



Dear Woolf Friends,

Trust is the basis of all successful societies: law, economic activity, democracy as a whole, all are based on trusting strangers.

Building trust between the religious communities of Britain is essential for the creation of a stable and peaceful British society. Trust is formed by understanding one another, so the Woolf Institute has been at the forefront of religious literacy training, educating professionals, students, faith practitioners and the wider public.

But trust can also only be shared between equally confident and prosperous partners. Much of our work at the Woolf Institute is therefore aimed at empowering minority communities.

Follow us as we start a year filled to the brim with exciting new projects. Our Forgiveness project will explore the power of reconciliation for peace building. We will run the second iteration of the Woolf Diversity Study, mapping inclusion in this country. The Qur'an and Bible project will create opportunities for scholarly exchange and for encounters between Muslim, Jewish and Christian faith practitioners. The Woolf Institute Summer School will take place from 18th-29th July with participants from all over the world. Our Public Education programmes will be expanded with the appointment of a new manager. And the list goes on and on ...

We are looking forward to 2022 and to having you at our side while we take the Institute's work to new heights!

With very best wishes for the new year,

Dr Esther-Miriam Wagner
Executive Director, Woolf Institute

THE DIVERSITY STUDY OF ENGLAND AND WALES



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In 2020, the Woolf Institute successfully launched its Diversity Study of England and Wales. We conducted the largest known study of diversity in the UK, received extensive national and international media coverage for it and attracted offers of collaboration from the field's leading academics. In 2022, we begin work on the project's next stages. The Woolf Diversity Study (as it has come to be known) will build on previous successes by increasing our scope, addressing devolution across our nations, focusing in on a post-Covid world (we hope), and further developing the Institute's engagement with issues of gender. We look forward to sharing our findings with you.

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COMING SOON: NEW RESEARCH PROJECT

FORGIVENESS AND FUTURE-BUILDING



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New research project coming soon at the Woolf Institute

"Without forgiveness, there is no future." Desmond Tutu (1931-2021)

Over the past two decades, significant strides have been made in our understanding of the science of forgiveness at an interpersonal and collective level. Yet despite these advances, a detailed account of cross-cultural and inter-religious variation concerning forgiveness is still lacking. A clearer understanding of this variation surrounding forgiveness will not only advance the science of forgiveness, which has usually focused on a Western Christian perspective, but will also have implications for conflict resolution and peacebuilding. The overall goal of this new two-year project is to build on this field of knowledge to provide practical resources that can inform strategy and

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SUMMER SCHOOL 2022



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The world is changing and there are growing opportunities to make a difference. We hope that our Summer School 2022 will motivate and inspire you!

The Summer School aims to increase tolerance and interdependence through the design of a curriculum and a learning environment conducive to academic study and fostering understanding of the diversity of beliefs, attitudes and perspectives.

In 2022, the Woolf Institute will offer the following programme:
Led by Executive Director, Dr Esther-Miriam Wagner, Religion and Society from the Medieval to the Modern introduces students to the study of religion in society and to different aspects of the history of interfaith relations in Europe and in the Middle East. Students will explore themes such as communal identity and segregation policies, and have the chance to learn about contemporary and controversial issues such as antisemitism and Islamophobia.

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WEBINAR 18 JANUARY @17:00

Woolf Institute and the Society for the Medieval
Mediterranean present:

The Two Sides of War Economy



SOCIETY FOR THE MEDIEVAL MEDITERRANEAN: 18 JANUARY @17:00

The Two Sides of War Economy: Mobilisation and Allocation of Resources in the Medieval Mediterranean (1100-1500)

The fourth webinar of the series, organised jointly by Woolf Institute and the Society for the Medieval Mediterranean, will take place on 18 January 2022 at 17:00. The webinar will focus on 'The Two Sides of War Economy: Mobilisation and Allocation of Resources in the Medieval Mediterranean (1100-1500)'. The speakers are Dr Jenny Benham (Cardiff University), Alessandro Silvestri (IMF-CSIC, Barcelona), Dr Fabrizio Ansani (Università degli Studi di Padova).

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Stephen Hawking's family recently donated his entire archive, from juvenile scribbles to final scientific papers, to the nation...

Stephen Hawking, who died in March 2018, was no ordinary scientist. His book *A BRIEF HISTORY OF TIME* was an international best seller and he became a very unusual sort of international celebrity, even starring in an episode of *THE SIMPSONS*. Marika Taylor and H  l  ne Mialet discuss his legacy...

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