

2026 FALL LECTURE SERIES

Reductionism, Lost, Reduction Regained: Science, Theology and Metaphysics



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ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS

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at the University of Nottingham

DATE November 10, 2026

TIME 5:15 pm

LOCATION Sancta Maria Hall
at St. Patrick's Seminary

LECTURE DESCRIPTION

Drawing on exciting developments in cutting-edge physics, Conor Cunningham challenges the reductionist logic animating the search for a single sovereign Theory of Everything. Professor Cunningham shows how reductionism handicaps science and forces nature into an ideological straitjacket. In so doing, he lays the foundation for a new understanding of reduction—not as a dissolution of wholes into parts, but as a recovery of wholes and parts together.

ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Conor Cunningham, PhD (Cambridge) is Associate Professor of Theology and Philosophy at the University of Nottingham, where he is also the Director of The Centre of Theology and Philosophy. He is the author of *Genealogy of Nihilism: Philosophies of Nothing and the Difference of Theology*, *Darwin's Pious Idea*, and the forthcoming *True Reduction: Science, Metaphysics, and Theology*. In addition to his published work, which has been translated into several languages, he wrote and narrated the multi-award-winning BBC documentary *Did Darwin Kill God?* and is in high demand as a speaker and lecturer in the UK and elsewhere.



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