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AN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE to appraise the work and influence of American psychologist and philosopher William James (1842-1910) upon the centenary of his death. In his own time, James engaged and transformed a number of international conversations in science, philosophy, religion, literature and culture, not least through his 1901-2 Gifford Lectures in Edinburgh, and his Hibbert Lectures in Oxford in 1908. Subsequent to his death in 1910, interest in his work has only increased (often in connection with other "Pragmatists," or with his brother, the novelist Henry James, and his sister, the diarist Alice James). Given the historical vantage of a full century, 2010 marks an appropriate year for an international gathering of scholars from a range of disciplines to assess James's work, to take stock of his multi-disciplinary reception across the twentieth century and around the globe, and to evaluate his legacy as a resource for twenty-first-century thought.

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