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Conference Programme

Thursday, 23 September 2010

4.00-5.00: **Arrivals and Registration**

5.00-5.15: **Welcome**: Joel Rasmussen & Martin Halliwell

5.15-6.15: **Keynote Address**

William James, Ecumenical Protestants and the Dynamics of Secularization

David Hollinger, University of California, Berkeley

6.30-7.30: **Conference Opening Reception**

Charles Wellbeloved Room, Harris Manchester College
The site of James's 1908 Hibbert Lectures, *A Pluralistic Universe*

Friday, 24 September 2010

9.30-10.30: **Between Sociology and Psychology: William James, Max Weber, and the Disenchantment of the World**

RICHARD KING, University of Nottingham

Chair: Douglas Tallack, University of Leicester

10.30-11.00: Coffee Break

11.00-12.00: **A Prosthetic Aesthetic: Henry James, Sr. and the Transatlantic Education of William and Henry James**

PETER KURYLA, Belmont University, Tennessee

Chair: Susan Currell, University of Sussex

12.00-1.15: Lunch

1.15-2.15: **Morbid and Positive Thinking: William James, Psychology, and Illness**

MARTIN HALLIWELL, University of Leicester

Chair: Robin Vandome, University of Nottingham

2.15-2.30: Break

2.30-3.30: **Encountering the "Smashing Projectile": William James on John Stuart Mill and the Woman Question**

LESLIE BUTLER, Dartmouth College, New Hampshire

Chair: Michael O'Brien, University of Cambridge (TBC)

3.30-4.00: Tea Break

4.00-5.00: **Fuller Minstrels: William James, Modern Philosophy, and the Particulars of Life**

JOEL RASMUSSEN, University of Oxford

Chair: Jeremy Carrett, University of Kent

7.00-9.00: **Conference Dinner at Mansfield College**

Saturday, 25 September 2010

9.30-10.30: **The Reception of William James in Continental Europe**

JAIME NUBIOLA, University of Navarre

Chair (TBC)

10.30-11.00: Coffee Break

11.00-12.00: **Analytical Monism and the Question of Relativism in *A Pluralistic Universe***

ERIC JAMES, University of Cambridge

Chair: Bill Wood, University of Oxford

12.00-1.15: Lunch

1.15-2.15: **Jamesian Pragmatic Pluralism and the Problem of God**

SAMI PIHLSTRÖM, University of Helsinki

Chair: Johannes Zachhuber, University of Oxford

2.15-2.30: Break

2.30-3.30: ***A Pluralistic Universe* a Century Later: Rationality, Pluralism and Religion**

DAVID LAMBERTH, Harvard University

Chair: Joel Rasmussen, University of Oxford

3.30-3.45: Tea Break

3.45-5.00: **Panel Discussion: William James at 100 Years**

Panelists: DAVID HOLLINGER, DAVID LAMBERTH, et al.

Chair: George Pattison, University of Oxford (TBC)

5.00 **Conference Close**