



From Enigma to the Programming of Life: Alan Turing's achievements explored in a discussion between Dr Kyle Wedgwood and Sir Dermot Turing

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Alumni Auditorium, The Forum, University of Exeter, Streatham Campus, Stocker Road, Exeter, EX4 4PT and online



Sir Dermot Turing is the acclaimed author of *Prof*, a biography of his famous uncle, *The Story of Computing*, and most recently *X, Y and Z – the real story of how Enigma was broken*. He is also a regular speaker at historical and other events. He began writing in 2014 after a career in law.

Sir Dermot Turing – like his celebrated uncle [Alan Turing](#) – was educated at Sherborne School and King's College, Cambridge. After doing a D.Phil. in Genetics at Oxford, he concluded that scientific research was not for him, and moved into the legal profession.

Dermot worked for the Government Legal Service and then the international law firm Clifford Chance, where he was a partner until 2014. His specialism was financial sector regulation, particularly the problems associated with failed banks, and financial market infrastructure.

As well as writing and speaking, Dermot is a trustee of The Turing Trust and a Visiting Fellow at Kellogg College, Oxford. He continues his interest in the financial world. Dermot lives in Hertfordshire. He is married with two sons, and as well as history his interests include cooking, gardening and opera.

This public lecture, which is hosted by the [EPSRC Hub for Quantitative Modelling in Healthcare](#), is intended to provide a platform for people to separate truth from fiction in the story of Alan Turing's scientific accomplishments. Guest speaker, [Sir Dermot Turing](#) will be joined by [Dr Kyle Wedgwood](#) (lecturer in the [Living Systems Institute](#)) to discuss and explore the scientific achievements of Alan Turing across his career. Starting from the efforts to “break” the Enigma machine, Dermot will decipher the real story of Alan Turing's work.

Over the course of the evening, Dermot and Kyle will reflect on the impact of Alan Turing's early machines on the development of modern computers, and later, on his contribution to answering fundamental questions about life and the natural world.



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