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Thinking Out Loud presents intellectuals talking about the impact of fundamental philosophical ideas on how we understand society.

This year's speaker, **Professor Stathis Gourgouris** (Columbia University), will present three lectures on secular criticism. How do theoretical issues of secularism impact our lives? Has the Enlightenment project to separate politics from theology been successful? Is it possible to reconceptualise a space against religious tendencies of all sorts that is, at the same time, radically democratic? The respondent is Professor Nikolas Kompridis (UWS).

Monday 21 May, Lecture 1:
'The Poetics and Politics of Secular Criticism'

Wednesday 23 May, Lecture 2:
'Why I Am Not A Post-Secularist'

Friday 25 May, Lecture 3:
'Political Theology and Prohibition'

6pm to 8pm Metcalfe Auditorium
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