

**Mysticism, Comparative Religion, and Christian Relations with Other Faiths:
R.C. Zaehner (1913-1974) on Hinduism, Zoroastrianism, and Islam**

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This seminar series marks the 50th anniversary of the death of R.C. Zaehner, Spalding Professor of Eastern Religions and Fellow of All Souls, British agent in Tehran, Catholic convert, and a prolific and controversial writer on mystical experience, comparative religion, and the Christian encounter with other faiths. This series will explore Zaehner's work and its legacy. Lectures will take place (unless indicated) on **Thursdays at 4pm** in Lecture Room 1 of the Faculty of Asian and Middle Eastern Studies. They will also be streamed online. For further info contact: fitzroy.morrissey@ames.ox.ac.uk

- 14 November **Introduction to R.C. Zaehner's life and work**
Fitzroy Morrissey, Msgr. Michael Nazir-Ali, Danby Bloch, et al.
- 28 November **Is All Mysticism the Same? R.C. Zaehner on mystical experience**
Msgr. Michael Nazir-Ali. Response: Fitzroy Morrissey
- 30 January **R.C. Zaehner and Islam**
Fitzroy Morrissey. Response: Msgr. Michael-Nazir Ali
- 13 February **R.C. Zaehner and Zoroastrianism**
Arash Zeini. Response: Gerard Russell
- 20 February. **Zoroastrians and Catholics: The Work of R.C. Zaehner and De Menasce**
Anthony O'Mahony. Response: Christian Sahner
- 13 March **R. C. Zaehner: All Souls and the Homintern**
Richard Davenport-Hines. Response: William Whyte
- 2 May (Fri) **R.C. Zaehner and Hinduism**
Fr Martin Ganieri OP. Response: Jessica Frazier
- 8th May **Islamic Mysticism, al-Ghazali and R.C. Zaehner**
Msgr. Michael Nazir-Ali. Response: Bianka Speidl
- 15 May **Christian Encounter with Other Faiths and R.C. Zaehner**
Cardinal Michael Fitzgerald. Responses: FM, MN-A, AO'M