

Our 2026 Research Seminar programme resumes next week (9th September).

With several sessions led by noted academics such as Markus Bockmuehl (Oxford), Phil Sumpter (Bonn) and David Reimer (HTC) will be exploring their subject specialisms.

Our main focus for this season is a series of discussions based around Oliver O'Donovan's landmark book 'The Disappearance of Ethics.'

O'Donovan addresses a discipline in crisis and contends that contemporary ethics has lost its object (good), frontier (time), and agent (person). O'Donovan's work shows how ethics has lost its heart and how the field can regain its purpose. He completes his lectures by integrating theology and philosophy to recover ethics. Contemplating theological concepts such as creation, divine law, and justification undergirds ethics by generating "existential wonder."

Over seven online sessions we will be working through this book and discussing the issues raised, with a special final session (11th November) featuring a live Q&A with Professor Oliver O'Donovan himself!

When: Wednesday | 15:30 – 17:00

Where: Online via Microsoft Teams

Whether you are a student, minister, or theologian, don't miss this vital conversation.

Teams Meeting Links

9th September

Chapter 1: 'The Missing Object.'

Microsoft Teams meeting

Join: <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/350773761357292?p=LRn1OFCuEHBznITflr>

Meeting ID: 350 773 761 357 292

Passcode: hK6hc7G9

16th September

Chapter 2: 'The Missing Frontier.'

Microsoft Teams meeting

Join: <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/314847446053925?p=Uk5QIKFIISectu5P5f>

Meeting ID: 314 847 446 053 925

Passcode: rG2ez6Ev

23rd September

Chapter 3: 'The Missing Agent.'

Microsoft Teams meeting

Join: <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/395154997965060?p=jsnZNMjBsAxuAkTcDQ>

Meeting ID: 395 154 997 965 060

Passcode: RW6ci3ra

7th October

Chapter 4: 'Creation and the Recovery of Reality.'

Microsoft Teams meeting

Join: <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/397019196620056?p=Vc6zle3TtxRFDPxWoJ>

Meeting ID: 397 019 196 620 056

Passcode: LM6Vk9qr

28th October

Chapter 5: 'Law and recovery of History.'

Microsoft Teams meeting

Join: <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/36265088281786?p=L4sVwHBXF97qj5Yuxu>

Meeting ID: 362 650 882 817 86

Passcode: BC9jE7Gf

4th November

Chapter 6: 'Spirit and the justification of Agency.'

Microsoft Teams meeting

Join: <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/364896806037184?p=Qa4NazPZHgVTRZMBXx>

Meeting ID: 364 896 806 037 184

Passcode: 4Qt3nh9h

11th November

Conclusions from 'The Disappearance of Ethics', With a response from Oliver O'Donovan

Microsoft Teams meeting

Join: <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/378972842953236?p=9Wi9luojw7JHmWWzZG>

Meeting ID: 378 972 842 953 236

Passcode: X8PN6pJ3

Other Research Seminars

14th October

David Reimer (HTC): *'Psalms and Forgiveness.'*

Microsoft Teams meeting

Join: <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/359042759257891?p=sGb3xAu2llrDS2ASp8>

Meeting ID: 359 042 759 257 891 Passcode: D6ee2S9R

18th November

Phil Sumpter (Bonn): *'The Meaning of the Immanuel Sign in Canonical Context.'*

Microsoft Teams meeting

Join: <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/316806673041763?p=FtQMgS3mJq4XXnOYW4>

Meeting ID: 316 806 673 041 763

Passcode: Me9bT66T

9th December

Markus Bockmuehl (Oxford): *'The Old Testament as Christian Scripture.'*

Microsoft Teams meeting

Join: <https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/324949236710323?p=VoTZrh4Zm4tBWpu5LN>

Meeting ID: 324 949 236 710 323

Passcode: kY3U5nK7