities.

**Professor Jocelyne Cesary** [wrote](#) a blog post on why the French fear Islam. It is based on a talk that she gave at the Center for Middle Eastern Studies at Harvard University on May 8, 2017.

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Merete Bilde and [Dr Andrew Davis](#) listen to questions from the audience



Honorary Fellow [Dr Tanya Riches](#) and Kabi Kabi/Gureng Gureng/Torres Strait Islanderwoman Larissa Minnieconn

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## Upcoming events

### Elizabeth Harris gives introductory keynote speech at Buddhist-Christian conference

**Dr Elizabeth Harris** will give the introductory keynote lecture at the [biennial conference of the European Network of Buddhist-Christian Studies](#) at the Abbey of Montserrat, near Barcelona (**June 29 - July 3, 2017**), on the theme 'Meditation in Buddhist-Christian Encounter: A Critical Analysis'.



Honorary Fellow [Dr Elizabeth Harris](#)

### The Spirit of the Atonement: Pentecostal Challenges to the Christian Tradition

The Cadbury Centre proudly supports the annual Walter J. Hollenweger Lecture. This year, **Professor Steven M. Studebaker** will address the challenges and opportunities provided by Pentecostal theology to the Christian atonement tradition on **June 6, 2017**. Please visit the [Eventbrite online page](#) to register for this free event that is open to all at the University of Birmingham.



[Professor Steven M. Studebaker](#), Associate Professor of Systematic and Historical Theology & Howard & Shirley Bentall Chair in Evangelical Thought, McMaster Divinity College, Ontario, Canada

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