

PHILOSOPHY AND LITERATURE OF IRIS MURDOCH

[DAY COURSE]

Date

Saturday 4th February 2023
10.30am until 3.30pm

Venue

The Highgate Literary and Scientific Institution
11 South Grove
Highgate
London
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Fee

Full fee £60 | HSLI Members £50 | Benefit £10

Level

Beginners to Intermediate

Description

This course is for anyone interested in literature and the philosophical ideas underlying literary work. The focus is on the work of Iris Murdoch. Murdoch's philosophy has often been neglected in favour of her novels. In this course we will try to remedy this imbalance. Making reference to her novel *The Bell*, we will look at the relationship between her moral philosophy and her fiction. We will then explore some of the ideas in her best known philosophical work, *The Sovereignty of Good*. One of the key questions she addresses is how human beings can become morally better.

Outline

10.30am - 11.35pm	Introduction, Life & Context
11.35am - 11.45am	Break
11.45am - 1pm	The Bell
1pm - 2pm	Lunch Break
2pm - 3.30pm	The Sovereignty of Good

Suggested Reading

Although prior reading is not obligatory, it would be an advantage for participants to have read *The Bell* by Iris Murdoch.

Booking

To book a place on this course, please ring the HSLI on 020 8340 3343, or go to the following link hlsi.net/courses/2023-spring-courses .

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