



Seminar: "The end of times: moving from anxiety to hope"

4th – 10th July – Domaine des Courmettes – A Rocha France

We are living in anxious times. Loss of and damage to biodiversity, climate change, environmental problems... How can we live with this destruction? What should we make of it? And what hope do we, as Christians, have? What hope can we bring to discussions about these topics? This will be a week to respond to our worries, nourish ourselves, and begin to move beyond anxiety in pursuit of hope.

Programme

In the mornings: After some time spent reading the bible together, the teaching sessions will address the following themes:

- Theories of the apocalypse and apocalyptic hope
- Churches and religious communities faced with theories of the End of Times
- Impacts on secular culture in the West: how should we communicate and work with atheists and people of other faiths?
- How can we read Scripture and the book of nature together? How should we relate them to each other?
- Christianity and other perspectives, religious and secular: what dialogue is there to be had about the future?

In the afternoons: There will be the opportunity to relax and to discover the magnificent site of Les Courmettes, and there will be various outings offered, including:

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- Hikes to discover the flora and fauna on site
- Walks of praise and worship
- Meditation
- Prayer
- Climbing the Pic des Courmettes (1250m)
- Geological outings on site
- Discovery of the bees and hives of Les Courmettes

In the evenings: The evenings will be varied and might include:

- Night-time nature walks
- Stargazing
- Board games
- Film screenings
- Presentations about A Rocha

Speaker



Graeme Murdoch

Graeme Murdoch is an Associate Professor of History in the Department of European History at Trinity College, Dublin.

The teaching will be given in English with a simultaneous interpretation into French.

Practical Information

Dates: Sunday 4th July – Saturday 10th July at 9am.

Location: At the Domaine des Courmettes, a private property of 600ha open to the public, located in the commune of Tourrettes-sur-Loup in the Alpes-Maritimes region of France. Home to the Pic des Courmettes at a staggering 1248m altitude the site dominates the Côte d'Azur and offers a breathtaking view of the Mediterranean and the Mercantour massif. The estate belongs to the organisation *Amiral de Coligny*, but has been entrusted to the management of A Rocha France, a Christian organisation working in conservation.

How to reach us: you will find further information about reaching the site [here](#), in English. We also offer a shuttle bus service from Vence (8 € per person).

Pricing (per person per week):

- **Full board and activities on site**
 - 360€ Double or shared room ("comfort") with a private bathroom

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- 310€ Double or shared room ("economy") with a shared bathroom
 - For those who would prefer an individual room, it costs an additional 105€.
 - 255€ Dormitory with shared bathroom
 - 175€ Camping
 - We do offer apartments for families: please get in touch to enquire about this option!
- Free participation (with a suggested amount of 75 Euro per person)
 - It is also possible to participate in the week without attending the teaching sessions as an "accompanying person" or a "plus one", for the same price.

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Other practical information:

- All meals are organic. Most of the meals are vegetarian or contain some (mostly locally sourced) meat or fish. Even when there is some meat, there is always a vegetarian option.
- We hope that you will help us with the washing up 😊
- Bedding is provided but towels are not.
- The buildings are located at an altitude of 850m, so it can be cold in the mornings and evenings, even in summer! We advise you to pack accordingly.
- COVID-19: We will do our utmost to limit the risk of contamination, in accordance with the legislation and guidelines in force at the time of the seminar.

The whole team is really looking forward to welcoming you to the Domaine des Courmettes for a wonderful week!