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## 1 Lectures and Events

### Internal

#### 1.1 New Perspectives on Censorship Under Communism

Swire Seminar Room, University College, 23rd October, 10.00- 18.00

<https://newperspectivesoncensorship.wordpress.com/>

#### 1.2 Conference: "The Transnational Dimension of Portuguese Modernism: A Centenary Celebration of Orpheu"

International Conference – 7th November – St. Peter's College, Oxford

Late March 1915. Lisbon. A new literary and art magazine was published. Its name: Orpheu. its contents: unconventional, inconvenient, incomprehensible. 'on their way to asylum', 'kids playing with Futurism' – the press reacted ferociously but could not contain the blast. Featuring a generation of avant-garde Portuguese poets and artists, such as Fernando Pessoa, Mário de Sá-Carneiro, Almada Negreiros and Amadeo de Souza-Cardoso, the magazine only managed two published issues (a third was left in draft form). Enough, however, to prompt a legacy that reverberates through the twentieth century.

As we commemorate the first centenary of Portuguese Modernism, this conference seeks to highlight the transnational cultural exchanges that helped to shape it and, moreover, showcase its multiple dialogues with European and Brazilian modernity.

There is also a website where you can find more information: <http://orpheuoxford.wordpress.com>

Attendance is free, but please register with Sandra Beaumont: [sandra.beaumont@mod-langs.ox.ac.uk](mailto:sandra.beaumont@mod-langs.ox.ac.uk)

*\* Please see item 1.2 attachment for further information:*

<https://weblearn.ox.ac.uk/x/KDm47D>

#### 1.3 The Impact Werkstatt is Back!

The first Impact Werkstatt of the year takes place this Friday, 3-5pm, at Henrike Lähnemann's office 41 Wellington Square, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. You are welcome to drop by without previous arrangement but if you want to give her the chance to look at your ideas in advance, send her an email ([henrike.laehnemann@mod-langs.ox.ac.uk](mailto:henrike.laehnemann@mod-langs.ox.ac.uk)).

#### 1.4 Oxford Centre for Global History: 'Global & Imperial History Research Seminar' programme for Michaelmas Term 2015

Details of the 'Global & Imperial History Research Seminar' programme for Michaelmas Term 2015. This is held on Fridays at 5pm in the Colin Matthew Room, History Faculty. All welcome.

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## **1.5 Oxford Centre for Global History: Events and Notices**

Globalising and Localising the Great War Graduate Seminar

Associate Professor Mesut Uyar (University of New South Wales, Canberra), 'An Army Without A Face: The Ottoman Army and the First World War'

Thurs 22 October, 2-3.30pm - Rees Davies Room, History Faculty

Convenors: Charlotte Bennett, Claire Morelon

See attached poster

African History & Politics Seminar

Oxford Department of International Development Department of Politics & International Relations, History Faculty, African Studies Centre

Mondays, 5 pm - Seminar Room 2, Oxford Department of International Development, 3 Mansfield Road (unless otherwise stated)

Convenors: AR Mustapha, Patricia Daley, Miles Larmer, Nic Cheeseman, Jan-Georg Deutsch & Ricardo Soares de Oliveira

See attached MT programme

North American Studies Programme, St Antony's College

Convenor: Dr Halbert Jones

Enquiries: [north.american.studies@sant.ox.ac.uk](mailto:north.american.studies@sant.ox.ac.uk)

See attached MT programme

Seminar in Modern Israel Studies

Tuesdays, 5pm - School of Interdisciplinary Area Studies, (SIAS), 11 Bevington Road, Ground Floor Room

Convenors: Derek Penslar (DPIR & SIAS), Sara Hirschhorn (Oriental Studies & OCHJS), and Roman Vater (OCHJS)

See attached MT programme

Seminars in the History of Science, Medicine, and Technology

Mondays, 2.15pm - Wellcome Unit for the History of Medicine, Seminar Room, 47 Banbury Road, Oxford, OX2 6PE

Convenors: Dr Erica Charters, Professor Pietro Corsi, Dr Sloan Mahone

See attached MT programme

Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies - Transmission of Learning in Muslim Societies Seminar Series

Wednesdays, 5pm - Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies, George Street

See attached MT programme

Latin American History Seminar

Thursdays, 5pm - Main Seminar Room, Latin American Centre, 1 Church Walk

See attached MT programme

Nissan Institute Seminar in Japanese Studies

Fridays 5pm - Pavilion Room, 4th Floor, Gateway Building, St. Antony's College, Oxford unless otherwise stated

Convenor: Professor Sho Konishi

See attached MT programme

American History Research Seminar

Tuesdays, weeks 1-7 (except as noted) - Rothermere American Institute, 1a South Parks Road, OX1 3UB

See attached

South Asia Seminar Series

Tuesdays, 2pm (unless otherwise stated) - Fellows' Dining Room, Hilda Besse Building, St Antony's College

Convenor: Faisal Devji

See attached

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Middle East Centre Friday Seminar Series

Fridays, 5pm – MEC Lecture Theatre, St Antony's College

Convenor: Eugene Rogan

See <http://www.sant.ox.ac.uk/research-centres/middle-east-centre/events>

The Sudanese Programme [Sponsored by the Middle East Centre and Africa Studies Centre]

Conference on the Effects of the Conflict in Darfur on Women

Sat 7 November, 9am-7pm - Nissan Lecture Theatre, St Antony's College

See attached.

Oxford Department of International Development

'An Ordinary Election' - a film about the 2014 Indian elections by Lalit Vachani, 2015, India/Germany, 125 min.

Produced by Centre for Modern Indian Studies (CeMIS), Göttingen, Germany

Friday 23 October, 4 pm - Nissan Lecture Theatre, St Antony's College

See attached

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## 1.6 OCCT Seminar Programme

OCCT programme hosted by TORCH and St Anne's college.

Week 1. OCCT welcome lunch

Friday 16 Oct, 13:00-14:00

Radcliffe Humanities Building, Colin Matthew Room

Week 2. Maison Française and OCCT hosted conference: Paris and London 1851-1900

13:30 Friday 23 Oct – 16:00 Saturday 24 Oct

Maison Française, see MFO website for programme

Week 3. Fiction and Other Minds seminar:

Wednesday 28 Oct, 16:30-18:30

Speakers: Peter Garratt (Durham): 'Mind Bloat and The Lifted Veil'

Helen Small (English/Oxford): 'On the Verification of Mental Experience'

Chair: Ben Morgan (German/Oxford)

Radcliffe Humanities Building, Seminar Room

Week 4. Intercultural Literary Practices seminar:

Wednesday 4 Nov, 16:00-18:00

Laura Lonsdale (Queen's College, Oxford): 'Barbarisms: Multilingualism and Modernity in Narratives of the Spanish-speaking World'

Respondent: Jane Hiddleston (French/Oxford)

Radcliffe Humanities Building, Seminar Room

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Week 6. Translation and Poetry seminar:

Wednesday 18 Nov: 18:00-19:30

'Poetry and the Translation of the Ordinary'

Speakers: Gilles Ortlieb, Stephen Romer in conversation with Patrick McGuinness (French/Oxford), with a reading of their work

St Anne's College, tbc

Week 7. Translation and Criticism seminar:

Wednesday 25 Nov: 17:15-18:45

Speakers: Ursula Philips (UCL): "Life in Translation: Zofia Nalkowska in English and Virginia Woolf in Polish"; Magda Heydel (Krakow)

Chair: Stanley Bill (Cambridge)

Radcliffe Humanities Building, Seminar Room

OCCT Discussion Group

Weeks 2, 4, 6, 8, Fortnightly meetings, led by graduate students and early-career researchers

On Wednesdays, 12:45-14:00, St Anne's College

For preparatory readings and other details, please check on OCCT website or email [peter.hill@sjc.ox.ac.uk](mailto:peter.hill@sjc.ox.ac.uk)

## **1.7 Literature and Animal Studies Reading Group**

Join and come to ponder what it is that animals do to writing, reading, and philosophy.

Every odd week we'll take a major theoretical text (or extracts thereof) and discuss its influence on animal storytelling. How has animal presence shaped philosophy? Our sense of the literary? And the construction of narrative? In other words: 'Why is a raven like a writing desk'?

Having started last term with Derrida's 'L'Animal que donc je suis...', and Deleuze and Guattari's Thousand Plateaus (alongside medieval bestiaries, Kafka, Lawrence, Merwin, and others), we'll trot our way through thinkers such as Baker, Berger, Bergson, Freud, Fudge, Heidegger, Nagel and Nietzsche.

No prior in-depth knowledge required - just cat-killing curiosity.

(Wednesdays of odd weeks, 3.30-4.30pm, seminar room A)

You'll be able to find the reading attached to the Facebook group

(<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1423771317928878/>), but if you'd like a copy emailed to you, please drop [benjamin.westwood@wadh.ox.ac.uk](mailto:benjamin.westwood@wadh.ox.ac.uk) a line.

Wadham College, Oxford

Programme hosted by TORCH and St Anne's College.

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## **1.8 Oxford Centre for Global History: 'Christian and Muslim Saints: Roles and Functions Compared' Workshop**

Thursday 12 November 2015 - Ertegun House, St Giles, Oxford

This one-day workshop will compare the role and function of saints in Christianity and Islam, and explore the very different realities that could lie behind the concept of a 'saint'. It will explore the similarities and differences within sainthood as it developed in different parts of the Islamic and Christian worlds. This will include such issues as: relations with political power; the use of relics; the emergence of specific types of cult; the function of shrines and pilgrimage thereto; the place of intercession by saints; and their role as exemplars.

All welcome. To register contact [global@history.ox.ac.uk](mailto:global@history.ox.ac.uk)

\* Please see item 1.8 attachments for further information:

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

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

## **1.9 Francophone Seminar – Revised Programme for the Term**

If you have any interest in Francophone matters, especially literature, you are warmly invited to attend the fortnightly meetings of the Francophone seminar, which take place on Tuesdays in Magdalen (Summer Common Room: Cloisters, staircase 3, first floor), from 5.00 to 6.30 pm. Both graduates and undergraduates are welcome, as are others with an interest in the area.

Tuesday 27 October

Anna Tankel (St Hilda's), Moroccan migrant literature and the work of the Moroccan PEN Club.

Tuesday 10 November

Jean Khalifa (Trinity College, Cambridge), "Fanon's unpublished writings on Alienation and Freedom". Jean Khalifa and Robert Young have recently edited Fanon's "Ecrits sur l'aliénation et la liberté" (Editions de la Découverte, 2015), about which the publisher's website says: "Le lecteur y trouvera les articles scientifiques publiés par Fanon, sa thèse de psychiatrie, ainsi que certains inédits et des textes publiés dans le journal intérieur de l'hôpital de Blida-Joinville où il a exercé de 1953 à 1956. On y trouvera également deux pièces de théâtre écrites durant ses études de médecine (*L'Œil se noie* et *Les Mains parallèles*), la correspondance qui a pu être retrouvée ainsi que certains textes publiés dans *El Moudjahid* après 1958, non repris dans *Pour la révolution africaine* (1964). Cet ensemble remarquable est complété par la correspondance qu'avaient échangée François Maspero et l'écrivain Giovanni Pirelli pour un projet de publication des œuvres complètes de Fanon, ainsi que par l'analyse raisonnée de la bibliothèque de ce dernier."

Tuesday 24 November

Dr Kathryn Batchelor (University of Nottingham), "Beyond the postcolonial paradigm: orality, intertextuality, and the translation of Francophone African literature".

Abstract: The reading and translation of sub-Saharan Francophone African literature often takes place within a postcolonial paradigm, foregrounding the processes of abrogation and appropriation first outlined by Ashcroft, Griffiths and Tiffin in the late 1980s as well as the importance of oral literature traditions. Since Achille Mbembe's *On the Postcolony* (2001), however, several critics have argued in favour of a move away from traditional dichotomies that read Africa always in relation to the West, foregrounding instead the dynamics and power relations that obtain within the postcolonies themselves. This paper explores the consequences of such a move for postcolonial translation theory, offering several contrasting readings of Alain Mabanckou's *Verre cassé* and Ahmadou Kourouma's *Allah n'est pas obligé* and examining their consequences for translation approaches to these texts.

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## **1.10 Hippolytus - Oriel Garden Play in Original Greek. 1st week MT**

One of the most celebrated plays from antiquity, the Hippolytus is being put on in the original Greek in the beautiful gardens of Oriel 7.30pm 15 -17 October, First Week. Featuring a stellar cast and an enchanting Profokiev-esque original score, this one will surely be an unforgettable start to the 2015/6 Oxford dramatic calendar. Our Friday night performance is almost sold out, and the other nights are selling quickly, so book now to avoid disappointment! There will be subtitles - and patio heaters.

Tickets: [www.hippolytus.wix.com/hippolytus](http://www.hippolytus.wix.com/hippolytus)

Event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/859930140747255/>

Music: <https://www.youtube.com/user/JYMusic2011/feed>

We are delighted also to announce the speakers for our pre-show talks, taking place every evening before the performance at 6.30pm in Oriel. These talks are absolutely free and open to all - no tickets required.

Thurs 15 Oct - David Raeburn, 'Euripides' Hippolytus - An Introduction'

Fri 16 Oct - Armand D'Angour, 'Music and Hippolytus'

Sat 17 Oct - Bruno Currie, 'Euripidean "cleverness" and the Hippolytus'

## **1.11 Plantu à Oxford**

30th October 2015, 5.15pm

Plantu est l'un des plus grands caricaturistes et dessinateurs de presse français. Le dessinateur attiré du Monde croque depuis plus de quarante ans l'actualité nationale et internationale. Très apprécié du grand public, Plantu est un caricaturiste au talent mondialement reconnu et récompensé par de nombreux prix.

*\* Please see item 1.11 attachment for further information:*

<https://weblearn.ox.ac.uk/x/V7IsXX>

## **1.12 Introducing Endangered Languages: Dusner**

Taylor Institution Library, room 2, Wednesday 21st Oct., 5.15pm.

Prof. Mary Dalrymple will speak on Dusner, a language that is critically endangered with only 3 speakers left. The seminar is organised by the Taylor Library. All are welcome.

*Please see item 1.12 attachment for further information:*

<https://weblearn.ox.ac.uk/x/rTcw7A>

## **1.13 Bodleian Libraries workshops for wk 2: Zotero / Data Archives and Statistical Data in Social Sciences**

During week 2 Bodleian Libraries will be running classes on the reference management tool Zotero and on data archives and statistical data in the Social Sciences. Please find more information and booking details below plus information about this week's e-books sessions at which there are still a few places:

Referencing: Zotero (Monday 19th October 14.00-17.00. wk 2) – Formatting references and bibliographies is time consuming and fiddly. However, reference management tools such as Zotero make it much easier by formatting your references/citations automatically. This introductory workshop covers the main features of Zotero and will include opportunities to try out the software.

Presenter: Erika Delbecque

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Venue: IT Services, 13 Banbury Road

>[Book a place](#)

Bodleian iSkills: Social Science data archives & statistical databases (Friday 23rd October 10.30-12.30; wk 2) - An overview of macro and micro data sources for social scientists including national data archives, subscription services, economic and business data. During the session, we will also offer some pointers for further searching.

Presenter: John Southall

Venue: IT Services, 13 Banbury Road

>[Book a place](#)

There are also a few remaining places at this week's e-books and e-book readers workshops:

Bodleian iSkills: E-books (Friday 16th October 9.15-10.30) - The Bodleian Libraries has over 624,000 e-books, with titles in all subject areas, but do you feel confident in finding and using them? This workshop will cover finding e-books and how to use and manipulate them.

Presenters: Hilla Wait and Kat Steiner

Venue: IT Services, 13 Banbury Road > [Book a place](#)

Bodleian iSkills: E-book readers (Friday 16th October 10.45-12.15) - Reading on E-Book Readers such as Kindle or Nook and using apps for iPad and Android devices is increasingly popular but how useful are these devices for academic work? This workshop will look at a range of devices and apps on the market and will cover key features to look out for when considering purchase. The workshop will also include an opportunity to try out a range of devices.

Presenters: Hilla Wait and Kat Steiner

Venue: IT Services, 13 Banbury Road > [Book a place](#)

What's coming up in the iSkills Programme – See the full timetable and book your place at

<http://libguides.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/workshopsbydate>

Keeping up with Bodleian Libraries training opportunities: Why not follow us on Twitter at

<https://twitter.com/bodleianskills> or visit the Bodleian iSkills blog at <http://blogs.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/skills/>

Questions? - Please contact [usered@bodleian.ox.ac.uk](mailto:usered@bodleian.ox.ac.uk)

## **1.14 Interdisciplinary Seminars in Psychoanalysis**

Monday 19th October 8.15pm in the Lecture Room of the St John's College Research Centre, 45 St Giles'

Mark Stein, Leicester

'Leader's revenge and the loss of autonomy'

### **Abstract**

The taking of revenge by leaders is an enduring theme in biblical stories, ancient mythology and Shakespearean tragedies, but has received limited attention in organization studies and in the contemporary debates on leadership. Using psychoanalytic concepts, I set out a theoretical framework that identifies the key components of the leader's revenge. I draw on the example of Dick Fuld at Lehman Brothers to illustrate these themes.

The contribution of this paper is fivefold. First, the central place of the leader's revenge in classical literature suggests that its relative absence in the organization studies and leadership literature is a lacuna, and my intention is to fill this gap. Second, where on occasion references to revenge do occur in the literature on organization studies, leadership, and the psychoanalytic study of organizations, I call into question the underlying assumption that revenge is principally a retaliation towards the 'other' who has caused one hurt, and argue instead that revenge can also involve the retaliation towards the 'unwanted self' projected into the other. Third, I call into question the implicit assumption in parts of the ethics literature that the autonomy of leaders to act ethically is constrained principally by organizational and financial factors, arguing instead that emotions – especially those involved in revenge – often play a key role. Fourth, in exploring revenge, I call into question the implicit assumption

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of leader autonomy and control in some of the literature on leadership development and emotional intelligence. Fifth, this paper also contributes to thinking about ways forward for dealing with the impulse among leaders to exact revenge.

The seminar is open free of charge to members of the University and to mental health professionals but space is limited. To attend it is helpful (but not essential) to e-mail [paul.tod@sjc.ox.ac.uk](mailto:paul.tod@sjc.ox.ac.uk)

<http://oxfordpsychoanalysis.blogspot.co.uk>

## 1.15 The Silk Roads: A New History of the World

Wednesday 21 October, 13:00 - 14:00 (lunch from 12:45)  
Seminar Room, Radcliffe Humanities, Radcliffe Observatory Quarter, Woodstock Road

Peter Frankopan (Director of the Oxford Centre for Byzantine Research, University of Oxford) will discuss his new book *The Silk Roads: A New History of the World* with:

Averil Cameron (Former Professor of Late Antique and Byzantine History, University of Oxford)  
Robert Moore (Professor Emeritus of History, Newcastle University)

The discussion will be introduced by Elleke Boehmer (Acting TORCH Director and Professor of World Literature, University of Oxford)

About the book

Peter Frankopan's book is a major reassessment of world history, and is an important account of the forces that have shaped the global economy and the political renaissance in the re-emerging east. For centuries, fame and fortune was to be found in the west – in the New World of the Americas. Today, it is the east which calls out to those in search of adventure and riches. The region stretching from eastern Europe and sweeping right across Central Asia deep into China and India, is taking centre stage in international politics, commerce and culture – and is shaping the modern world.

Reviews

'The time is ripe for this new history of the world, which places the emphasis firmly on the east, from eastern Europe to India and China. A journey along the Silk Road, from the birth of the world's ancient religions to contemporary international politics.' - Daily Telegraph

'A book of dazzling range, ambition and achievement' - William Dalrymple

'Many books have been written which claim to be a New History of the World. This one fully deserves the title.' - The Times

Free and all welcome. A light sandwich lunch will be available from 12:45, and sandwiches can be taken into the discussion. No advance booking required, please just come along and seats will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis.

*This event is part of TORCH's Book at Lunchtime series, visit <http://torch.ox.ac.uk/book-at-lunchtime> for more details.*

## 1.16 Taylor Institution Library information skills sessions, Michaelmas 2015

The Taylor Institution Library is running a series of information skills sessions this term to help all students make effective use of the library and of Oxford's resources. There are dedicated sessions for first-years, FHS students (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> years) and graduate students. We're also holding a drop-in session every Wednesday lunchtime in the Common Room for any questions you might have. We look forward to seeing you in the library!

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Notes: 1. Please bring your laptop with you when you attend one of these sessions. 2. The sessions are open to those studying both Eastern and Western European languages.

## First year Undergraduates

Library Survival Sessions. A hands-on introduction to Oxford's electronic resources for first year students. Be confident using all the functions of SOLO, finding articles online, managing your references and understanding plagiarism. Subject librarians will be on hand to answer any questions.

- Wed 21st Oct, 2-3 pm, Taylor Institution, Room 2
- Fri 30th Oct, 2-3 pm, Taylor Institution, Room 3

## 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year Undergraduates

Essential Library Skills for FHS Students. Covering advanced searching, using key databases and electronic resources, reference management, planning your work (including thinking about Extended Essays) and preparing for your year abroad. Also great as a refresher for finalists coming back after the year abroad.

- Mon 2nd Nov 3-4pm, Taylor Institution, Room 3
- Thu 5th Nov 2-3pm, Taylor Institution, Room 3

[No laptops are required for these 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year sessions.]

## Graduates

Research Skills. A hands-on introduction to Oxford's electronic resources, including language-specific databases and tools. Discover the best way to find all kinds of publications on your research topic, within and outside of Oxford. Learn about different software to manage your references and construct bibliographies. Subject librarians will be on hand to answer any questions.

- Fri 23rd Oct, 2-3 pm, Taylor Institution, Room 3
- Wed 28th Oct, 2-3 pm, Taylor Institution, Room 2

If you have any questions about the above events, or you can't make any of the times, please contact the Taylor Operations Manager, Frank Egerton: [frank.egerton@bodleian.ox.ac.uk](mailto:frank.egerton@bodleian.ox.ac.uk).

Drop-in sessions: Librarian with a Latte

Every Wednesday lunchtime in the Taylorian Common Room (1pm—2pm, weeks 1-8).

A Subject Specialist will be on hand to answer questions and provide help on the library, electronic resources and study skills. All welcome!

*Taylor Institution Library, St Giles' Oxford, OX1 3NA*

\* Please see item 1.16 attachment for further information:

<https://weblearn.ox.ac.uk/x/fvBVzx> (Survival Sessions)

<https://weblearn.ox.ac.uk/x/exxdu7> (Essential Library Skills)

<https://weblearn.ox.ac.uk/x/UvqLvj> (Graduates)

## External – Oxford

### 1.17 Oxford Martin School October Events

"Demographic change – the evolving health challenges" with Prof Sarah Harper and Prof Robyn Norton

Thursday 15 October, 5pm -6.30pm, Oxford Martin School, Corner of Catte and Holywell Street, Oxford

Demographic changes across the world pose one of the biggest challenges of the 21st century. Longer lifespans and shifting fertility rates bring with them an array of global health issues. In this lecture, Professor Sarah Harper, Co-Director of the Oxford Institute of Population Ageing, will talk about the causes and effects of population change and the global age structural shift, and Professor Robyn Norton, Co-Director of The George Institute for Global Health, will address the implications of these changes on global health.

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To register and for more information: <http://www.oxfordmartin.ox.ac.uk/event/2199>

For the live webcast: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WKM7MLFVZxg>

"Why are we waiting? The logic, urgency, and promise of tackling climate change" by Lord Nicholas Stern  
Monday 19 October, 5.00 – 6.30pm, Sheldonian Theatre, Oxford

The risks of climate change are potentially immense. The benefits of taking action are also clear: we can see that economic development, reduced emissions, and creative adaptation go hand in hand. A committed and strong low-carbon transition could trigger a new wave of economic and technological transformation and investment, a new era of global and sustainable prosperity. Why, then, are we waiting?

In this book talk, Nicholas Stern explains why, notwithstanding the great attractions of a new path, it has been so difficult to tackle climate change effectively. He makes a compelling case for climate action now and sets out the forms that action should take.

To register and for more information: <http://www.oxfordmartin.ox.ac.uk/event/2187>

"Powering the world: can solar energy tackle climate change?" with Prof Malcolm McCulloch and Prof Henry Snaith  
Thursday 22 October, 5pm -6.30pm, Oxford Martin School, Corner of Catte and Holywell Street, Oxford

Renewable energy is a strong component in the race to mitigate climate change, and solar power is a particularly cheap and viable green energy option. Considering current technologies, cost, markets and infrastructure, Professor Henry Snaith, Co-Director of the Programme on Solar Energy: Organic Photovoltaics, and Professor Malcolm McCulloch, Head of the University of Oxford's Electrical Power Group and Co-Director of The Oxford Martin Programme on Integrating Renewable Energy, will debate whether solar is indeed the answer to the urgent question of irreversible climate change.

To register and for more information: <http://www.oxfordmartin.ox.ac.uk/event/2200>

For the live webcast: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hzywt2bDP54>

"Rebuilding trust in the global economy: lessons from Chinese law" by Prof Nicholas Morris

Friday 23 October, 2pm – 3.30pm, Oxford Martin School, Corner of Catte and Holywell Street, Oxford

Trust is essential for the effective functioning of the global economy. The global financial crisis and related events have demonstrated that market outcomes are often not sufficient to ensure trustworthy behaviour. What needs to be done to ensure trustworthiness becomes the norm? What role does law play? How can we build trust at the global level given competing legal traditions?

In this seminar Nicholas Morris will argue that trust is essential to the effective functioning of the international economy. The development of an international legal framework, which encourages and enforces pro-trust norms needs to be sensitive to the different traditions, philosophies and national practices. Confucian traditions embodied in Chinese law provide helpful guidance for global legal reform.

Registration required: <http://www.oxfordmartin.ox.ac.uk/event/2224>

"Infectious disease: are we in control?" by Prof Jeffrey Almond

Tuesday 27 October, 5.00 – 6.30pm, Oxford Martin School, Corner of Catte and Broad Street, Oxford

In this lecture Professor Jeffrey Almond will survey current threats to the human population from existing and emerging infectious diseases and assess what new options and strategies for control are being provided by the ongoing Biotechnology revolution. We now recognise that microbes can rapidly evolve elaborate escape and decoy mechanisms against the interventions we have available. Can the innovative application of Biomedical Sciences allow us to keep the upper hand?

To register and for more information: <http://www.oxfordmartin.ox.ac.uk/event/2181>

For the live webcast: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_O5NQ-qPEgU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_O5NQ-qPEgU)

"The internet and innovation: succeeding in a time of accelerating technology change" with David Black, Google UK

Wednesday 28 October, 12.15pm -1.45pm, Oxford Martin School, Corner of Catte and Holywell Street, Oxford

In less than two decades, the internet has revolutionised communication and very few of us can imagine life without it. It has given rise to a connected world with fewer barriers. But with the globalisation comes darker downsides: cyber security is under constant threat, the dark web is the 21st century's digital hiding place and in commercial terms, the pressure to innovate to stay ahead increasing with each year and each bright new start up that comes onto the market.

So how do we manage our digital world for the benefit of the many, not just the few? And what future developments can we expect to see take the internet by storm in the next few decades? David Black, Google's Director of

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Branding, gives his insights into a space dominated by one of the world's most famous companies.

To register and for more information: <http://www.oxfordmartin.ox.ac.uk/event/2190>

"Facing the unknown: the future of humanity" with Prof Nick Bostrom

Thursday 29 October, 5pm -6.30pm, Oxford Martin School, Corner of Catte and Holywell Street, Oxford

Professor Nick Bostrom, Director of the Future of Humanity Institute, will explore the huge technological, scientific and environmental shifts that have led to humanity's current state, and consider the choices that will determine our long-term future.

To register and for more information: <http://www.oxfordmartin.ox.ac.uk/event/2201>

For the live webcast: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h9NB0EQ9iQg>

## **1.18 Benjamin Britten's The Turn of the Screw at SJE Arts**

St John the Evangelist Church, 109A Iffley Road, 2nd week, Thursday-Saturday (22-24 October), 8pm

Faded Ink Productions presents Benjamin Britten's ferocious and chilling adaptation of Henry James' ghost story. Two local children, Emily Coatsworth and Danny Wymbbs, play Flora and Miles, two precocious orphans living in the remote country house of Bly. Sonia Jacobson is the Governess determined to save them, and Alexandra Lloyd is Mrs Grose, the housekeeper of ambiguous loyalties. Guy Withers and Rose Rands are the mysterious former servants Quint and Miss Jessel, who are still 'making free' not only with each other, but also with the children. With a cast of superb young professional singers and players, this promises to be one of Oxford's 2015 theatrical highlights. Tickets available at [www.fadedinkproductions.ecwid.com](http://www.fadedinkproductions.ecwid.com).

## **1.19 Comedy, Music, & Poetry - Student Mental Health Documentary Launch @TSK**

16<sup>th</sup> October – 7pm

Come and join us for a night of stand-up, spoken word, music and wine! The evening is being held in support of the launch of a documentary about student mental health, In Our Own World.

The documentary will explore stories of students who have experienced mental health issues while at Oxford. It aims to send out a positive and hopeful message while respecting the reality of the matter, and to encourage more students to not suffer in silence.

The documentary is made with support of It Gets Brighter (<http://www.itgetsbrighter.org/>), Student Minds (<http://www.studentminds.org.uk/>) and Meeting of Minds (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/550005795133844/>)

The production team will give a short presentation about the documentary and will be around to talk to those who want to find out more about the project. Free wine and snacks will be provided.

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## 2 Calls for Papers

### **2.1 Wonder: Aspects and Approaches, The Twelfth Oxford Medieval Graduate Conference**

St. Edmund Hall, Oxford; 8-9<sup>th</sup> April 2016

We are pleased to open the Call for Papers for the Twelfth Oxford Medieval Graduate Conference, sponsored by the Society for the Study of Medieval Languages and Literature. The conference is aimed at early career scholars and graduate students working in Medieval Studies. Contributions are welcomed from diverse fields of research such as History of Art and Architecture, History, Theology, Philosophy, Anthropology, Literature and History of Ideas.

Papers should be a maximum of 20 minutes. Please email 250-word abstracts (text only, no attachments) to [oxgradconf@gmail.com](mailto:oxgradconf@gmail.com) by 24th January 2016.

The registration fee (including a wine reception) is expected to be £10. There will be a conference dinner on the first night of the conference; it is hoped that this will cost in the region of £30. All updates and further information, including details of travel bursaries, can be obtained from the conference website:

<http://mediumaevum.modhist.ox.ac.uk/wonder>

Follow us on Twitter @OxMedGradConf

\* Please see item 2.1 attachment for further information:

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

### **2.2 Conference on 'Cosmopolis and Beyond. Literary Cosmopolitanism after the Republic of Letters'**

Trinity College, Oxford (18-19 March 2016)

Cosmopolitanism, derived from the ancient Greek for 'world citizenship', offers a radical alternative to nationalism, asking individuals to imagine themselves as part of a community that goes beyond national and linguistic boundaries. Recent years have seen an explosion of interest in cosmopolitanism in the humanities and social sciences, especially within philosophy, sociology and politics. Cosmopolitanism, however, has also exercised a shaping influence on modern literary culture. It is well known that during the Enlightenment it found an embodiment in the Republic of Letters. Its evolution thereafter included uneasy alliances with the idea of Empire in the nineteenth century, and with the experiments of the international *avant gardes* and modernist circles, and the phenomenon of globalisation in the twentieth. Through these, and more, cultural formations cosmopolitanism has given rise to new ways of writing, reading, translating and circulating texts; these processes have, in turn, led to new understandings of individual and national identity, new forms of ethics and new configurations of aesthetic and political engagement. From Kant to Derrida, cosmopolitanism has in the course of history been seen as fostering peace and communication across borders. Far from being uncontroversial, though, it has also been attacked by those who have denounced its universalism as impossible and its social ethos as elitist.

This conference intends to explore different literary manifestations of the cosmopolitan ideal, broadly conceived, and its influence on modern literary culture. It seeks to tease out elements of continuity and rupture in a long history of literary cosmopolitanism that goes from the decline of the Republic of Letters to the era of globalisation. In order to do so, it aims to foster a dialogue between experts in different fields of literary studies (English, modern languages, comparative literature) and different historical periods.

Proposals are sought from all areas of literary studies, and cross-disciplinary and comparative approaches are particularly welcome. Possible angles on literary cosmopolitanism might include: translation; the media, transport and communication technologies; networks; migration and rootedness; nationalisms; provincialism; political and social spaces (city, nation, empire); places and institutions; emotions, gender and sexual identity.

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Keynote address by Emily Apter (NYU).  
Organised by Stefano Evangelista (Oxford).

Deadline for abstracts: 15 November 2015. Please send a title and 300-word abstract to the conference administrator, [clement.dessy@gmail.com](mailto:clement.dessy@gmail.com).

This conference is part of the AHRC-funded research project *The Love of Strangers: Literary Cosmopolitanism in the English Fin de Siècle*, led by Stefano Evangelista.

## **2.3 Graduate Student Conference in International History at Harvard University (Con-IH 2016**

'Global and International History: The Economic Dimension'  
10-11 March 2016 - Harvard University (Cambridge, MA)

See attached for details.  
Deadline: 1 December 2015  
Email: [conih@fas.harvard.edu](mailto:conih@fas.harvard.edu)

\* Please see item 2.3 attachment for further information:  
<https://weblearn.ox.ac.uk/x/JjvQB>

## **3 Adverts**

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

#### **3.1 French Tutor Required**

Flexible Hours – In person or on Skype  
French Tutor Required for final year undergraduate student at nearby University. Applicant should be a Masters or a PhD student and should have had previous experience in tutoring French to undergraduate students. References are essential.  
Please contact Roger Grant on [rgemail36@gmail.com](mailto:rgemail36@gmail.com)

#### **3.2 Fluent Russian Speakers Wanted**

Sphere Insights Ltd are looking to employ students fluent in Russian to translate and assist with data analysis from Russian to English. Start date immediate. Flexible hours and place of work.  
Interested applicants can apply to [Suzanne.Brown@sphereinsights.co.uk](mailto:Suzanne.Brown@sphereinsights.co.uk)

#### **3.3 Language edTech Opportunity: Sales and Marketing**

We are looking for an efficient, bright and self-motivated language graduate to join our small, young team in Oxford. We run a fast-changing interactive website which challenges the way in which languages are being taught in schools today.

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We are looking for someone to help us promote our website to schools in the UK. You don't need to have any sales experience. All we need is an awesome linguist who isn't a total luddite and who would be good at bringing across a passion for and knowledge of our website whilst speaking with teachers over the phone.

On a daily basis you'll be speaking to the Heads of Languages from some of the best schools in the country across phone, email and social media. You'll have good presentation skills and be keen to use your language skills on a daily basis.

For more information, email a brief covering letter and CV to [george@thisislanguage.com](mailto:george@thisislanguage.com)

## **3.4 Voluntary Teaching with The Knowledge Project**

Are you a postgraduate student? Do you want teaching experience? Are you interested in community education?

The Knowledge Project is an award-winning social enterprise offering evening and weekend courses to adults in Oxford, with all proceeds going to children's charity Jacari. We're currently looking for enthusiastic students to design and deliver courses in their subject area, as voluntary teachers for the academic year 2015-2016.

This is a great opportunity to build and diversify your teaching experience while studying in Oxford. The Knowledge Project will provide all teachers with support and training in course development, teaching strategies, and marketing.

To find out more, visit our website: [knowledgeproject.co.uk](http://knowledgeproject.co.uk), or email Rachel at [president@knowledgeproject.co.uk](mailto:president@knowledgeproject.co.uk).

To apply, please send a 200-word proposal for a course, along with a CV and cover letter, to [president@knowledgeproject.co.uk](mailto:president@knowledgeproject.co.uk). The deadline for applications is 31 October 2015.

## **3.5 Oxford Nightline Volunteer Recruitment**

Nightline is an independent listening, support, and information service run for students, by students. We aim to provide every student in Oxford with the opportunity to talk to someone in confidence - students can ring us on 01865 270270, Skype us at 'oxfordnightline', or visit our office at 16 Wellington Square. We don't pretend to have all the answers, or try to solve people's problems, but we care about whatever is on your mind and we will listen to whatever you want to talk about without judging or telling you what to do.

Every term we run a training course for people who wish to join our team of volunteers. This teaches the listening and support skills you will need to work for us. Training requires commitment, but is a rewarding and worthwhile experience. It consists of three one-day sessions, either on the Saturdays of 31st October, 7th and 14th November or the Sundays of 1st, 8th and 15th November.

If you would like to train to become a Nightline volunteer, please fill out a training form here:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1TrhEH2ExLqNjd\\_QgvTct169PRRVogqH1qbmTVSXhwQ0/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1TrhEH2ExLqNjd_QgvTct169PRRVogqH1qbmTVSXhwQ0/viewform)

If you would like more information about the training process, or have any questions, please feel free to get in touch with us at [training@oxfordnightline.org](mailto:training@oxfordnightline.org), or ring us at (2)70270.

We are also always looking for new volunteers to join our publicity team, the Friends of Oxford Nightline. Publicity volunteers act as ambassadors for Nightline by talking to students and organising events in their colleges and departments. It is not a large time commitment - you can do as much or as little as you have time for - and there are lots of opportunities to learn valuable skills and play a leading role in informing our publicity strategy. If you've got a flair for publicity or an interest in charity PR, please get in touch at [publicity@oxfordnightline.org](mailto:publicity@oxfordnightline.org) - we'd love to hear from you!

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## Miscellaneous

### 3.6 Entry to 41 and 47 Wellington Square

Both 41 and 47 Wellington Square have swipe-card access for all registered Faculty of Medieval and Modern Languages students and staff. Please remember to bring your University cards (aka 'BoD' cards) to enter these buildings, and make sure to swipe them as shown in the attached image below, thank you. Undergraduates and Graduates have card access to the buildings between 8.30am – 6.30pm Monday to Friday and Saturday mornings.

*\* Please see item 3.6 attachment for further information:*

<https://weblearn.ox.ac.uk/x/oWwP46>

### 3.7 Student Minds Information

If you think any of the sessions below could be for you, please email the relevant address as soon as you can, thank you!

#### Positive Minds

This is a 6 week course for students with mild depression. It covers topics ranging from building a social network and staying active to establishing healthy daily routines. For more information, or to register, please email:

[positiveoxford@studentminds.org.uk](mailto:positiveoxford@studentminds.org.uk) Wed 7:30-9pm, Living Room, OxHub, Turl St.

#### Motivate Me

This 6 week course provides support for students experiencing an eating disorder. The group maintains a pro-recovery atmosphere and to keep conversations supportive, we follow a set of ground rules. For more information or to register, please email: [edoxford@studentminds.org.uk](mailto:edoxford@studentminds.org.uk) Thu 5:30-6:30pm, Living Room, OxHub, Turl St

#### Living with Grief

This peer-support group runs twice a term and is for students who are grieving someone they love. The group is facilitated by a clinical psychologist and enables individuals to connect with others in a similar situation and encourages a focus on emotional processing and self-compassion. For more information please email:

[kirsten@thelossfoundation.org](mailto:kirsten@thelossfoundation.org) Tue 7.30-9pm, Living Room, OxHub

#### Meeting of Minds

These are a series of mental health information evenings run in conjunction with Mind Your Head. There will be guest speakers who will lead discussions on a variety of mental health topics. For more information, please email:

[oxford@studentminds.org.uk](mailto:oxford@studentminds.org.uk)

## 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)

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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 Programme 2016/2017: Year Abroad Opportunity at Deutsche Bank**

Year Abroad opportunity for present second years. The recruitment is taking place earlier than usual. Deadline: 23 October.

The attached flyer sets out what the job entails, the link allows you to apply, and the Probeübersetzungen which have to be done and submitted as part of the application are also attached. There are two internships, one in each half of the year.

**\* Please see item 4.2 attachments for further information:**

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

<https://weblearn.ox.ac.uk/x/zzyum4>

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