Iris Murdoch Conference
Literature and Philosophy in Dialogue

CALL FOR PAPERS

78 years after Iris Murdoch’s first visit to Paris, we are delighted to announce that as her scholarship outside the United Kingdom continues to grow, in Spring 2024 La Sorbonne will host the first Iris Murdoch International Conference in Paris. We are delighted to invite scholars working on Murdoch (and Murdoch’s circle) to join us. The conference will have a particular focus on Murdoch’s dual nature as a philosopher and novelist. We aim to showcase panels where scholars working on her literature and those working on her philosophy (or both) can enter into dialogue.

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS WILL BE

- Sandra Laugier (Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne University)
- Anil Gomes (Trinity College, Oxford)
- Silvia Caprioglio Panizza (University of Pardubice)
- Miles Leeson (University of Chichester)

POSSIBLE TOPICS INCLUDE, BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO

- Literature and morals
- Ethics, metaphysics and aesthetics: the good and the beautiful
- Language and moral perfectionism
- Narration in ethics
- Ordinary in ethics and fiction
- Moral and literary imagination
- Mystical thought and religion
- Happiness, suffering, and unhappiness
- Murdoch and education
- Ecological issues in both Murdoch’s philosophy and novels
- Murdoch and feminism: gender and power relationship
- Space and time: England, France, Ireland
- Literary and philosophical sources of Murdoch’s thought
- Receptions and influences of Murdoch’s thought

Scholars working on Iris Murdoch are invited to submit a 250-300 word abstract by September 15, 2023, with brief biographic information at this address:

MURDOCHCONFERENCEINPARIS@GMAIL.COM

For any enquiries, please contact the conference organisers Camille Braune (Camille.Braune@etu.univ-paris1.fr) and Michela Dianetti (M.Dianetti1@nuigalway.ie)