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There are centres of the Institute at the University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne and the University College of North Wales, Bangor.

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The following Lectures will be given at 14 Gordon Square, W.C.1, at 5.45 p.m. All dates fall on a Friday.

### 1969

- October 17th **A THEME FOR SOCIAL SCIENCES?**  
Professor Michael Drake (Open University)
- October 24th **HUMAN NATURE**  
Professor Peter Winch (University of London)
- October 31st **WORD AND CONCEPT**  
Professor Zeno Vendler (University of Calgary)
- November 7th **ART AND SOCIAL CHANGE**  
Professor Paul Halmos (University of Wales)
- November 14th **THE CONVERSATION BETWEEN THE GENERATIONS**  
Peter Laslett, Esq., M.A. (Cambridge University)
- November 21st **DOES SOCIETY REQUIRE A SHARED MORALITY?**  
Professor Basil Mitchell (Oxford University)
- November 28th **SCIENTIFIC BELIEFS ABOUT ONESELF**  
Professor Donald MacKay (Keele University)

### 1970

- January 16th **SOME REMARKS ON THE LOGIC OF EXPLANATION IN THE SOCIAL SCIENCES**  
Dr. Albrecht Wellmer (Johann Wolfgang Goethe University)
- January 23rd **HEGEL'S CONCEPTION OF HUMAN NATURE**  
Professor H. B. Acton (Edinburgh University)
- January 30th **SOCIAL LEARNING**  
Professor Richard Peters (University of London)
- February 6th **EXPLANATION, BELLES-LETTRES AND SOCIAL LIFE**  
Frank Cioffi, Esq., M.A. (University of Kent)
- February 13th **PHILOSOPHY AND SOCIOLOGY**  
Professor D. D. Raphael (University of Reading)
- February 20th **AUTHORITY**  
David Bell, Esq., M.A. (University of Glasgow)
- February 27th **THE CONCEPT OF MAN AS PRESUPPOSED BY HISTORICAL STUDIES**  
P. L. Gardiner, Esq., M.A. (Oxford University)
- March 6th **THE INTELLECTUALS' BETRAYAL OF REASON**  
Professor Imre Lakatos, (University of London)
- March 13th **Title to be announced**  
Professor Ralf Dahrendorf (University of Konstanz)