

Dr. Robert Andrews



I completed my Bachelor of Arts (Honours – 1st class) at the University of Notre Dame, Fremantle in 2007, with a double major in history and philosophy. My honours thesis was on John Henry Newman's Mariology. I subsequently went on to study a PhD in Church History at Murdoch University under the supervision of Professor Rowan Strong, which I completed in 2012. I have taught ecclesiastical history at the University of Notre Dame Australia, Murdoch University, and the Centre for Faith Enrichment. In early 2016 I took up the position of Lecturer in Church History at the Catholic Institute of Sydney.

My research interests are ecumenical and focus on Anglicanism and Catholicism in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. Recent publications include: *Lay Activism and the High Church Movement of the Late Eighteenth Century: The Life and Thought of William Stevens, 1732-1807* (Leiden: Brill, 2015) and *Apologia Pro Beata Maria Virgine: John Henry Newman's Defence of the Virgin Mary in Catholic Doctrine and Piety* (Palo Alto: Academica, 2017).



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CHURCH HISTORY



**H9695: ISSUES IN CHURCH
HISTORY:**

**CARDINAL NEWMAN
AND RELIGION IN 19th
CENTURY ENGLAND**

with Dr. Robert Andrews

* Le cardinal John Henry Newman en 1887 (Photo :Babouba/Wikicommons).

UNIT OBJECTIVES

This master's course unit seeks to:

Provide graduate students with an appreciation and analysis of the life and thought of John Henry Newman and his various nineteenth-century contexts as an English Catholic.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

At the end of this unit students will be able to:

1. Demonstrate a comprehensive knowledge of Newman's life and context
2. Critically analyse a range of primary and secondary literature on Newman and his context
3. Critically evaluate Newman's life and context using the methodologies appropriate to the discipline
4. Show advanced competence in practical skills and/or descriptive, critical and analytic skills with respect to Newman's life and context
5. Perceptively apply the results of their study to enrich Christian life, ministry, or theology

PRE-REQUISITE

Master's and Graduate Certificate students require a completed unit in Church History or permission of lecturer.

Bachelor's students may be admitted at the discretion of the lecturer and subject to BTh & BMin rules.

CONTENT

John Henry Newman (1801-90) was a convert from Anglicanism, a religious controversialist, a scholar and a theologian. Not only one of the great Victorian intellectuals, his contributions to modern Catholic thought make him one of the most important Catholic thinkers of modern times. From positions such as Vicar of St Mary the Virgin, Oxford, to the leader of the Oxford Movement, and later a leading English Oratorian and cardinal, Newman left a religious legacy that was influential to Catholics and non-Catholics alike. If the poet Matthew Arnold could refer to "the charm of that spiritual apparition," the late nineteenth-century writer, Charles Kingsley, so disliked Newman and his influence that he libellously referred to him as being the epitome of the alleged Catholic subversion of truth. As this unit will discuss, Newman was a central religious figure in nineteenth-century England. His life and thought provide an insight into the religious controversies of that century—his place in them, and the contexts of his involvement.

SESSION DATES AND TIMES

Sessions will be held:

9:30pm – 4:00pm

On the following days:

22 July

5 – 6 August

9 September

14 October

COST & REGISTRATION

Unit Costs: Degree Students **\$1920**
Non-Degree Students **\$1920**
Audit Students **\$550**
CISSA Fee **\$10**

Registration closes:

15 June, 2017

If you are a continuing Catholic Institute of Sydney student, simply register for the course in person as per usual during Registration Week (Week 13). Information regarding Registration Week is posted on the Registry Noticeboard and the CIS website.

All other students interested in registering in this unit should contact:

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