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COLERIDGE AT 250

CELEBRATIONS AND REFLECTIONS AT CLARE HALL

The 21st of October 2022 marked the 250th birthday of Samuel Taylor Coleridge, one of the foremost poets, philosophers, theologians, and literary critics, of the Romantic era. The 250th anniversary year presents a perfect opportunity to celebrate and reflect on the legacy of Coleridge in the twenty-first century.

What is the impact and influence of this remarkable writer and thinker? What 'version' of Coleridge is most celebrated: the poet of prescient 'greenery' visions of humanity and nature? Or the literary and philosophical musings of *Biographia Literaria*? Who are the readers of Coleridge today? Is Coleridge read nationally or globally and in print, digital or other forms? Which of Coleridge's works are most read and which are most undervalued? And how has the climate of reception in the digital age shifted from appreciations of Coleridge in the Romantic, Victorian and Modern periods?

Please join us on Thursday, 19 October 2023, in the Richard Eden Suite, Clare Hall, Cambridge, for discussions, talks, readings, and some birthday cake, celebrating and reflecting on Coleridge's legacy after 250 years.

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09:00–10:15 | Coleridge's Poetry
Jeff Cowton (Wordsworth Grasmere)
[*Coleridge's Manuscripts at Dove Cottage*](#)

Stephen Bygrave (Southampton)
[*Repression or Retreat? Coleridge's Poetry in the 1790s*](#)

10:45–12:00 | Exploring Conceptions of Poetic Making

Chris Townsend (St Andrews)
[*A Semblance of Truth: Coleridge and the Way Things Seem to Be*](#)

Maximiliaan van Woudenberg (Clare Hall)
[*Coleridge and Cambridge*](#)

13:30–14:45 | Coleridge Then & Now
Nora Crook (Anglia Ruskin)
[*Coleridge and Shelley: Wallenstein's Speech in Shelley's Poetry*](#)

Mathelinda Nabugodi (UCL)
Robin Payne (Jesus)
[*The Tale of a Coleridge Exhibition*](#)

14:45–15:30 | Coleridge Birthday Cake

16:00–17:00 | Coleridge's Christabel
Ruth Abbot (St John's)
[*The Annotated Christabel Pamphlet*](#)

Note: This session on 'Christabel' is held in the Old Library of St John's College, Cambridge.
Please enter via the E Staircase, Second Court.