

History or Genealogy?



Approaches to the History of Ideas Masterclass with Peter Harrison

A workshop with Professor Peter Harrison, Professorial Research Fellow in Science and Religion, Centre for the History of Philosophy, University of Notre Dame Australia

This workshop has two related elements. First, we will discuss different ways of approaching the history of ideas and, more specifically, the history of philosophical and religious ideas. One focus of this discussion will be the role played by normative considerations – moral and religious commitments, or advocacies of social justice – in the way we conduct our historical investigations. A second element will be an account of Harrison's own approach to the history of ideas, which usually involves a significant component of conceptual history. We will look at specific examples of the history of concepts such as 'religion', 'science' and 'belief', and consider what that history might imply for our present deployment of those notions. These examples also take us back to the question of how to manage normative issues in the conduct of history.

WHEN

Thursday 20 August

TIME

1:00 pm – 3:30 pm

WHERE

Room 102,
46–52 Mountain Street (NDS23),
Ultimo (Wilcox Mofflin Building)

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