Registration is now open for the next Inform Seminar, **Immortality: Beliefs and Practices,** in conjunction with the Department of Theology and Religious Studies, King's College, London.

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2020, 10am-5pm (registration at 9.30). Bush House Lecture Theatre 1, King's College, London, 30 Aldwych, London, WC2B 4BG.

Please visit <u>https://inform.ac/seminars</u> to book tickets via Paypal or credit/debit card.

Registration costs:

Standard: £38

Unwaged/ university student: £18

A Level student: £10

After 12<sup>th</sup> January, ticket prices will increase by £10, across all three categories and refunds will not be offered.

## **Immortality: Beliefs and Practices**

The lure of immortality has been an inspiration for many people in both religious and secular contexts. But what does immortality mean? This seminar will explore some of the range of beliefs and practices which are closely associated with immortality in comparative context. We will investigate the idea of immortality by looking more closely at how it is directly applied in people's lives. What happens when immortality is understood as a possibility – or even a reality? We will be considering beliefs and practices relating to immortality in the context of AI, near-death experiences, Christianity, Buddhism, Freezone Scientology, spiritualist mediums and contemporary yoga movements.

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Confirmed speakers include:

Mikel Burley, University of Leeds Susannah Crockford, Ghent University Peter Fenwick, King's College London Tobi Olujinmi, The W-Talk Mark Singleton, SOAS, The University of London Aled Thomas, The Open University