



“Participation in God: Reassessing an  
Ancient Philosophical Idea and its  
Contemporary Relevance”

*A Templeton Colloquium at the NDIAS*

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**A Templeton Colloquium  
by Douglas Hedley,  
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**March 18, 19, 20**

**Notre Dame Conference Center**

**McKenna Hall**

## Tuesday, March 18

5:45 p.m.

Welcome Dinner

*Salon Ballroom, Morris Inn*

“The Historical Background of Participation in the Divine”

**Brad Gregory**, University of Notre Dame

**Mark Noll**, University of Notre Dame

## Wednesday, March 19

*All sessions will be held in McKenna Hall, rooms 100-104*

8:00 a.m.

Continental Breakfast

8:30 a.m.

“The Ancient Philosophical Understandings of Participation”

**Stephen Clark**, University of Liverpool

**Gretchen Reydam-Schils**, University of Notre Dame

10:00 a.m.

Break

10:20 a.m.

“The Medieval Understandings of Participation”

**Richard Cross**, University of Notre Dame

**Stephen Gersh**, University of Notre Dame

12:00 noon

Lunch

*Lower Level of McKenna Hall*

3:30 p.m.

“Participation and Literature”

**Christian Moevs**, University of Notre Dame

**Vittorio Montemaggi**, University of Notre Dame

5:15

Dinner

*Lower Level of McKenna Hall*

7:00 p.m. “Participation and the Modern Scientific Worldview”

**Ryan Mullins**, University of St. Andrews and the  
University of Notre Dame

**Jacob Sherman**, California Institute of Integral Studies

**Charles Taliaferro**, St. Olaf’s College

## **Thursday, March 20**

*All sessions will be held in McKenna Hall, rooms 100-104*

8:00 a.m. Continental Breakfast

8:30 a.m. “Participation, the Image of God, and  
Evolutionary Theory”

**Carl Gillett**, Northern Illinois University

**Phillip Sloan**, University of Notre Dame

10:00 a.m. Break

10:20 a.m. “Participation and its Contemporary Relevance:  
Metaphor or Metaphysics?”

**Cyril O’Regan**, University of Notre Dame

**Vittorio Hösle**, University of Notre Dame

12:00 noon Lunch  
*Lower Level of McKenna Hall*

3:00 p.m. “Participation and the Natural Sciences”

**Celia Deane-Drummond**, University of Notre Dame

5:15 Closing Dinner and Discussion  
*Salon Ballroom, Morris Inn*

**Douglas Hedley**, University of Cambridge

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