

# Alfred Edward Taylor Lectures

A. E. Taylor, a renowned Plato scholar and moral philosopher, was Professor of Moral Philosophy at Edinburgh from 1924 to 1941. Previous lectures have been given by:

## **2022-2023**

**Professor Ricardo Salles** (Universidad Nacional Autonoma de Mexico/University of Oxford)  
*"Stoic everlasting recurrence"*

## **2021-2022**

*There was no lecture this year*

## **2020-2021 (Lecture 24)**

**Professor Jap Mansfield** (University of Utrecht)  
*"The Aetian Placita: Reconstructing an Ancient Document"*

## **2019-2020**

*There was no lecture this year*

## **2018-2019 (Lecture 23)**

**Professor Carlos Steel** (Leuven)  
*"Kairos. What depends on us and what is determined by Fate (a Stoic-Platonic approach)"*

## **2017-2018**

*There was no lecture this year*

## **2016-2017**

**Professor Gábor Betegh** (Cambridge)  
*Plato on Illness in the Phaedo and the Timaeus*

## **2015-2016 (Lecture 21)**

**Professor CDC Reeve** (University of North, Carolina at Chapel Hill)  
*"Human Happiness as a Political Achievement in Aristotle"*

## **2014-2015 (Lecture 20)**

**Philip van der Eijk**, Humboldt University, Berlin  
*"Clinical and ethical aspects of mental health and mental disorder in ancient philosophical and medical thought"*

## **2013-2014 (Lecture 19)**

**Professor Catherine Rowett**, University of East Anglia  
*"Truth and lies: why Plato's philosopher kings will believe the Noble Lie, and believe it first, precisely because they know the truth"*

## **2012-2013 (Lecture 18)**

**Professor Stephen Menn**, McGill University and Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin  
*"Wisdom as the Science of the Four Causes?"*

## **2011-2012 (Lecture 17)**

**Professor Richard Sorabji**, CBE, FBA, King's College London & Wolfson College, Oxford  
*"Moral Conscience: Ancient Origins of the Idea and Its Historical Aftermath"*

## **2010-2011 (Lecture 16)**

**Stephen Makin**, University of Sheffield  
*"Amusing Gorgias"*

## **2009-2010 (Lecture 15)**

**Edward Hussey**, All Souls College, Oxford  
*"Aristotle, mathematics and the structure of time"*

**2008-2009 (Lecture 14)**

**Gail Fine**, (Cornell and Oxford University)

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**2003-2004 (Lecture 9)**

**Christopher Taylor**, University of Oxford

*"Socrates"*

**2002-2003 (Lecture 8)**

**Keimpe Algra**, University of Utrecht

*"Epicurus and Gassendi on Astronomy and the Sun"*

**2001-2002 (Lecture 7)**

**Sarah Broadie**, University of St Andrews

*"The Contents of the Receptacle"*

**2000-2001 (Lecture 6)**

**Michael Frede**, University of Oxford

*"Sextus Empiricus on the Origin of Philosophy"*

**1999-2000 (Lecture 5)**

**Malcolm Schofield**, University of Cambridge

*"The Noble Lie"*

**1998-1999 (Lecture 4)**

**Myles Burnyeat**, All Souls College, Oxford

*"Plato on why Mathematics is Good for the Soul"*

**1997-1998 (Lecture 3)**

**R.W.Sharpley**, University College, London

*"Peripatetic Theology"*

**1996-1997 (Lecture 2)**

**David Charles**, Oriel College, Oxford

*"Aristotle's Essentialism"*

**1995-1996 (Lecture 1)**

**David Furley**, Oxford

*"The Creation Story in Plato's Timaeus and Aristotle's Response"*