

John Templeton Foundation Progress Report Questions

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Project Schedule

1. Briefly summarize progress you made towards your project's objectives since your last report, including unanticipated results related to your grant. Where applicable, please reference your project timeline, benchmarks, work products, and outcomes/enduring impacts.

The project's research co-ordinator, Eric Martin, began work at LSE on 13 September, 2010. His immediate tasks include

1. setting up publications repository detailed below
2. work on two publications, one with project leader Eric Watkins, the other with project leader Nancy Cartwright
3. setting up contacts with all project members to encourage and keep track of their separate activities.

Plans have progressed for the conference to be held at UCSD in March 4-6 2011. Though originally scheduled in the timeline for December 2010, the March dates allow for more significant attendance by the desired speakers. The venues have now been booked and further invitations were issued to and accepted by Peter Harrison (Oxford), John Hedley Brooke (Oxford) and Nancey Murphy (Fuller Theological Seminary).

At the close of the first year of the project there are 22 titles in the project's discussion paper series.

2. Please explain whether you are on-track for completing your project's objectives. If you are not on track, please describe the challenges you are facing and your plans for getting back on track.

The discussion paper publications list plus project member's separate publications are easily on target to complete the number of publications envisaged by the project.

The project is also on track with respect to the original projections in terms of number of events. In addition to the Free Will conference (Oxford 2010) and Views on Reduction (LSE 2010), a two day workshop, The Governance of Nature, will be held at LSE on 27/28 October 2010.

Significant Accomplishments

3. Please describe any significant accomplishments since your last report (include attachments): research results, submitted articles, conference proceedings, print/electronic materials, media coverage, funding, etc.

Events

A workshop entitled 'Views on Reduction' was held at LSE on 20 July 2010. Papers by Margaret Schabas (UBC) 'What, precisely, is meant by 'the Economy'?', Andreas Hüttemann (Universität zu Köln) 'Physicalism and the Part-Whole Relation' and Keith Ward (Oxford) 'Theological Attitudes to Naturalism' are available to view on the website.

Reading Groups

Two reading groups have been organized at UCSD for the Fall Quarter.

1. The Philosophy of Science Reading Group is devoted to exploring notions of order and disorder by considering articles in the secondary literature. Its first reading is by Lawrence Sklar "Dappled Theories in a Uniform World," *Philosophy of Science* 70 (2003): 424-41.
2. Historical Perspectives on God's Order, Man's Order, and the Order of Nature. Its first reading is the Leibniz-Clarke Correspondence as well as a paper by Peter Harrison titled "Voluntarism and the Origins of Modern Science," *History of Science* 40 (2002): 63-89.

Dissemination

Nancy Cartwright gave a paper 'Queen Physics, How much of the Globe is painted Red?' at the God and Physics and an 80th birthday celebration of the work of John Polkinghorne at the Ian Ramsey Centre, Oxford July 2010.

Eric Watkins accepted an invitation to comment on a paper by Andrew Chignell at the Eastern Division APA in a session titled "New Perspectives on Kant's Philosophy of Religion". (This is an outgrowth of Watkins' paper "Kant on the Hiddenness of God" which was published by Kantian Review in 2009 and reprinted in a volume published by De Gruyter in 2010.)

Publications

The publication of God, Belief and Explanation, by Michael Redhead is in the design stage of production. It will be the first 'official' publication of the Order project published by CPNSS. An outline of the book's chapters is on the website.

The Research Co-ordinator has been contributing to the research with two papers, one on the concept of noise in relation to order, the other on Francis Bacon's view of dominion over nature. Both papers will be pre-published in the discussion paper series, and the latter presented at the October LSE workshop, 'The Governance of Nature'.

At UCSD, progress was made on several publications:

Eric Watkins completed a draft of 'Immanuel Kant: Natural Science' (Cambridge University Press), with significant work carried out by Peter Yong (UCSD graduate student research assistant, new to the project). It is being submitted to the general editors of the series in which it is to appear (Paul Guyer and Allen Wood) before the final version is submitted to the press.

UCSD project research assistant James Messina completed a draft of "Is There a Ground for the Unity of Space" and "Kant on the Determination of Space and the Law of Community" and presented the former at a graduate student conference at UCSD, with comments provided by Derk Pereboom (Cornell University) and at the History of Philosophy Roundtable (UCSD).

Peter Yong is working on a short discussion piece of Andrew Chignell's paper "Kant, Modality, and the Most Real Being".

Publications Repository

Referred to originally in the quarterly report for June 2010, in August, the research co-ordinator launched a communications campaign to inaugurate a database of citations, abstracts and publications that aims to become an authoritative reference tool for themes related to the Order project. The repository has received many new titles and the research officer is liaising with the library as to the best way to maintain this database of work related to the latest thinking on topics including laws, types of order, mechanisms, natural theology, powers, reduction, emergence, unity, and relation of moral to social and natural order.

Additional Reporting Requirements

4. In this section, please address any additional reporting requirements, i.e. Cost Effectiveness Statement as outlined in your Original Grant Agreement or any amendments to that Agreement.

The project continues to progress within budget.