



## Astrology: Three Days with the University of Wales

We welcome the Sophia Centre for the Study of Cosmology in Culture,  
University of Wales Trinity Saint David

11 March – 13 March, 2016 in Amstelveen, Netherlands

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### What is astrology?

This is a question which has been asked by astrologers, and friends and critics of astrology, for the last two thousand years. It's a question which continues to engage us in the twenty-first century. *The Sophia Centre at the University of Wales Trinity Saint David* exists to study this question. Now, for the first time since 2009, the Sophia Centre is returning to Amsterdam for three days of talks, debate and discussion, hosted by the *Academie voor Toegepaste Astrologie*.

Dr. Nick Champion, Dr. Bernadette Brady and Dr. Darrelyn Gunzburg will be leading three days of teaching based on the University of Wales' MA in Cultural Astronomy and Astrology. Some of the MA's Dutch graduates will also be giving short presentations based on their studies.

### Programme

#### Friday 11 March 2016

14:00 Door opens

14:30 – 16:00 Seminar 1

#### What is astrology?

A consideration of the diversity of opinions on astrology and what this suggests Nick Champion will consider whether astrology is a religion, Bernadette Brady will consider if it is a science and Darrelyn Gunzburg will consider astrology as therapy.

*Followed by a general discussion on astrology.*

16:00 – 16:30 - Tea

### **16:30 – 17:30 Seminar 2**

#### **Astrology in the Academy, Introducing the MA in Cultural Astronomy and Astrology.**

Nick Champion will present the journey through the MA as well as its philosophy and aims. One of these aims is, through the voices of the MA students, to establish astrology as a subject worthy of academic study.

### **17:30 – 19:00 Seminar 3**

#### **What is the horoscope?**

Bernadette will consider that is contained in the horoscope, soul, will, character?  
Nick will consider what is left out of the horoscope and Darrelyn will consider how it is used in modern astrology.

*Followed by a general discussion on the horoscope.*

## **Saturday 12 March 2016**

### **9:30 – 11:00 Seminar 4**

#### **Soul and Astrology.**

Nick will present the different classical souls and how they are still used today in astrology while Bernadette will look that the Egyptian notions of soul and its relevance for today's lived experience in an ensouled cosmos.

*Followed by a general discussion on the nature of soul and astrology.*

### **11:00 – 11:30 - Tea**

### **11:30 – 13:00 Seminar 5**

#### **The MA at your desk**

A live Webex session with Frances Clynes in Dublin focused on the process of doing the MA online. We will also explore the online resources – books, articles and databases – available to students of the University of Wales Trinity Saint David.

### **13:00 – 14:00 Lunch**

### **14:00 – 16:00 pm Seminar 6**

#### **Fate and astrology**

Bernadette will discuss what is fate, Nick will consider the question of can we negotiate with fate and Darrelyn will look at a case study – fate in the astrology of Ibn Ezra.

*Followed by a general discussion on astrology and fate.*

### **16:00 – 16:30 – Tea**

### **16:30 – 17:30 Seminar 7**

#### **The Alumni research**

Four graduates from the Netherlands will each present a 15-minute paper on the research work they have conducted for their MA dissertations. Two of these presentations will be in English and two will be in Dutch.

### 18:30 – 20:30 Meet and Greet with Alumni and delegates

An informal time with finger food and drinks to meet each other.

## Sunday 13 March 2016

### 10:00 – 11:00 Seminar 8

#### Magic and Astrology.

Nick will discuss the question of is astrology magic and Darrelyn will raise the question of 'Did the popes use celestial magic?'

*Followed by a general discussion on the nature of magic and astrology.*

### 11:00 – 11:30 - Tea

### 11:30 – 13:00 Seminar 9

#### Sky myths and celestial omens

Using sky myths from different cultures, Bernadette will consider the role of these myths in cosmology. Darrelyn will explore Homer's Shield of Achilles and its early representations of the zodiac.

### 13:00 – 14:00 – Lunch

### 14:00 – 16:00 Seminar 10

#### Astrology now, pluralism and diversity?

Nick will explore the question of pluralism and diversity and is this social issue important for astrology? Bernadette will ask the question of has astrology every been modern and Darrelyn will discuss the 'end of the long form' the shift in how people seek astrological education.

*Followed by a general discussion on the whole conference.*

### 16:00 – 16:30 – Tea and Goodbyes.

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#### Nadere informatie:

**Data en tijden:** 11 maart 2016 van 14 – 19 uur,  
12 maart van 9:30 – 17:30,  
13 maart van 10 – 16:30

Meet and Greet with Alumni and Delegates: 12 maart van 18:30 – 20:30

**Kosten:** hele conferentie slechts € 295,00

Aanmelding en betaling vóór 15 februari: € 275,00

Indien plaats kan ook een losse dag gevolgd worden, kosten € 125,00

Annulering: bij annulering tot 21 februari (datum ontvangst) wordt € 25,- aan administratiekosten berekend. Annulering tussen 21 februari en 5 maart is de

helft van het bedrag verschuldigd, bij annulering na 5 maart is het totale bedrag verschuldigd.

**Inbegrepen:** lesboek.

**Niet inbegrepen:** maaltijden, koffie en thee. In de omgeving van de school zijn verschillende restaurants, cafés en supermarkten.

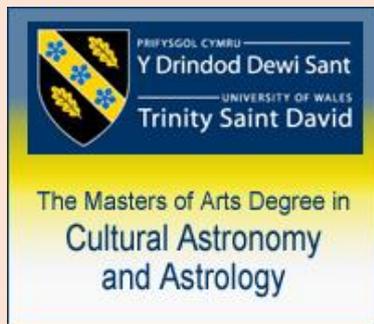
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Each seminar will be followed by a general discussion on the themes presented. All presentation will be in Power Point format and each delegate will receive a booklet which contains copies of all the Power Points. This is to facilitate note taking.

Small changes in programme is possible.



The MA, now in its thirteenth year, *is the only academic course of its kind in the world*. It is taught on-line using the internet and webinars so there is no need to travel to Wales. We form an international community of students and scholars spanning all five continents, from South Africa to Scotland, China to Argentina, and Russia to the USA. We study the history and culture of astrology in all parts of the world and in all times, from the ancient world to the present day.

All are welcome at the event, but if you should be interested in applying to start the MA in October 2016, we have arranged a special 'Amsterdam Scholarship', to the value of 80% of your fees for the Academie voor Toegepaste Astrologie event. We will tell you more about this in Amsterdam.

In the meantime, for more information about our MA, go to:

<http://www.uwtsd.ac.uk/ma-cultural-astronomy-astrology/>

And if you have any questions about the MA, email Dr. Nicholas Campion:

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