

von H^ügel Institute



Securing the Future of the Von H^ügel Institute



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Director's Message



The Von Hügel Institute is unique in being the only Roman Catholic research institute based in an Oxbridge College. Our aim is to be at the service of both the Church and the wider academic community through our research publications on contemporary issues and in our different outreach programmes. We fully endorse Pope Francis's vision of a poor Church at the service of the poor.

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Professor John Loughlin

Patron's Message



The Von Hügel Institute is at the very heart of contemporary social research, its unique mission defined by the radical principles of social inclusion which underpin Catholic social teaching. It is an essential voice in academic life and intellectual discourse.

A handwritten signature in white ink, which reads 'Mary McAleese'.

Professor Mary McAleese
Former Irish President

About the Von Hügel Institute

The Von Hügel Institute (VHI) is an interdisciplinary research institute based at St Edmund's College, University of Cambridge. The Institute was founded in 1987 to preserve and develop the Roman Catholic heritage of St Edmund's College, which was established in 1896 as a house for Catholic priests studying in Cambridge. The VHI carries out research on contemporary political, social, legal and economic issues from the perspective of Catholic social teaching. We are committed to an ecumenical approach working with Christians and other faith groups to respond to challenges to the common good and threats to human dignity and life.



The work of the VHI aims to inform Catholic social policy and practice to advance a more just and inclusive society.

Our research

Research is central to the Von Hügel Institute's mission. Over the past 25 years it has undertaken work on behalf of a wide range of organisations. These include the Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, the Holy See's Mission to the UN, individual Catholic dioceses, the Charles Plater Trust (part of the Catholic Education Service of England and Wales), the Church of England, the British government and Regional Development Agencies. Our recent report on Catholic social teaching and the UK Government's 'Big Society' Programme was officially launched at the House of Lords in 2013. The Institute's research is disseminated in the form of books, articles, and working papers and VHI members are regularly invited to speak at high profile international conferences and to comment in the media on current affairs.

Our aim is to deepen the understanding of the relationship between Christianity and society.



Our activities



In addition to our annual Themed Seminar Series and the VHI and Lattey Public Lectures, we run intensive courses, reading groups, workshops, and colloquia. All our seminars and lectures are open to the public and free of charge. We also welcome Visiting Fellows and Scholars to spend time in Cambridge to carry out their research and to collaborate with our team. Your support can help to ensure that the work of the VHI continues into the future.

Our Research areas

- *Economics and Human Development*
- *Law and Religion*
- *Ethics, Governance and Public Policy*
- *Philosophy and Theology*



Supporting the work of the VHI

“The Von Hügel Institute is an integral element of St Edmund’s College and, through its research and outreach programmes, maintains a link with the Catholic origins of the College. Its research on contemporary political, social and economic issues is a significant contribution to debates about the place of religion in society and underlines the importance of values in these debates.”

Professor Paul Luzio
Master of St Edmund’s
College



“The Von Hugel Institute occupies a special place for Cambridge students, both Catholic and non-Catholic, as a lively centre of research and debates on theology, ethics and public issues.”

Fr Alban McCoy OFM Conv
Dean of St Edmund’s College and former Chaplain at
Fisher House, the Catholic Chaplaincy of the
University of Cambridge





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