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INTERNATIONAL
INTERDISCIPLINARY
SEMINAR

2 - 4 January 2020

philosophy & science track:

Quantum Physics, Evolution & Algorithms:

What does it mean to
be human?

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The International Interdisciplinary Seminar is a Conference aiming to discuss crucial questions at the boundary of science, and other areas of knowledge (“defining what is human”, “soul-brain relationship”, “free-will”, “beginning of the human being”, “definition of death”, “origins of humanity”, “artificial intelligence”, “moral and legal responsibility”). The conference is held every year at the beginning of January in London with one day in Oxford.

QUANTUM PHYSICS, RELATIVITY, EVOLUTIONARY BIOLOGY, NEUROSCIENCE, AND COMPUTER SCIENCE HAVE INTRODUCED ISSUES WHICH CHALLENGE A FLAT, MATERIALISTIC VIEW OF THE WORLD AND MAN. ON THE OTHER HAND, SCIENCE IS GIVING RISE TO POWERFUL TECHNOLOGIES, SUCH AS QUANTUM COMPUTING AND GENOME EDITING, WHICH WILL INCREASE OUR CAPACITY FOR CONSTRUCTING THE WORLD AND SHAPING HUMANITY.

THE FASCINATION WITH NEW KNOWLEDGE AND TECHNOLOGIES BEGS A REFLECTION ON HOW SCIENTIFIC RESULTS MAY CONTRIBUTE TO APPROACHING ANTHROPOLOGICAL, PHILOSOPHICAL AND THEOLOGICAL QUESTIONS RELEVANT TO SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY.

Schedule

30th May 2019	First Announcement and first Call
15th Sep 2019	Pre-registration deadline
15th Oct 2019	Final Call with preliminary program
29th Nov 2019	Submission of abstracts
2 – 4 Jan 2020	Seminar

Sessions

- Thursday 2nd January Academic sessions in **Oxford**, (Programme in progress).
- Friday 3rd January Academic sessions in **Netherhall House**, London (including standing-lunch and coffee breaks), 10.00 – 18.00 h.
- Saturday 4th January Academic sessions in **Netherhall House**, London (including standing-lunch and coffee breaks), 10.00 – 18.00 h.

Venue

Netherhall House, Nutley Terrace, London. NW3 5SA

Costs

£70 for participation to the Academic Sessions, two standing-lunches and coffee breaks.

Excursion to Oxford and accommodation costs are not included.

Registration

If you are interested in attending, please complete the online application form.

Accommodation

All participants are kindly requested to make their own accommodation arrangements.

Affordable accommodation can be found at:

- Palmers Lodge, Swiss Cottage (only five minutes walk away from the venue of the Conference).
- Netherhall House (Please note that Netherhall can offer very limited accommodation, and is only for male participants).