

SciPo 2018 – a Meeting of Science and Poetry, Saturday 9 June, 10.00-4.30, St Hilda’s College, Oxford OX4 1DY

PROGRAMME

(all in the Lady Brodie Room and adjoining Sibthorpe Room):

10.00-10.30: Registration, tea/ coffee and welcome by Jenny Lewis, The Poet’s House, Oxford

10.30-12.30: Symposium, chaired by Sarah Watkinson

Discussion between poets Carrie Etter and Philip Gross, chaired by Sarah Watkinson. Each speaker will be asked to introduce themselves for about three minutes, followed by plenary discussion of questions raised by the chair and participants, for example: how differently do poets and scientists understand the world? Why are science and poetry both widely seen as remote and abstruse when both focus on the real and the human? How different are the languages of science and poetry? How do we reconcile scientific objectivity, distance and rationality with the personal close-up subjectivity of poetry?

12.30-13.30: Lunch. Participants are welcome to picnic in the gardens. There are cafes within a few minutes’ walk.

13.30-15.00: Readings: Carrie Etter and Philip Gross

15.00-15.30 Tea and book sales

15.30-16.30 Competition winners’ poems followed by Open Mic.

BOOK STALL

There will be a book stall with books and pamphlets by the featured poets, who will be happy to sign copies for you.

PARKING

No car parking is available in the college grounds but there is a small public car park and parking spaces along roads nearby. It is always a problem in Oxford – please allow yourself time to park, or use the Park and Ride buses.

For any questions about the event, please contact sarah.watkinson@plants.ox.ac.uk