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1 Lectures and Events

Internal

1.1 Gender and Medieval Studies Conference

Gender and Medieval Studies Conference, 8th - 10th January 2018, Corpus Christi College, Oxford.

The conference theme is 'Gender, Identity, Iconography'.

An exciting three-day programme of three plenary papers, ten panels, a hands-on workshop with medieval seals and a conference dinner.

To register, and for more information (including a draft programme), please see:

<http://www.oxforduniversitystores.co.uk/conferences-events/corpus-christi-college/corpus-christi-college-events/gender-and-medieval-studies-conference-gender-identity-iconography>

The deadline for registrations is 1st January 2018.

1.2 Hilary Research Skills Toolkit Workshops

“Are you using the smartest tools and strategies to get organised?”

Sharpen up your research skills in the New Year, with a free Research Skills Toolkit workshop. The teams from IT Services and the Bodleian Libraries bring you a hands-on encounter with a range of tools and techniques for your study and research.

Choose one of the 2-hour sessions in Week 1, January 2018 (15 - 19 January 2018) – save the date!

[Details will appear soon](#) on the Research Skills Toolkit website so watch this space for news and details of how to book your place.

1.3 Making a Difference in the Middle East: UK Objectives

The Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies is pleased to announce the following event, to be held at the Centre's premises in Marston Road, Oxford.

The Rt Hon Alistair Burt MP, Minister of State for the FCO & DFID will give a lecture on 'Making a Difference in the Middle East: UK Objectives' at the Oxford Centre for Islamic Studies, Marston Road, Oxford, OX3 0EE

Thursday, 14 December 2017 at 5.00 pm

Apply for tickets here: <http://www.oxcis.ac.uk/generalnews.html>

*** Please see item 1.3 attachment for further information:**

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External – Oxford

1.4 Soviet Space Mythologies/Poetry Evening with Slava Gerovitch

You are warmly invited to an event with Dr Slava Gerovitch which will take place at 7pm on 7 December at The Albion Beatnik (34 Walton St). The evening will be divided into two parts, with wine reception (cash bar) in the interval. Organised by the Oxford Russian Network

Part 1 – Space. Dr Gerovitch (MIT) will talk about his book, *Soviet Space Mythologies*, based on extensive archival research and personal interviews with cosmonauts and space engineers. He will discuss the secret Soviet lunar landing program and the tensions inside the Soviet cosmonaut corps. In English.

Part 2 – Poetry. Dr Gerovitch will read works of Russian poets (in Russian/English), as well as his own poems. His lyric poetry contains allusions to the works of Homer, Dante, Shakespeare, Pushkin, Pasternak, Brodsky, Mandelstam, Nabokov and Okudzhava.

More information about the speaker is below and here: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Slava_Gerovitch

Registration: oxfordrussiannetwork@gmail.com (subject-line: Slava Gerovitch)

FB Link: <https://www.facebook.com/events/149900252308632/>

Details: An evening over a glass of wine with a famous scholar, organiser of a unique maths research programme for high schoolers, translator of poetry. Slava Gerovitch is MIT Lecturer in History of Mathematics & leading scholar on Soviet space programme history in the US. He is an author of more than 50 of peer reviewed journal publications, his most recent books include [Voices of the Soviet Space Program: Cosmonauts, Soldiers, and Engineers Who Took the USSR into Space](#) and [Soviet Space Mythologies: Public Images, Private Memories, and the Making of a Cultural Identity](#). In his work, Dr. Gerovitch emphasizes the influence of underlying cultural processes on science progress. For example, he introduced the term "cyberspeak", that is a newspeak of cybernetics, "the language we use to talk about that computer" that was a must in Soviet Union to survive in science.

2 Calls for Papers

2.1 Postgraduate Conference on "Otherness" in Russian Literature and Culture

Kellogg College, University of Oxford, 16-17 May 2018

The concept of otherness has always played a pivotal role in the human condition. Finely interwoven into human nature, otherness can take many shapes and forms – from an accent, a dress code, or the colour of one's skin, to less visible markers of perceived and felt otherness. But what is the scope of otherness in the context of Russia, a country whose endless swathes of land are home to a myriad array of people of diverse and multifaceted backgrounds and identities? Where does Russia end and the Other begin, and how have perceptions of these identities changed throughout the ages? Can otherness be positive, or is it always a negative phenomenon?

This interdisciplinary conference invites proposals for papers from a variety of disciplines in Russian studies, including, but not limited to: literature, film, art, music, gender studies, history, politics, anthropology and digital humanities. Topics related to otherness may include, but are not restricted to:

- » Russia and the outside world
- » Intranational and ethnic otherness
- » The good vs. the bad Immigrant
- » The Exiled Other

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- » Otherness and Identity
- » Memory and otherness
- » Race, Class, Gender and the Other
- » Post-Soviet Politics and otherness
- » Cultural Hybridity and the Other
- » Westernism vs Slavophilism
- » Linguistic otherness
- » Fantasy and the Other

We also intend to hold a panel on speakers' experiences of otherness in Russia, comprising of four 15-minute presentations, followed by a discussion. Please indicate in your application whether you are submitting an abstract for a paper and/or a personal discussion.

Submission date for abstracts: 25 February 2018

Notification of acceptance: 4 March 2018

Please send your paper abstract and/or personal discussion abstract (no more than 300 words each), along with a short biographical note (no more than 50 words), to Gilly Mroz (University of Oxford) and Anne Liebig (University of Edinburgh) at othernessinrussianculture@gmail.com.

*** Please see item 2.1 attachment for further information:**

<https://weblearn.ox.ac.uk/x/3mqAiD>

2.2 Durham MEMSA Call for Speakers

The Durham University Medieval and Early Modern Student Association, MEMSA, is calling for speakers for the second term of its seminar series. These are seminars that run fortnightly on Mondays in the World Heritage Centre. MEMSA is an interdisciplinary association attended by postgraduate students in the faculties of English, History, Archaeology, MFL and more, and as such seminars should be accessible to a non-specialist academic audience. This makes conference papers unsuitable. There is no theme for the series and we welcome papers on all aspects of Medieval or Early Modern research from Masters and PhD students at all stages. Papers should be approximately twenty minutes in length, with a further ten minutes given for questions.

Please contact imrs.memsas@durham.ac.uk with any questions or to express interest. For those interested we ask that you send a title and/or a brief, one or two line, proposal. The deadline for applications is 22nd December.

2.3 Colloque / Konferencja (Gdańsk - PL)

Le Département de Linguistique et Didactique de l'Institut d'Etudes Romanes de l'Université de Gdańsk vous invite cordialement au colloque international 'La globalisation communicationnelle 10 ans après : les défis de l'interculturel' qui se déroulera du 26 au 28 septembre 2018 à Gdańsk. Consultez les détails dans le circulaire adjoint.

Katedra Językoznawstwa i Dydaktyki Instytutu Filologii Romańskiej Uniwersytetu Gdańskiego serdecznie zaprasza na międzynarodową konferencję 'Globalizacja komunikacyjna 10 lat później: wyzwania interkulturowe', która odbędzie się w dniach 26-28 września 2018 r. w Gdańsku. Szczegóły w załączonym cyrkularzu.

Nous comptons sur votre participation / Liczymy na Państwa obecność.

*** Please see item 2.3 attachments for further information:**

<https://weblearn.ox.ac.uk/x/jDGNQU> (French)

<https://weblearn.ox.ac.uk/x/Foxfqf> (Polish)

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Exciting opportunities to undertake research at the BSR in Rome for three or nine months.

For further information (including current eligibility criteria) and application forms please see:
<http://www.bsr.ac.uk/awards/humanities-awards>

Closing date for applications: 16 January 2018

Jobs, Recruitment and Volunteering

3.2 RAF Intelligence Analyst (Linguist)

The RAF Intelligence Recruitment Team are attempting to spread the word about the fantastic opportunities and career options available upon completion of language courses that people may not be aware of.

Please see the attached poster, and there is a lot more information on our website for that particular role where you can also register your interest in applying - <https://www.raf.mod.uk/recruitment/roles/roles-finder/intelligence/intelligence-analyst-linguist-new>

There is particular focus on Arabic at the moment with a financial bonus for current speakers. However, speakers of many different languages will likely excel at this role. Additionally a new bursary will be available from next year which may be of particular interest.

** Please see item 3.2 attachment for further information:*

<https://weblearn.ox.ac.uk/x/3a9frF>

3.3 The Times University Research Manager 2017-2018

The role is open to undergraduate students at Oxford who are in their final year, graduating Summer 2018 and the final task we need a successful applicant to complete is to manage and run 'The Times Final Year Student Survey 2018' on campus - a hugely respected and popular graduate recruitment survey that creates market research for the Top Graduate Employers in the UK.

It is a role which a successful applicant can not only balance alongside their studies and hobbies, but also benefit from gaining people management, recruitment and project management skills - and much more!

High Fliers Research Ltd. are looking for enthusiastic, committed and innovative individuals to work as University Managers at 30 leading universities across the UK. All 30 University Managers will provide vital support to the Student Research Manager by coordinating a variety of campus based market research and project management tasks. It is a challenging position for a final year student, but if you are successful you will enjoy competitive benefits and gain invaluable experience to take to future graduate employers.

Job description:

The ideal candidate will be sociable and have a good knowledge of their campus, with connections to societies and clubs. They must be able to plan and organise efficiently; and have the ability to work independently using their initiative to deliver the task at hand on time and to a high standard. Excellent communication and leadership skills are imperative, as the main task will involve recruiting, managing and motivating your own team.

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You will conduct just one main during the end of Semester 1 and 2; to manage The Times Final Year Student Survey. The results of the Survey will be presented to the UK's top graduate employers in spring 2018.

End of Semester 1 tasks:

- Promotion work using central marketing resources (posters, flyers, emails);
- Recruiting a team of up to 45* students to work as Interviewers for The Times Final Year Student Survey in Semester 2.

*team size is directly proportional to university population.

Semester 2 tasks:

- Completing the recruitment of your team of Interviewers for the survey;
- Organising a training session;
- Managing The Times Final Year Student Survey on campus to ensure your team reaches their target, delivering the sample we need;
- Producing a handover report for next years University Managers and recommending contacts for the position.
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The task will be fully completed by March 2018 – therefore final year exams will not be impeded upon.

Apply now if you are:

- Graduating in summer 2018;
- An outgoing individual with excellent communication skills;
- Reliable and committed;
- Able to rise to a challenge;
- Self-motivated and driven;
- Dedicated and able to give up to 10 hours a week (during busy periods).

Key requirements:

- Commitment of up to 2 – 10 hours a week for the end of Semester 1 and 2;
- Weekly communication with the Student Research Manager
- A competitive salary;
- Flexible working hours;
- Work experience in management, recruitment, promotion and advertising;
- Invaluable transferable skills;
- Development of social networks and professional contacts;
- An unrivalled insight into the graduate recruitment market;
- Performance based incentives.

Skills developed:

- Professional communication with peers and colleagues;
- People management;
- Time management;
- The ability to plan and direct multiple projects efficiently;
- Adhering to deadlines and hitting targets.

Career Applications:

- This form of employment has transferable skills that can be used for any future career;
- The role will be hugely beneficial for graduate applications and interviews as it will provide examples of working autonomously, leading and managing a large team of peers and using initiative to complete tasks and hit targets.

*Please note: We have no set deadline; applications are processed as they are received and are closed once we have found a suitable candidate at each individual university. Please submit your entire application ASAP to avoid disappointment.

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To apply for this role, or if passed on to someone who is interested in applying, then please have them email me (georgie.plowright@highfliers.co.uk) ASAP with a CV and Cover Letter detailing why they think they'd be a good fit for the role.

Miscellaneous

3.4 How To Read - A New Academic Podcast

As a former BA/MSt student in English and Modern Languages at Oxford (now doing a PhD in Comparative Literature at Columbia), I wanted to let you all know about 'How To Read', a podcast in which a wide range of outstanding literary scholars discuss their work. Each episode is just 15 minutes and no prior knowledge is assumed. Our aim is to be accessible and jargon-free without over-simplifying our guest's ideas.

Undergrads and grads should find the podcast especially useful as an introduction to unfamiliar topics and as a guide to new thinking in the field. I hope you'll find it informative, thought-provoking and maybe even fun!

Guests so far have included Heather Love, Kwame Anthony Appiah, Wai Chee Dimock and Roger Chartier. Topics have included disobedient wives in the Renaissance, the functioning of social networks in novels and the history of the chapter. Subscribe, follow us and find out more at howtoreadpodcast.com.

3.5 PhD in Italian Studies at Brown University

The interdisciplinary program in Italian Studies at Brown University welcomes applications from bachelors and masters students to its PhD program. The application deadline is December 15, 2017.

For further information, see the department website: [Graduate Studies in Italian](#).

You may also contact mona_delgado@brown.edu for further information and details.

** Please see item 3.11 attachment for further information:*

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

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

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

https://weblearn.ox.ac.uk/portal/hierarchy/humdiv/modlang/year_abroad

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