

## **Iris Murdoch Society - Autumn Newsletter 2018**

### **London Lecture Series - Royal Society of Philosophy. Various dates from October into 2019**

As Murdoch's centenary year draws closer, the Royal Society of Philosophy has organised a lecture series focusing on the four major female philosophers of mid-20th-century Oxford, namely Murdoch, Anscombe, Foot and Midgley. Full details can be found here: <http://royalinstitutephilosophy.org/events/london-lecture-series/>

The first lecture in the series will be given on Friday 19th October by Benjamin Lipscombe (Houghton College, USA); other speakers on Murdoch include Justin Broackes, Hannah Altorf, Sabina Lovibond, and Julia Driver. Mary Midgley, at a mere 99 years old, will be giving a lecture and discussing her forthcoming book!

### **Postgraduate Research Day - Saturday 27th October, Chichester**

Following our first successful PGR day at Chichester in February, a second has been organised for this October. If you are a prospective research student, a taught PG student, a doctoral student, or an early-career scholar please email [ims@chi.ac.uk](mailto:ims@chi.ac.uk) with a short 100-word abstract for a 20-minute presentation to your peers. This is a free event and refreshments and lunch will be provided, supported by the Society. Places are limited.

### **Book Launch – *Why Iris Murdoch Matters* and *Iris Murdoch on Truth and Love* – Saturday 27th October, Chichester**

Following on from the PGR day, Gary Browning (Oxford Brookes) will give a lecture focusing on his two new books. These works, one a monograph, the other an edited collection, bring together Gary's own thoughts on Murdoch as central to our own time and he will be arguing for her position amongst the key theorists of modern life. He will discuss her art, philosophy, fiction, religion and politics and how she understands the nature of late modernity: in short, why Iris Murdoch matters. Free and all welcome. Kindly supported by the society.

Both books are now available direct from the publishers, and on multiple online sites. Members will receive a flyer with their new Murdoch Review giving a discount on *Why Iris Murdoch Matters*. Event poster attached.

### **CFP - Iris Murdoch Panel at the Louisville Conference on Literature and Culture - Thursday 21st to Saturday 23rd February, 2019**

Members will have received the recent CFP from Robert J Baker over the summer. If you would like to give a paper on the panel alongside Robert please email him at [JRobert.Baker@fairmontstate.edu](mailto:JRobert.Baker@fairmontstate.edu).

### **Centenary Conference - Saturday 13th to Monday 15th July 2019**

We are delighted to announce that our centenary conference will take place in Oxford between the 13th and 15th July, 2019. The conference will be based at St Anne's College and

Somerville College, and we will have a range of speakers and activities, including an exhibition. Do make sure you put the dates in your diary. You will have received the recent CFP and poster via email, and you will receive hard copies of both with your new *Iris Murdoch Review* this autumn. The closing date for proposals is the 1st March 2019.

In the afternoon of 12th July 2019, Professor Peter Garrard (St George's, University of London) will present his new research into Murdoch's writing and Alzheimer's at the Bodleian Library, Oxford. This will be in addition to the conference so make sure you're in Oxford a day early!

**Other events forthcoming include:**

- The launch of Lucy Bolton's new book *Iris Murdoch and Film Philosophy*
- The launch of Anne Rowe's *Iris Murdoch* in the 'Writers and their work series'
- An event at Chichester on the 8th February 2019 to mark 20 years since Murdoch's death
- An event at the National Portrait Gallery in 2019 to mark the centenary
- There are also prospective conferences and symposia in the works for later in 2019 - more details to follow
- A Murdoch Summer School at Chichester - more information in the Winter Newsletter

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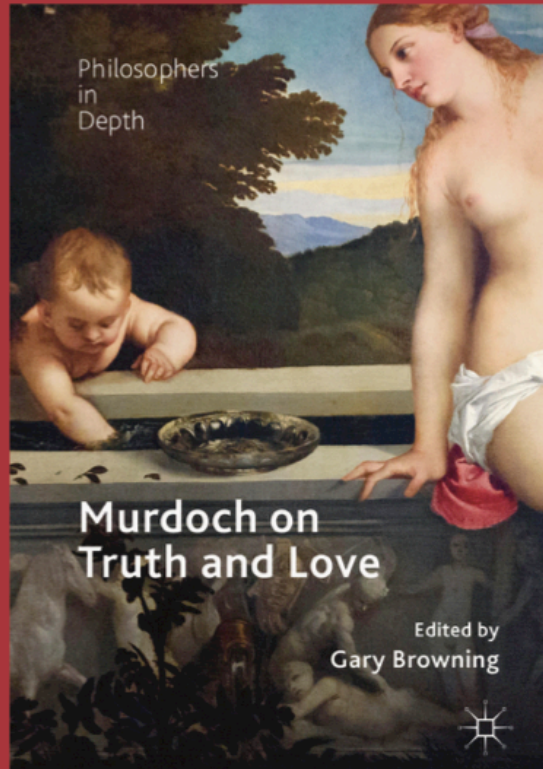
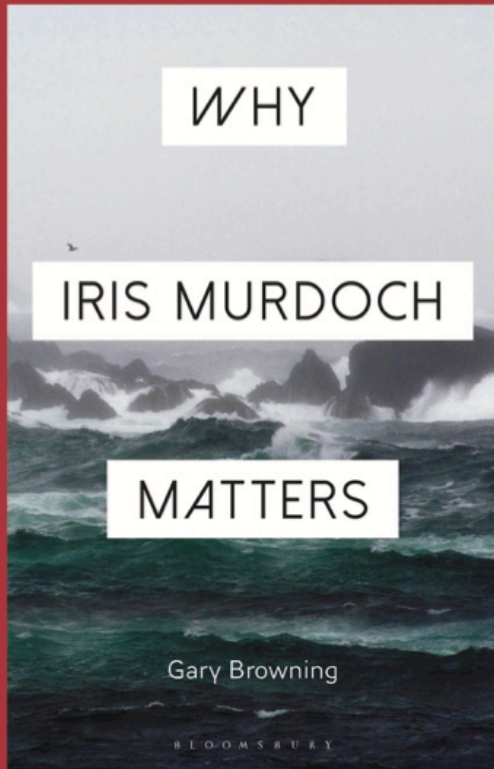
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The Department of Humanities presents ...

Lecture and book launch of  
*Why Iris Murdoch Matters* (Bloomsbury)  
and *Murdoch on Truth and Love* (Palgrave)

Saturday 27th October 2018, 6-7.30 p.m., Cloisters, Bishop Otter Campus. All welcome, free event.



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Gary Browning is Professor in Political Thought and Associate Dean for Research and Knowledge Exchange in the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences at Oxford Brookes University.

