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## 1 Lectures and Events

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#### **1.1 TORCH event this Wednesday- Political Theology/Walter Benjamin**

TORCH 'Crisis, extremes and Apocalypse' seminar series. Professor Andrew Benjamin (Monash/Kingston) 'On Political Theology?', Seminar Room, 3rd Floor of the Radcliffe Humanities, Oxford

Wednesday 14 December at 5pm

The world figures within any political theology. What has altered and thus what has to be drawn into any thinking of a political theology is a shift in the world's presence. A transformation of the world remains the project of a political theology. And yet, this claim has become complicated. It is equally true, now, that world itself is in a process of change; a process that is an opening to the world's destruction. However, this destruction is not the one that figures within the conventions of a political theology. On the contrary, it is form of destruction that is inextricably tied to the presence of catastrophic climate change as a genuine possibility. Hence the question that has to emerge – given the centrality of the world within any thinking of a political theology – concerns the impact of this modality of destruction on political theology as a mode of thought.

<https://www.facebook.com/crisisextremesapocalypse/>

[http://torch.ox.ac.uk/themes/crisis-extremes-and-apocalypse#quicktabs-theme\\_term\\_quicktab=0](http://torch.ox.ac.uk/themes/crisis-extremes-and-apocalypse#quicktabs-theme_term_quicktab=0)

Contact: [audrey.borowski@history.ox.ac.uk](mailto:audrey.borowski@history.ox.ac.uk)

## 2 Calls for Papers

#### **2.1 Bodies in Flux: Rewriting the Body in Medieval Literature, Art, and Culture 1000-1450**

Saturday 20th May 2017, Wolfson Research Exchange, University of Warwick Library

Keynote Speakers: Dr Miranda Griffin (St Catharine's College, Cambridge), Dr Robert Mills (UCL), Dr Debra Strickland (University of Glasgow)

What is it to have a body? And to experience change and transformation through that body?

A focus on the material body in critical theory and philosophy has, in recent decades, produced varied and stimulating challenges to the ways that we think about and engage with bodies, particularly in the fields of gender and sexuality, queer theory, posthumanism, disability studies, and the 'material turn'. Discussion of how bodies interact with, are situated in, or are delineated from social, political, and cultural phenomena illuminates our understanding of the experience of embodiment, and the representation of this experience. Similar debates, discussions, and anxieties were expressed in the Middle Ages. This interdisciplinary conference asks what the transformation of the body means for the conception of bodies of different kinds: human, nonhuman, animal, material, divine, and how the representation of these changes in different media reflects on and inflects the boundaries conventionally associated with the body. We welcome abstracts from scholars working in any area of medieval studies, including literature, art history, history of medicine, and history of religion; we encourage proposals that engage with critical theory or challenge disciplinary boundaries, as well as those approaching the topic in more historical ways. Topics might include, but are not limited to:

metamorphosis – boundaries between species – boundaries between materials – volatile matter – changing forms – spiritual bodies – transubstantiation – transforming saints – vulnerable bodies – death, illness, injury – medical transformations – bodily miracles – translating bodies – bodies in text and image – allegory and symbolism – transforming meaning. Conference organisers at: [warwickbodiesinflux@gmail.com](mailto:warwickbodiesinflux@gmail.com)

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## **2.2 Heritage and Society conference**

The 4th Heritage Forum of Central Europe which will be held in Kraków, Poland, on 1-3 June 2017. The theme of the conference is "Heritage and Society".

The deadline for submitting a 150-word abstract is 8 January 2017. The conference website is <http://mck.krakow.pl/conferences/4th-heritage-forum>.

We are delighted to announce that Prof. Dr. Sharon Macdonald, Prof. Dr. Robert van der Laarse, and Prof. Dr. John Tunbridge have been confirmed as the Forum's plenary speakers.

We would be very happy if you kindly considered submitting your proposal. We would also be indebted if you could share the call with your colleagues and scholars who may be interested in attending the conference.

*\* Please see item 2.2 attachment for further information:*

<https://weblearn.ox.ac.uk/x/H9yQR6>

## **2.3 HRG Annual Conference: Heritage and Revolution**

18th Annual Cambridge Heritage Research Group Seminar  
Heritage and Revolution: First as Tragedy, then as Farce?  
McDonald Institute for Archaeological Research, University of Cambridge, 6 May 2017

By exploring the relationship between cultural heritage and revolution, this seminar will contribute to the expanding body of work in Critical Heritage Studies by going beyond the specific case studies to search for the underlying theoretical and practical logics of the tense dialectic between heritage and revolutionary processes.

Please send abstracts of no more than 300 words to Alba Menéndez Pereda ([am2455@cam.ac.uk](mailto:am2455@cam.ac.uk)) by 14 February 2017

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<https://weblearn.ox.ac.uk/x/HQEoaJ>

<https://weblearn.ox.ac.uk/x/ZZnQy7>

## **2.4 Oxford Centre for Global History: Call for Papers: 'A Violent World? Changes and Limits to Large-Scale Violence in Early Modernity', 29 June - 1 July 2017**

This conference brings global approaches to the history of violence, reassessing the nature of violence during the early modern period. Using violence and the restraint of violence as a unifying theme, participants are encouraged to make trans-national comparisons and connections across the early modern world. By examining large-scale, organized violence alongside broader social and cultural patterns, this conference will explore the boundaries between 'war' and 'violence', as well as how they relate to ideas of morality, social order, law, and political legitimacy in the early modern world. We encourage scholars to address contemporary perceptions of violence and its restraint, framing analysis through thematic, rather than geographic, approaches. Confirmed speakers include: Wayne Lee, Alan McFarlane, Stuart Carroll, Pratyay Nath, Brian Sandberg, Cecile Vidal, Lauren Benton, Adam Clulow, Simon Layton, Richard Reid, and James Belich. We particularly welcome papers on violence in regions not covered by confirmed speakers, such as China, Russia, the Ottoman Empire, and Africa.

More details at: [http://global.history.ox.ac.uk/?page\\_id=2395](http://global.history.ox.ac.uk/?page_id=2395)

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An abstract of 400 words, accompanied by a short (two-page) CV, should be submitted to [globalviolence@history.ox.ac.uk](mailto:globalviolence@history.ox.ac.uk) by 31 December 2016

## **2.5 FORUM (University of Edinburgh Postgraduate Journal) Issue 24: Taboo**

Issue 24 of FORUM seeks contributions from a range of disciplines that engage with the concept of taboo. To what extents are civilisations structured around taboos? How might taboos reveal the darker, or even the suppressed side of society? In what ways do art and literature provide avenues for the exploration of taboo? Do taboos inevitably drive the homogenisation of both landscapes and people? In what ways might breaking taboos offer opportunities for liberation? Are there some taboos that should never be broken?

Papers must be between 3,000 – 5,000 words in length, formatted according to MLA guidelines. FORUM is also considering academic book reviews (1,000 words) and multimedia and alternative presentations for publication. Please e-mail your article, a short abstract and your academic CV in separate, clearly labelled DOC(X). files to [editors@forumjournal.org](mailto:editors@forumjournal.org) by 27 February 2017. All eligible articles will be peer reviewed prior to publication. Only one submission per author per issue is permitted.

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<https://weblearn.ox.ac.uk/x/ezCaxn>

## **3 Adverts**

### **Funding & Prizes**

#### **3.1 Kellogg College Community Engagement and Academic Merit Award**

This year Kellogg College has introduced a new award for its students, and departments are able to nominate their students for this award. [The Kellogg College Community Engagement and Academic Merit Award](#) rewards students with a demonstrated commitment to community engagement and academic excellence. Successful recipients will receive £250 in recognition of their achievements.

Examples of community engagement may include, but are not restricted to,

- \*disseminating research to the public such as in schools
- \*a research-related blog with proven interest in its content
- \*developing new applications
- \*engaging with wider media such as through an exhibition or use of social media.

All teaching staff, Supervisors and Course Directors are able to nominate Kellogg students on their programmes – and I'd be grateful if you would please forward them this information. The deadline for receipt of nominations is Friday 10 February 2017. Further information and the application form can be found on the [College website](#). Contact: [sarah.obrien@kellogg.ox.ac.uk](mailto:sarah.obrien@kellogg.ox.ac.uk)

### **Jobs, Recruitment and Volunteering**

#### **3.2 Associate Professorship or Professorship of Russian Linguistics and Comparative Slavonic Philology**

Faculty of Medieval and Modern Languages/Faculty of Linguistics, Philology and Phonetics, 41 Wellington Square, Oxford

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For the further particulars and details on how to apply online please go to:

[https://www.recruit.ox.ac.uk/pls/hrisliverecruit/erq\\_jobspec\\_version\\_4.jobspec?p\\_id=125384](https://www.recruit.ox.ac.uk/pls/hrisliverecruit/erq_jobspec_version_4.jobspec?p_id=125384)

The closing date for the post is 12.00 noon on Monday 9 January 2017.

Contact: [recruitment@mod-langs.ox.ac.uk](mailto:recruitment@mod-langs.ox.ac.uk)

## Miscellaneous

### **3.3 Training to teach languages: Scholarships and bursaries of up to 27.500 GBP to support language training**

Dear students,

You may be interested in an initiative launched by the Department for Education to boost recruitment of school teachers in Modern Foreign Languages (French, German and Spanish). Please pass on this information to anyone you know who might be interested. We need good teachers!

Get into Teaching – bursaries and opportunities

<https://getintoteaching.education.gov.uk/explore-my-options/training-to-teach-secondary-subjects/training-to-teach-languages>

For more information: [katrin.kohl@mod-langs.ox.ac.uk](mailto:katrin.kohl@mod-langs.ox.ac.uk)

### **3.4 Taylor Institution - Basement closed to readers from Tuesday 13th to Friday 16th December**

Basement closed to readers from Tuesday 13th to Friday 16th December, inclusive - fetching available from the Enquiry Desk.

The new handrail for the stairs opposite the Slavonic Reading Room is to be fitted on Tuesday 13th December.

As a result of redecorating in the staircase and in the Taylor Central Basement, the whole Basement area will be out of bounds to readers on Tuesday 13th December and, in all likelihood, for the rest of the week.

If the timetable above changes, a notice will be posted on the Taylor website: <http://www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/taylor>.

Please note that books from the Basement can be fetched for readers by a member of staff. To have a book fetched, please fill out a request slip at the Enquiry Desk.

If you have any questions about the Basement closure, please contact the Taylor Operations Manager, Frank Egerton: [frank.egerton@bodleian.ox.ac.uk](mailto:frank.egerton@bodleian.ox.ac.uk).

We apologise for any inconvenience this closure may cause.

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## 4 Year Abroad

### 4.1 Job Opportunities

*DISCLAIMER: Please note that the inclusion of vacancies received by the Faculty is a facility to assist students in sourcing possible placements and does not constitute any sort of recommendation of the organisation, or agreement with the content of the vacancies; the Faculty attempts to provide as much information on vacancies available to students as possible and makes every effort to check that the content complies with equality legislation and is otherwise appropriate for student employment but cannot confirm the quality of the experience. Where negative feedback from previous students is received, appropriate action is taken. Students should make every effort to conduct their own research into the opportunities and providers to reassure themselves of the quality of the provision.*

The latest job opportunities and internships received by the Faculty can now be found via the new jobs board:

[https://weblearn.ox.ac.uk/access/content/group/b25fcf31-6bb3-4051-94fc-a1286d230ade/ya\\_jobs.html](https://weblearn.ox.ac.uk/access/content/group/b25fcf31-6bb3-4051-94fc-a1286d230ade/ya_jobs.html)

The new WebLearn Year Abroad pages are now 'live':

[https://weblearn.ox.ac.uk/portal/hierarchy/humdiv/modlang/year\\_abroad](https://weblearn.ox.ac.uk/portal/hierarchy/humdiv/modlang/year_abroad)

### 4.2 Internship opportunity for Latin News

LatinNews ([www.latinnews.com](http://www.latinnews.com)) would like to invite students of Latin America and the Caribbean to apply for internships for the spring and summer terms. The positions, based in central London, are unpaid, but offer the opportunity to get a direct feel for a career as a regional analyst, as well as a valuable insight into the world of journalism/publishing. We offer flexible hours to suitable candidates and there is also the possibility of working remotely.

As an intern, you will be expected to provide written research that will contribute directly to our publications, as well as helping out with daily production tasks, updating our website/databases/research library and providing other useful support to our small editorial team.

If you have a keen interest in Latin American current affairs, journalism or the publishing sector, please forward your CV/resume to [sarah.sheldon@latinnews.com](mailto:sarah.sheldon@latinnews.com). Fluent Spanish and/or Portuguese is essential, as is the ability to write proficiently and clearly in English. Sub-editing experience also useful.

### 4.3 Sciences Po Summer School

The Sciences Po Summer School is pleased to announce the courses for its 2017 University Programme!

In the French language track, students take classes at one of six levels adapted to their knowledge of the French language. Discover the course list for each level!

In the social sciences track, students choose one core class for intensive study. In 2017, the Summer School will offer several new courses, in addition to the most popular courses from past years.

New social sciences courses for Summer 2017 include:

- Public Economics - Emeric Henry
- World Politics - H el ene Thiollet
- Human Rights & Global Development - Jeremy Perelman
- More new classes to be announced shortly!

For more information please visit: <http://www.sciencespo.fr/summer/>

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