

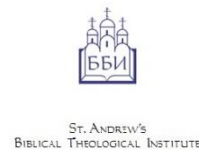
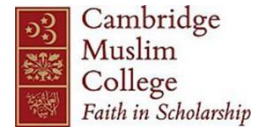
## The Conference

Identifying and articulating the various ways by which human beings inhabit and correspond with the natural world is a major preoccupation of world religions.

Ecology, echoing the importance of *oikos* as 'dwelling or habitation', confronts the human subject with the existential question of life and its continuation. To this end, and not without irony, it is the 'Anthropocene Age', which the international geological community now claims, which defines the present state of the earth, seen as one distinguished solely by the deleterious impact of human beings. Despite the limited role of religious discourses in these debates, modern ecology intimates questions about the nature of existence, life and consciousness, which demand theological responses.

Furthering the rich intellectual exchange held in Tübingen (March 2018) on Theological Anthropology, this conference intends to continue the contribution of theological voices engaged in historical interfaith dialogues to contemporary debates.

## Organisers



## 'Green Theology' Emerging 21st Century Muslim and Christian Discourses on Ecology

International Conference  
Cambridge, UK

Trinity Hall – 30-31 March 2019

## Conference Programme

## Saturday 30 March 2019

9:00-9:15      **Registration**

9:15-9:30      **Welcome and Introduction**

Lejla Demiri (University of Tübingen)  
Tim Winter (Cambridge Muslim College)

9:30-11:00     **PANEL 1: *Homo Sensibilis*:  
Harmony and Chaos in the Cosmos**

Chair: Christoph Schwöbel (University of St  
Andrews)

*On Rediscovering Anthro-Cosmological Integrity* – **Rusmir  
Mahmutćehajić** (International Forum Bosnia)

*The Standard Model of Cosmology and the Paradigm of  
Qur'anic Cosmology* – **Khalil Chamcham** (University  
of Oxford)

*Chaos and Cosmos: Biblical Perspectives for a Changing  
World* – **Rebecca Watson** (University of Cambridge)

11:00-11:30     **Coffee break**

11:30-13:00    **PANEL 2: Theologies of  
Nature: Divine Stewardship & Anthropocentrism**

Chair: Lejla Demiri (University of Tübingen)

*The Place of Biodiversity in the Purposes of God* – **Dave  
Bookless** (A Rocha International)

*Laudato Si': Francis of Assisi and Pope Francis on Care for  
our Common Home and its Implications for Contemporary  
Believers* – **Donna Orsuto** (Pontifical Gregorian  
University)

*Between the Heavens and the Earth: Translating Green  
Theology into Law* – **Sohaira Z. M. Siddiqui**  
(Georgetown University Qatar)

13:00-14:30     **Lunch break**

14:45-16:00     Guided tour of the Cambridge  
University Library

16:00-16:30     **Coffee break**

16:30-18:00     **PANEL 3: 'Mother Nature':  
Poetics of Self in Nature**

Chair: David F. Ford (University of Cambridge)

*Clement of Alexandria's Notion of Autarkeia and its Impact  
on Contemporary Eco-Theology* – **Oleh Kindiy** (Ukrainian  
Catholic University)

*Calvin and al-Ghazali: Theologies of Creation in Comparative  
Perspectives* – **Ralf K. Wüstenberg** (Europa-University  
Flensburg | University of Cambridge)

*Human Purpose and Cosmic Worship: Rumi on the Spiritual  
Life of the Apparently Inanimate* – **Munjed M. Murad**  
(Harvard University)

18:45-19:30     Reception at the Master's Lodge,  
Trinity Hall

19:30      **Dinner at Trinity Hall**

## Sunday 31 March 2019

10:00-11:00     **PANEL 4: Thinking and  
Becoming: Animals & Non-Animal Life**

Chair: Samir Mahmoud (Lebanese American  
University)

*Green Theodicy: Getting a Clearer Perspective on Human Life  
under God* – **Daniel A. Madigan** (Georgetown  
University)

*The Community of Created Things* – **Ingrid Mattson**  
(Huron University College)

11:00-11:30     **Coffee break**

11:30-13:00     **PANEL 5: Environment,  
Economics and Theology**

Chair: Alexei Bodrov (St Andrew's Biblical  
Theological Institute in Moscow)

*Nature, Life & Order: Architecture & the Sacred Art of  
Healing the World* – **Samir Mahmoud** (Lebanese  
American University)

*The Ecological Crisis as a Challenge for Religious  
Connectedness and Reconciliation* – **Augustinos  
Bairactaris** (University Ecclesiastical Academy of  
Heraklion – Crete)

*Illuminating Ecology with the Full Spectrum of Theological  
and Spiritual Light* – **Yaqub Chaudhary** (Cambridge  
Muslim College)

13:00-14:30     **Lunch break**

15:30-17:00     **Plenary Discussion and  
Conference Close at Cambridge's New Mosque**

Tim Winter (Cambridge Muslim College)  
Christoph Schwöbel (University of St Andrews)

17:15-18:15     Guided Tour of Cambridge's New  
Eco Mosque

19:00      **Dinner at Cambridge Muslim College**