

Sixth form philosophy conference 2014
University of York
June 27th, 2014

With special guest Dr Nigel Warburton

Dr Nigel Warburton is a freelance philosopher, podcaster and writer, described by Julian Baggini as 'one of the most read popular philosophers of our time'. His books include *A Little History of Philosophy*, *Philosophy: The Basics*, *Philosophy: The Classics*, *Thinking from A to Z*, *The Art Question*, and *Free Speech: A Very Short Introduction*. He is the interviewer for the popular *Philosophy Bites* podcast which he makes with David Edmonds.

10-10.30: Refreshments and registration

10.30-11: Dr Nick Jones (Admissions Tutor, York): *Welcome to York*

11-12: Dr Stephen Holland (Lecturer in Philosophy, York): *Death, Persons, and Brain Injury*

This talk is focused on two philosophical issues about brain injured patients. First, are permanently vegetative patients already, in some sense, dead? Second, are patients in a minimally conscious state still the person they used to be?

12-12.45: Lunch (provided)

12.45-1.30: Dr Louise Richardson (Lecturer in Philosophy, York): *Sight and Touch*

Would a man born blind, and taught to recognise shapes by touch, be able to recognise those shapes by sight, if he were made to see? In this session we'll discover why this question has fascinated philosophers (and psychologists) since 1688, and what an answer to it might tell us about perception. This talk will be followed by an opportunity for small group discussion with our postgraduate tutors.

1.30-2.15: Various: *Seminar discussion groups*

AND:

Teacher's session: *Philosophy as Dialogue* with Dr Nigel Warburton

2.15-2.45: Refreshments

2.45-3.45: Dr Nigel Warburton (special guest): *Thought Experiments: The Basics*

3.45: Optional Campus Tour