Professor Michael ALEXANDER
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will give a guest lecture entitled

**Heaven, Hell & Purgatory in Medieval and Modern Literature**


PROFESSOR MICHAEL ALEXANDER long held the Chair of English Literature at the University of St Andrews, Scotland. Educated at Downside School, Bath, and the Universities of Oxford, Perugia and Princeton, Professor Alexander’s interests are chiefly in English poetry, medieval and modern. He is known for his Penguin Classics, *The First Poems in English* and *Beowulf*, verse translations from Old English into modern English, which have proved popular with poets, scholars and general readers. His edition of the first part of Geoffrey Chaucer’s *Canterbury Tales* is also a Penguin Classic. His *History of English Literature* (Palgrave Macmillan Press, 2000, 2007), the first one-volume history to take the medieval period seriously, has been a great success. His most recent publication is *Medievalism: The Middle Ages in Modern England* (Yale University Press, 2007).

**Date: 19th November (Thursday), 11.30 a.m.**

**Venue: Room 0.1, Sosnowiec, ul. S. Grota-Roweckiego 5**

Everybody is cordially welcome