

The Birmingham Friends of the OCHS presents



The Concept of God in the Bhagavad Gita:

Hindu Views & Christian Responses

Dr. Kate Wharton, Deputy Adviser for Inter Religious Affairs and Ramesh Pattni, Co-Chair of Hindu Christian Forum will each give a short presentation in response to the text of the Gita.

Ramesh Pattni will show how the Gita has been read by a variety of Hindu traditions to depict God in different ways. Is Krishna in his highest essence a divine being beyond personhood, a divine person coextensive with all creation or as first among equals, one divine person among many?

Kate Wharton will respond by speaking about her experience of first encountering the Gita and how it inspired her to become involved in inter religious dialogue. In her work for the Archbishop of Canterbury, she has curated many discussions on the Gita, particularly drawing on the Sri Vaishnava tradition.

Dr Kate Wharton has a PhD in the interpretation of the Upanisads from SOAS University of London and has worked for three and a half years for the Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams. She studied Sanskrit in Mysore and is very interested in the theology of Ramanuja.

Ramesh Pattni is Inter Faith Chair for the Hindu Forum of Britain, Co-Chair of the national Hindu Christian Forum and a leading member of the Chinmaya Mission. He is currently studying for his PhD in the interpretation of the Yoga Sutras at Oxford University.

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7.00pm to 9.00pm

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