

Timetable

10.00 am Coffee

10.30 am **Positions and Prepositions**
Michael Bavidge

11.30 am Coffee

11.40 am **The Limits of Theory &
the Limits of Language**
Michael Lewis

1 pm Lunch

2.00 pm **Border Patrol**
Ian Ground

3.30 pm Tea



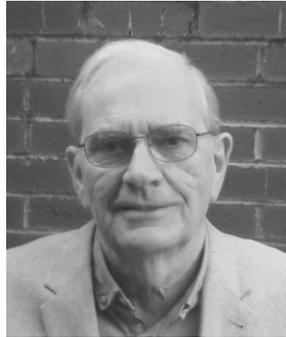
Ian is a Teaching Fellow in the Fine Art Department at Newcastle University. He has published on animals minds and has recently edited the formidable *Portraits of Wittgenstein*.



Michael is a Lecturer in Philosophy at Newcastle University. Among his many publications is *The Beautiful Animal: Sincerity, Charm, and the Fossilised Dialectic*.

Philosophy in Borders

Michael Bavidge



This is a study day based on my book *Philosophy in Borders*. The borders I have in mind are not lines of demarcation (not walls, checkpoints, lines on maps). They are stretches of territory - spaces of transition, trade and uncertainty - between more self-contained and settled regions.

Philosophy itself is a sort of critical reflection that takes place in these disputed areas. It does not have the stability of a respectable science; nor is it just a pleasant cultured conversation. The main philosophical topics, (persons, mind, language, values) all have the character of being in-between: they are all in some sense about something other than themselves.

So *In* (not *at* or *on*) *the Borders* is meant to suggest that philosophy is an unstable discussion of 'essentially contested' concepts. It has the added advantage of referencing the Scottish/English Borders (through geography and linguistic usage) where I (and Scotus and Hume) have lived.

I am very grateful; to my friends, Ian Ground and Michael Lewis, who have agreed to discuss some of the themes touched on in my book. They come from different philosophical traditions and I have gained a great deal from discussions with both of them.

I am particularly indebted to Anthony Morgan, the founder of the new philosophical publisher, Bigg Books, for his encouragement and support.

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Philosophy in the Borders

Saturday, 6th July, 2019
10.30 am – 3.30 pm

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