

Lecture Description

Introduction to Modern Theology

Aims:

- To give a first introduction to Modern Theology
- To make first-year students familiar with central issues raised and debated in theology since the early 19th century
- To introduce central figures in this theological development and their fundamental ideas
- To discuss the reception in modern theology of earlier theological ideas.
- To prepare students for the more detailed teaching of Paper 5 through lectures, classes, and tutorials in their third year.

Objectives:

Students having attended these lectures will

- Have gained a preliminary understanding of theological developments since the early 19th century
- Have some familiarity with seminal figures during this period and their theological significance
- Understand how modern theology continues earlier theological discussions but also introduces new problems and responds to new challenges
- Be prepared for later, more detailed lectures, tutorials, and classes in God, Christ, and Salvation.

Lecture Topics:

- Week 1: Theology in Modernity: Challenges and Responses
- Week 2: Modern Theology: People, schools, and movements
- Week 3: Tradition and Innovation: Modern Theology and earlier Christianity
- Week 4: The end of modernity and the future of theology