

**Philosophy Group @ Ipswich Institute:
Julian Baggini, *Freedom Regained***



This is a ten-week course for the discussion of Julian Baggini's lively, accessible, deep and altogether excellent book, *Freedom Regained: The Possibility of Free Will* (Granta, 2016; 256pp.). Here are excerpts from some reviews.

Freedom Regained is both balanced and convincing, and has many other virtues besides. While firmly rooted in the philosophical tradition, Baggini also gets out and talks to people for whom freedom – and lack of it – is a real and pressing matter. The result is a wide-ranging, wise and stimulating survey.

Stephen Cave, *Literary Review*, June 2015

Julian Baggini is that happy thing – a philosopher who recognises that readers go glassy-eyed if presented with high-octane philosophical discourse. And yet, as his latest book, *Freedom Regained: The Possibility of Free Will*, makes clear, it is in all our interests to consider crucial aspects of what it means to be human.

Sally Vickers, *Guardian*, 26/04/2016

Rarely has the idea of freedom been so popular in practice and so disdained in theory. Almost everyone assumes that they are free, except for a small band of neuroscientists and geneticists for whom neural firings or inherited genes lie at the root of everything we do, including our sentimental attachment to the myth of free will.

Terry Eagleton, *Guardian*, 1/04/2015

The tutor will open each session with a brief overview of the week's reading. Handouts will be provided. The reading for the first week is the book's Introduction.

Tutor: Dr Nick Joll

Day & time: Thursdays 2.00 – 4.00pm.

Course dates: 11 January – 22 March.

Half Term: 15 February.

