

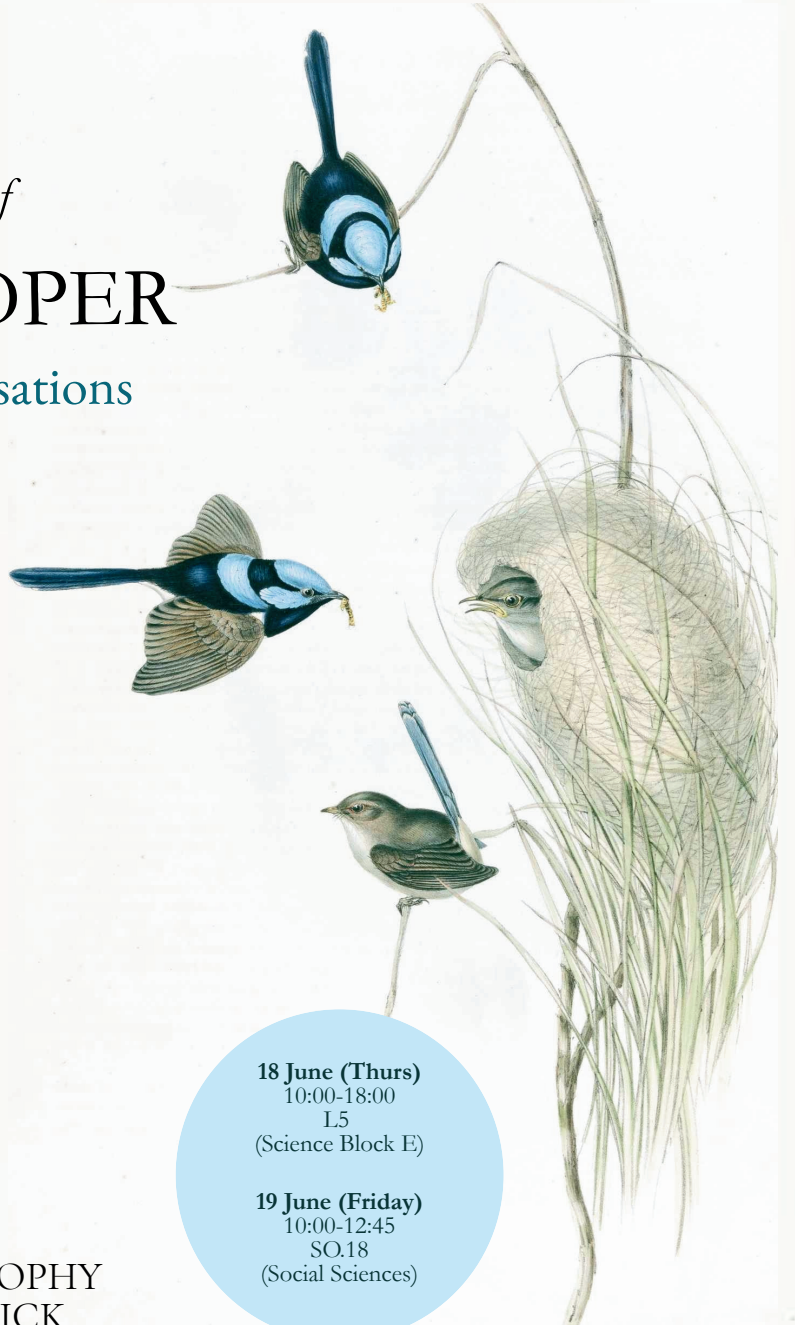
The Life and Work of
ANDREW COOPER
Reflections and Conversations

18-19 June 2026

DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY
UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK

18 June (Thurs)
10:00-18:00
L5
(Science Block E)

19 June (Friday)
10:00-12:45
SO.18
(Social Sciences)



John and Elizabeth Gould,
The Birds of Australia, Vol. 3 (1848)
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Programme

DAY ONE - 18 JUNE 2026 - ROOM L5

9:30-10:00	<i>Coffee</i>
10:00-10:30	<i>Welcome and Opening Remarks (Guy Longworth/ Curie Virág)</i> Personal reflections: David James
10:30-11:15	<i>Lecture:</i> Melinda Cooper, “Conversations about Wilderness: Andrew’s 2025 Sabbatical Research Project” (Chair: Curie Virág)
11:15-12:50	<i>Session 1: Philosophy of Nature and Natural history (Chair: Patrick Tomlin)</i>
11:15-12:00	Robert Simpson, “What is the Opposite of Idolatry?”
(5 min break)	
12:05-12:50	Rozemin Keshvani, “Natural History v. Natural Philosophy: the Kant-Cooper Distinction”
12:50-2:00	<i>Lunch</i>
2:00-4:20	<i>Session 2: Aesthetics, Ethics and Tragedy (Chair: Fridolin Neumann)</i>
2:00-2:45	Eileen John, “ ‘An Enlarged way of Thinking’: Aesthetics and the Moral Project”
2:45-3:30	Stephen Houlgate, “Andrew Cooper and Hegel on Tragedy and Community”
(5 min break)	
3:35-4:20	Daniel Vanello, “Cooper’s Philosophy of Education: A Holstean Position”
4:20-4:40	<i>Coffee</i>
4:40-5:45	<i>Session 3: Personal Reflections (Chair: Karen Simecek)</i> Fabienne Peter Alexandra Lilley Chenwei Nie Oscar Jenkinson Rozemin Keshvani Tobias Keiling Luke Leong
6:00 pm	<i>Drinks at Radcliffe</i>
7:30 pm	<i>Dinner in Leamington Spa</i>

DAY TWO - 19 JUNE 2026 - ROOM S0.18

9:30-10:00	<i>Coffee</i>
10:00-12:20	<i>Session 4: Philosophy as an Ethical Project/ Andrew’s Metaphilosophy (Chair: Nadine Elzein)</i>
10:00-10:45	Karen Simecek, “From Poetry to Potatoes: Making a Difference Through Philosophy Projects”
10:45-11:30	Curie Virág, “The Unity of Life: Biology, Ethics and Philosophical Practice”

(5 min break)

11:35-12:20 Christoph Schuringa, “The Philosopher as Explorer”

12:20-12:45 *Closing Discussion*

12:45 *Lunch*