



What is religion? How does it affect our lives today? How has it shaped our society, art and literature?

*Join the University of Southampton for a month of **public events** celebrating the humanities: the **Being Human** festival. Experts in archaeology, literature, languages, history, music, film, philosophy and beyond will guide you in exploring “**religion and me**” this November. We look forward to welcoming both the **academic** and **local community** to share in the ways humanities research is changing how we see the world.*

*Many events are **free of charge** and all are **open to everyone**, taking place at the University’s Avenue Campus and across the city.*

PROGRAMME

For full details and to book your place for an event, see our website: beinghumansoton.com. Details listed below may be subject to change

Monday 2nd November

Talk — “Beyond Religious Divides: Religion and Shakespeare” Prof Ros King, English

6-7pm, Lecture Theatre C, Avenue Campus. Free to attend.

Film — “Macario”

With an introductory talk on the Day of the Dead by Rodrigo Ortiz-Vazquez, Archaeology

7.30pm Solent University Cinema, East Park Terrance. £3-5 entry.

Organised by meXsu as part of Mexico Week, in cooperation with The Phoenix

Tuesday 3rd November

Performance — Bright Club

Researchers become stand-up comedians, featuring a host of science and humanities researchers, joined by comedians Rosie Wilby and Johnny Berliner. £6.50 entry.

7-10pm, Rumba, Bedford Place

Organised by Bright Club Southampton.

Wednesday 4th November

Talk — “Conversion to Islam in the Early Medieval Middle East: the archaeological and historical evidence” Dr Alison Gascoigne, Archaeology

6-7pm, Lecture Theatre B, Avenue Campus. Free to attend.

Tuesday 10th November

Talk — “From the Parish to the Pope: the English parish community and the Universal Church before the Reformation” Prof Peter Clarke, History

6-7pm, Room 1173, Building 65, Avenue Campus. Free to attend.

Thursday 12th November

Talk/Discussion — “Science, Faith and Being Human”

Three scientist believers discuss the role of science and faith in the understanding of ourselves and our future: Prof Keith Fox (Biological Sciences), Prof Meric Srokosz (Oceanography), and Dr Jon Dawson (Medicine).

7-9pm. Lecture Theatre B, Avenue Campus. Free to attend.

Monday 16th November

Talk — “James Parkes and Refugees: Then and Now” Prof Tony Kushner, Parkes Institute

6.30-7.30pm. Lecture Theatre C, Avenue Campus. Free to attend.

Organised as part of Inter Faith Week.

Tuesday 17th November

Researchers' Café

Listen, sip, discuss. The Researchers' Café enables researchers to meet other staff, students and the public to discuss their research in an informal space.

6-7.30pm, North Corridor, Avenue Campus. Free to attend.

Wednesday 18th November

Space for Peace

An interfaith event where musicians from the community come together and share their music. Come, sit, listen, join in, be and reflect.

7.15-9.15pm, Vedic Temple, Radcliffe Rd. Free to attend, donations accepted.

Organised as part of Inter Faith Week.

Saturday 21st November

Study Day — “Talking to the Gods: New Research from Roman Britain”

10am-4pm, Avenue Campus. £12.50-£40 registration fee

Organised by Life Long Learning, sponsored by the Society for the Promotion of Roman Studies.

Sunday 22nd November

BEING HUMAN FAIR

10am-4pm, Avenue Campus. Free to attend.

A day of talks, discussions, activities, workshops and performances. Join us in exploring the world of religion, ritual, life and death through literature, film, archaeology, history, music, languages and beyond. From prehistoric idols to space travel, and from burial to immortality, discover what Being Human is all about. Events include:

Talks:

- “Prehistoric Origins of Religion”, Dr William Davies, Archaeology
- “Islam, secularism, and the Berbers of North Africa”, Dr Lisa Bernasek, Modern Languages
- “Screen Gods and Idols: Hollywood Stardom and the Ancient Past”, Dr Michael Williams, Film
- “The ‘seeing eye’: spaceflight as religious experience”, Prof Kendrick Oliver, History

Discussions:

- “What defines consciousness?” #sciroom

Activities and Workshops (for all ages):

- Mexican cartonera craft workshop
- Prehistoric practices and sacred places workshop- from Stonehenge to Samhain (with Young Archaeologists’ Club/Trench 1)
- Cave painting
- Exploring the Immortality of Henrietta Lacks (with Cancer Research UK)
- Build your own burial

Full schedule of events announced soon

Monday 23rd November

Talk/Discussion — “Faith, Hope and Doubt: Poets, Poetry and Religion”, Prof Barry Sloan, English

6-7.30pm, John Wymer Room, Archaeology, Avenue Campus. Free to attend.

Tuesday 24th November

Talk — “‘Truly, it is another world’. Religion and the Representation of the Indies in Late Medieval Europe” Dr Marianne O’Doherty, English

6-7pm, Lecture Theatre B, Avenue Campus. Free to attend.

Wednesday 25th November

Film — “Stations of the Cross”

In cooperation with The Phoenix.

7.30pm, Union Films, Highfield Campus. Students £3; non-students £5 plus £3 for associate membership to The Phoenix.

Thursday 26th November

Talk — “Spirituality without religion?” Prof Oren Ben-Dor, Law/Philosophy

6-7pm, Lecture Theatre B, Avenue Campus. Free to attend.

For further details on any event, and to book now to guarantee your place, visit our website.