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Why Do Doctoral Study at St Mary's?

With roots deep in its Catholic foundations and branches in diverse areas of contemporary scholarship, St Mary's has an exciting and mould-breaking profile of research in the area of theology and ethics.

Having consistently ranked high in both RAE (Research Assessment Exercise) and REF (Research Excellence Framework), the Institute of Theology at St Mary's boasts a world-class line-up of distinguished scholars in the areas of systematic theology, ethics, spirituality, biblical studies, canon law, pastoral theology and philosophical theology.

Our research is focused in the specific Research Centres which reflect the expertise and range of interest of our staff: The Benedict XVI Centre for Religion and Society, The Centre for Bioethics and Emerging Technologies (CBET), The Centre for Initiatives in Spirituality and Reconciliation (InSpiRe) and The Centre for the Social Scientific Study of the Bible (CSSSB), details of which can be found below.

As well as our distinguished academics we host regular research seminars, colloquia and conferences for research students at which they will meet the leading practitioners in their field. We also encourage students to present their own research at these meetings.

With national and international links to both the Catholic Church, other Christian denominations, other world religions and leading opinion-makers in the areas of politics, diplomacy and the media our students will find an open and inviting community for them to pursue their research interests beyond their formal study at St Mary's.

Research centres

► Benedict XVI Centre for Religion and Society

The Benedict XVI Centre is an international hub for research and engagement activities in the area of religion and the social sciences (primarily economics, sociology, and political science). Find out more on www.stmarys.ac.uk/research/centres/benedict-xvi

► Centre for Bioethics and Emerging Technologies (CBET)

CBET focuses on the ethical and social implications of biomedicine and other new technologies. Find out more on www.stmarys.ac.uk/research/centres/bioethics-emerging-technologies

► Centre for Initiatives in Spirituality and Reconciliation (InSpiRe)

As the discourse of faith demands ever more urgent expression the scholarly community at St Mary's has decided that the interaction of faith, belief and public and political reconciliation needs to be expressed through a new resource available to the community at large. Find out more on: www.stmarys.ac.uk/research/centres/inspire

► Centre for the Social-Scientific Study of the Bible (CSSSB)

The primary aim of the Centre is to foster social-scientific research in Biblical Studies in the UK and internationally. Most directly, it is a vehicle for raising the profile of Biblical Studies at St Mary's University by functioning as a hub for conferences, publications, grants, postgraduate students, and colleagues on research leave. Find out more on: www.stmarys.ac.uk/research/centres/social-scientific-biblical-studies-centre