

## 2nd Pre-doctoral Conference on the Quartet:



We are excited to announce that Manchester Metropolitan University (MMU) will host this year's pre-doctoral conference on the Wartime Quartet of Iris Murdoch, Mary Midgley, Philippa Foot, and Elizabeth Anscombe. If you are a pre-doctoral (undergraduate or master's) student and would like to present a paper on the Wartime Quartet, please send a 250-word abstract to: [wartimequartetpredoctoralconference@outlook.com](mailto:wartimequartetpredoctoralconference@outlook.com). Papers are to be about 20-minutes, or 2000-2500-words, in length.

Topics may include:

- Comparative or individual analysis of the Quartet's work
- Philosophical themes (explored) "in the spirit of" Anscombe, Foot, Murdoch, or Midgley
- The impact of the Quartet on 20th-century analytic philosophy
- Connected figures in the Quartet+

The event will be taking place in Manchester on 18th-19th June, 2026. Venue details will be distributed later in the year to those hoping to attend.

**Deadline:** Please have abstracts sent before 20th February 2026.

We will be hosting 'poster sessions' at the event, so, if you would like to give your presentation in the form of a poster, please specify in your application. Furthermore, the event will be in hybrid form, so if you would like to attend remotely, please let us know in advance and we will send you a link to the conference in due course.

This event is collaboratively organised by students and staff of MMU and the University of Liverpool, as part of the work of the research centre 'Women in Parenthesis.' For more information on the centre's work, visit: <https://www.womeninparenthesis.co.uk/>. A link to the sister website for the conference itself will be distributed shortly.

We look forward to hearing from you.

*Wartime Quartet Pre-Doctoral Conference 2026 Organising Committee*