

Registration is now open for this term's Religion and Political Theory Centre lectures - see details below.

The series opens with James A. Beckford's lecture on **Tuesday 3 February**, on *The Sociology of Religion and its Cultured Despisers: A Modest Defence*. James A. Beckford, a Fellow of the British Academy, is Professor Emeritus of Sociology at the University of Warwick and a former President of the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion. His main research interests are chaplaincies and relations between religion and the state. His publications include *Religion in Prison. Equal Rites in a Multi-Faith Society* (1998, with Sophie Gilliat), *Social Theory and Religion* (2003), *Muslims in Prison: Challenge and Change in Britain and France* (2005, with D. Joly and F. Khosrokhavar), and *The SAGE Handbook of the Sociology of Religion* (2007, edited with N.J. Demerath III).

We look forward to seeing many of you there.

Religion and Political Theory Centre Lecture Series 2014-15

Multidisciplinary Engagements with Religion

Tuesday 3 February 2015, Committee Room

'The Sociology of Religion and its Cultured Despisers: A Modest Defence'

James A. Beckford, University of Warwick

Tuesday 3 March 2015, Committee Room

'Multiculturalising Secularism, Multiculturalising State-Religion Connexions'

Tariq Modood, University of Bristol

Monday 23 March 2015, Committee Room

'Moral Majority and Moral Minority: The Values and Beliefs of Religious and Non-religious People in the UK Today'

Linda Woodhead, Lancaster University

Thursday 9 July 2015

Title TBA

Saba Mahmood, University of California, Berkeley

The RAPT lecture series showcases the work of prominent international scholars in, and in relation to, the study of religion and political theory. It is organised by UCL's Religion and Political Theory (RAPT) Centre. RAPT is a 5-year project funded by the European Research Council and led by Professor Cécile Laborde. It aims to interrogate the special status of religion (ethics, epistemology and practices) in western political and legal theory.

Unless otherwise stated, all lectures take place at 5.15pm and will be held in the Council or Committee Rooms (as stated) at the School of Public Policy, The Rubin Building, 29-30 Tavistock Square, London WC1H 9QU.

All are welcome. If you wish to be added to our mailing list, please email Aurelia Bardon (a.bardon@ucl.ac.uk) or Lois Lee (lois.lee@ucl.ac.uk). To attend, please register at www.uclsp.eventbrite.com