



Evolution, cooperation and the question of God

Is there a future for “natural theology”?

ACU public lecture - Professor Sarah Coakley

LOCATION

Christ Lecture Theatre,
Rm 404.G.12

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Sarah Coakley is concerned, critically, with the way that evolution has been purveyed in the last generation as ‘selfishly’-oriented genetically, yet devoid of either positive meaning or discernible structure. Does evolution really bespeak nothing but competitive ‘selfishness’, or is there some alternative that might itself enhance the expansion of human altruism to face pressing contemporary political, ethical and ecological crises?



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