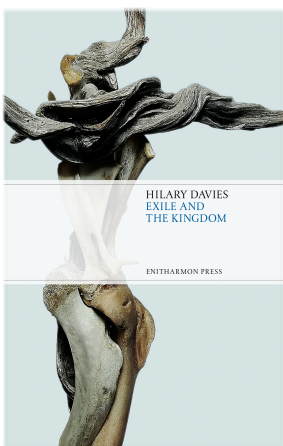


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CATAPHASIS, REDEMPTION, AND A MUCKER FOG HILARY DAVIES

The lecture looks at the poetry of **George Mackay Brown** and **Patrick Kavanaugh** through the lens of two key texts by the modernist poet and writer **David Jones**: the *Preface to The Anthemata* and *Art and Sacrament*. All three writers were Catholic; Brown and Kavanaugh were largely self-taught poetically, born into communities where poverty, danger and hardship were a daily reality. The faith they had in common is inextricably bound up with their poetic vision, in which language becomes the medium used both to express the divine presence and to reaffirm the redemptive workings of God in an immanent and imperfect world.

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