



# RELIGIOUS STUDIES WORKSHOP SERIES

## XV. THE CONCEPT OF “GUESTHOOD”

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Carrying out fieldwork can be extremely daunting. Moreover, the question of how best to carry out interviews, participant observation, and general interactions with one’s participants are questions that sadly get neglected by many students and scholars of religion. This workshop will introduce the concept of “guesthood,” a methodological theory coined by Graham Harvey that is grounded in establishing a good relationship with one’s fieldwork participants. By exploring the theory itself as well as applying it to practical examples, we will gain a sense for how to utilise these tools in our own research and better our own fieldwork practice.

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