

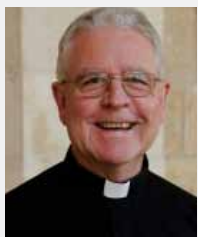
Session and Speaker Details

John McDowell
Morpeth Professor of Theology, University of Newcastle



John McDowell hails from Northern Ireland, and retains his homeland's lilt in his language. Studying for a BD at the University of Aberdeen, Scotland, was his route into theology, leading to doctoral research at Girton College, Cambridge under Nicholas Lash. From 2000-2008 he was Meldrum Lecturer in Systematic Theology at New College, Edinburgh, before coming to Australia as the inaugural Morpeth Professor of Theology in the University of Newcastle. John's research is to engage fruitfully with the theology of Karl Barth and the broadly iconoclastic philosophical and theological work of Donald MacKinnon; to develop ways of engaging literature (especially tragedy); to root theological education in the practice of engagement with non-academic environments; and to ask about the nature and manifestation of the inescapable interaction between church and 'world'.

Justin Taylor
Vice-Director, École biblique et archéologique française, Jerusalem



Justin Taylor was born in New Zealand in 1943, professed in the Society of Mary (Marists) in 1963 and ordained a Catholic priest in 1966. He studied history at the University of Cambridge in England, where he graduated Ph.D. in 1972. After teaching for several years in the Marist seminary in New Zealand, he came to Jerusalem to study at the École biblique et archéologique française. Since 1988, he has been teaching and researching at the École biblique in the fields of New Testament and Christian origins and is currently Professor New Testament and Vice-Director. He is also co-director of a research seminar in New Testament at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. In 2006 he received the degree of Doctor of Divinity of the University of Cambridge. He is the author of several books and numerous articles.

Paul Fiddes
Professor of Systematic Theology, University of Oxford, Director of Research, Regent's Park College



Professor Fiddes is an ordained minister of the Baptist Union of Great Britain, and serves as the chair of the Doctrine Commission of the Baptist World Alliance. He is very active in ecumenical conversations, and is at present the co-chair of the international conversations between the Roman Catholic Church and the Baptist World Alliance, as well as an ecumenical representative on the Synod of the Church of England. This mixture of academic and church life has been focused on a double concern: to connect Christian faith with the culture of the modern world, and to connect the local church with the riches of faith and tradition in the Church Universal.

Nicola Hoggard-Creegan



Dr Nicola Hoggard Creegan is Senior Lecturer in Theology at Laidlaw College, New Zealand. Her research interests are feminist theology and the interface between science, theology and ecotheology, and is currently writing a book on God and nature: she co-authored *Living on the Boundaries: Evangelical Women, Feminism and the Theological Academy* (IVP, 2005). Nicola is co-editor of *Colloquium*, the journal of the Australian and the New Zealand Society for Theological Studies, and writes a regular column on science and theology for the journal *Stimulus*. Married with two teenage sons, she attends All Saint's Anglican Church, Ponsonby New Zealand.

Brian Edgar



Professor Brian Edgar is Professor of Theological Studies, Asbury Theological Seminary USA. He taught Theology at the Bible College of Victoria for many years, developing innovative methods of assessment and student-centred learning. Brian, a Minister of the Word in the Uniting Church of Australia, is the General Editor of the online journal *Crucible*, with research interests in public theology, ecotheology and human destiny.

Andrew Wells



Professor Andrew Wells is Executive Director (Humanities and Creative Arts) of the Australian Research Council, having been Dean of the Faculty of Arts at the University of Wollongong for five years. He has a longstanding interest in interdisciplinary studies, substantial and longstanding management experience, and taught courses in politics, history, economic history, Asian studies and Australian studies at Monash University, the University of Melbourne, the Australian National University and the University of Wollongong. His current research interests concern comparative studies of Australian and South East Asian labour history, most recently focusing on imperial hegemony and colonial labour.