



Dear Woolf Friends,

The Cambridge University system with faculties and departments, on the one hand, and colleges, on the other, is quite intricate and can be confusing even to those who have been here for quite some time. We too are often asked about our relationship with the University of Cambridge, to which we are affiliated through our membership in the Cambridge Theological Federation. But we also have a special link to one of the colleges, to St Edmund's.

St Edmund's is the only Catholic Oxbridge college and a proudly diverse and non-hierarchical institution. Because of its non-Anglican history, it has been a welcoming place for members of religious minority communities for some time, and is thus the natural home of the Woolf Institute within Cambridge. Framed by a Memorandum of Understanding, we collaborate with St Edmund's on events, prizes and student engagements.

St Edmund's is one of the few colleges with a focussed interest on research. I convene the postdoctoral researchers of the College, and we regularly meet to learn about each other's exciting new discoveries. You will be able to learn about the latest research breakthroughs in all academic disciplines years before the newspapers report on it!

In addition to the Woolf Institute, there are two more institutes affiliated with St Edmund's, the Von Hügel Institute for Catholic Inquiry and the Faraday Institute. We all have a common research focus on religion, and explore overlapping interests through mutual seminars and conferences.

The Woolf Institute even shares its Royal Patron with the College, where HRH The Princess Royal is an Honorary Fellow. The inclusive and welcoming St Edmund's community is home to many of our staff, be it as fellows, affiliated researchers or students at the College, and we very much enjoy taking an active part in the life of the College.

Best wishes,

Dr Esther-Miriam Wagner
Executive Director, Woolf Institute

WORKING WITH ST. EDMUND'S COLLEGE



FARADAY INSTITUTE: CLIMATE CHANGE AND RELIGION PART 1

FARADAY INSTITUTE: CLIMATE CHANGE AND RELIGION PART 2

PODCAST: REFLECTING ON VOTING

COVID-19 CHRONICLES: ALBAN McCOY

THURSDAY 10 MARCH @18:00

ENCOUNTER EVENT



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This Encounter event will bring together faith practitioners from different communities to discuss outcomes of the Woolf Institute Qur'an and Bible Reading group, which met during the academic year 2020-21.

Although the relationship of the Torah and the Qur'an is deep and nuanced, members of the group generally agreed on several statements.

Several of these conclusions, which were based on the texts, call for further study concerning the historical development of the interpretation of the texts. They also lend themselves to discussion between faith leaders and practitioners of interfaith dialogue, and it is hoped that this Encounter event will be the first of many to explore these academic findings.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

DR ESTHER-MIRIAM WAGNER

FEATURED IN

THE TIMES



“Trust starts with getting to know the other. Meaningful encounters are only achieved if we talk about subjects that divide people.”

On Sunday February 6th, an article was published in the Times written by our Executive Director Dr Esther-Miriam Wagner titled "How to achieve a healthy multi-faith society in Britain".

[CLICK HERE TO READ THE ARTICLE](#)

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Ask a person of faith and they'll probably say God. But is it that simple?

Where do religious beliefs come from? It's a perfectly reasonable question, and it's a question that even the fervent atheist might ask, although Richard Dawkins would come to a very different conclusion from the Archbishop of Canterbury. Dr Kitty O'Lone and Rabbi Danny Smith reflect on an age old question...

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COMING SOON

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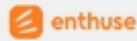
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