

Weekly Round-Up, 11 October 2018

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1 Lectures and Events

Internal

1.1 Prof. Thacker's Inaugural Lecture, 16 October 2018

The Faculty and friends are reminded that **Professor Jonathan Thacker's Inaugural Lecture** 'The World as Stage in Spain's Golden Age' is to take place on **October 16th, 2018 (Tuesday of 2nd Week, Michaelmas Term) at 5 o'clock**. For further details and to reserve your place, please, follow this Eventbrite link: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/inaugural-lecture-by-professor-jonathan-thacker-tickets-48156745121>.

In the course of his lecture, Professor Thacker will explore the nature of dramatists' contribution to early modern culture in Spain, the environment in which they created, and the function of the enormously popular Golden Age theatre.

The location is the Main Hall of the Taylor Institution. All are welcome to attend and booking is required. Questions to be directed to events@mod-langs.ox.ac.uk.

1.2 Mutual Intelligibility between Closely Related Languages in Europe

18 October, 5pm, 47 Wellington Square, Oxford

This talk by Prof Charlotte Gooskens (University of Groningen) will explore the experimental methods used to test mutual intelligibility across related languages.

The talk is organised by Dr Chiara Cappellaro and Prof Martin Maiden from Creative Multilingualism's 3rd strand: [Creating Intelligibility across Languages and Communities](#). It is organised in collaboration with [TORCH](#).

1.3 Exhibition: The White Rose — Reading, Writing, Resistance

Voltaire Room, Taylor Institution, 12-31 October 2018, Opening times: Mon-Fri 9am-6.30pm | Sat 10am-3pm

The exhibition 'The White Rose: Reading, Writing, Resistance' presents information on the members of the Munich-based White Rose group and their resistance activities in the early 1940s, as well as examples of literature which influenced them to oppose Nazism.

The exhibition will be launched on Friday 12 October at 5pm in Room 2 at the Taylor Institution. There will be a short talk, a chance to view the exhibition, and refreshments. All members of the Faculty are warmly invited to attend. RSVP to alexandra.loyd@seh.ox.ac.uk

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

<https://weblearn.ox.ac.uk/x/YO06PZ>

1.4 Early Modern French Research Seminar

Thursday 11 October, 5.15 pm at the Maison Française

Will McMorrán (QMUL) will be giving a talk entitled 'The Marquis de Sade, the 367th Passion, and the Marquise de Grange'.

Tea and coffee from 5pm. All very welcome

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1.5 'Imagining the Woman Reader in the Time of Dante'

Professor Elena Lombardi

5.15pm, Monday 15th October, Taylor Institute Room 2

The Italian Research Seminar invites you to celebrate the launch of Professor Elena Lombardi's newest book 'Imagining the Woman Reader in the Age of Dante' (OUP). Professor Lombardi will give a short talk before taking questions from the audience. The event will be followed by a drinks reception. We hope to see many of you there

** Please see item 1.4 attachment for further information:*

<https://weblearn.ox.ac.uk/x/H5CBr8>

1.6 Reading Group 'Poets Translating Poets'

This term we will meet at Queen's College on Tuesdays of week 4, 6, and 8 at 5.30pm in Lecture Room A (Front Quad 4/1). For the first session, we will read a few works by the Italian poet Antonella Anedda (b. Rome 1955). The poet Jamie McKendrick, who is her translator in English, will also be present during our discussion. What we also hope to engage with during our first session is the process of self-translation. In fact, Anedda is known for translating her poems from Italian to Logudorese, one of Sardinia's oldest dialects.

Please send us an email if you would like to receive Anedda's poems in advance or whether you would like to propose some poems for future sessions (all languages welcome) adele.bardazzi@mod-langs.ox.ac.uk

** Please see item 1.5 attachment for further information:*

<https://weblearn.ox.ac.uk/x/D89fCa>

1.7 Lecture Course on French Linguistics

Thursday 11 October and Thursday 18 October from 2 to 3pm, in room 2 at the Taylorian (week 1 and 2)

We are happy to announce that Professor Mairi McLaughlin, from the University of California at Berkeley, will be offering 2 lectures on French Linguistics and the History of the French Language this term. These lectures will be useful for students studying French Papers IV and V but also for all students and scholars interested in the history of French newspapers in the 18th and 19th century and their comparison with the contemporary press.

Professor Mairi McLaughlin will be "Oliver Smithies Visiting Lecturer" at Balliol College this term.

** Please see item 1.6 attachment for further information:*

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

1.8 Oxford Comics Network- TORCH

Tuesday 16 October, 5.15pm, TORCH. Woodstock Rd, Oxford OX2 6GG

Professor Hugo Frey: Graphic novels, history and the Barbarella business - an informal launch of The Cambridge History of the Graphic Novel.

Professor Frey will be followed by comics scholar and artist Dr. Paul Fisher Davies leading into a more general discussion of Comics Studies.

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1.9 Bodleian iSkills Week 2: Getting started; Getting information to come to you; E-books

Welcome to the new term, and to the new iSkills programme! Bodleian iSkills is a series of workshops designed for postgraduates and researchers, covering information discovery and searching for scholarly materials, using reference management tools such as RefWorks and Mendeley, keeping up to date with research, measuring research impact, Open Access and Research Data Management. These workshops are FREE but online booking is essential.

Below are the workshops coming up in Week 2. Click on any title to go to the booking page.

[Bodleian iSkills: Getting started in Oxford Libraries \(Mon 15 October 09.30-12.30\)](#)

An introduction to Oxford Libraries including guidance on which libraries to use; accessing e-journals and other online resources; SOLO and other finding aids and making the most of Library services. Who is this session for? Anyone who would like an introduction to Oxford Libraries.

[Bodleian iSkills: Getting information to come to you \(Tue 16 October 10.00-11.30\)](#)

Keeping up to date with new research is important but time consuming! This session will show you how to set up automatic alerts so that you are notified about new articles and other publications and when key web sites are updated. Participants will have the opportunity to set up RSS feed readers and/or email notifications during the session.

Who is this session for? Postgraduates, researchers and academics.

[Bodleian iSkills for the Medical Sciences Division: Introduction to Mendeley \(Tue 16 October 10.00-11.00\)](#)

Do you need help managing your references? Do you need help citing references in your documents? This hour-long session will introduce you to Mendeley (www.mendeley.com), a free programme which can help you to store, organise and retrieve your references and PDFs, as well as cite references in documents and create bibliographies quickly and easily.

Who is this session for? Postgraduate students, researchers and university staff based on the Old Road Campus or in Medical Sciences Division departments elsewhere in Headington.

[Bodleian iSkills for the Medical Sciences Division: Introduction to systematic reviews & evidence syntheses - searching for studies \(Thu 18 October 10.00-11.00\)](#)

In this workshop you will be introduced to the principles underpinning the conduct of literature searches for systematic reviews and evidence syntheses

Who is this session for? DPhils and Researchers in the Medical Sciences Division

[Bodleian iSkills for the Medical Sciences Division: Introduction to literature searching for DPhils in the Medical Sciences \(Thu 18 October 14.00-16.00\)](#)

In this practical workshop you will explore how to formulate search strategies to address research questions; choose appropriate databases and search engines; store and manage references; keep up to date with new research over the life cycle of your DPhil.

Who is this session for? DPhils in the Medical Sciences Division

[Bodleian iSkills: E-books \(Fri 19 October 09.15-10.45\)](#)

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.

Who is this session for? Anyone who is interested

Presenters: Hilla Wait, Kat Steiner

[Bodleian iSkills: E-book readers \(Fri 19 October 11.00-12.15\)](#)

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.

Who is this session for? Anyone who is interested.

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Our full timetable for Michaelmas Term is at

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

1.10 Oxford Centre for Global History

Seminars and events for Michaelmas term 2018:

[Global and Imperial History Research Seminar](#) - 'Comparing Empires'

The following seminars will be given at 4pm on Fridays in the Colin Matthew Room, History Faculty (with the exception of 2 Nov - see below). Tea/coffee is available in the Common Room from 3.30pm – all welcome.

12 Oct: Richard Reid (Oxford)

'War/Time: Global Histories of a Local Conflict in the Horn of Africa'

19 Oct: Valerie Kivelson (Michigan)

'Celebrating Religious Diversity: Early Modern Russia and the Power of Typological Thinking'

26 Oct: Valerie Hansen (Yale)

'Locating the Silk Road(s) in History and Today'

2 Nov: Knowledge Production in Colonial and Post-colonial History (Colin Matthew Room, 2pm-6pm)

In association with the 'Comparing the Copperbelt' ERC funded project.

- Christian Müller (Nottingham Ningbo): 'The Colonial Guardians of Slavery? The Problem of Forced Labour and Inter-imperial Knowledge Transfer Under the League of Nations, 1919-1937'
- Miguel Bandeira Jerónimo (Coimbra, Portugal): 'The Labours of Colonial Cooperation: Interimperial Organisations and the Questions of Labour and Welfare in the 1950s'
- Amandine Lauró (Université libre de Bruxelles): 'The British, the French and Even the Russians Use These Methods': Psychology, Mental Testing and (Trans)imperial Dynamics of Expertise Production in Late Colonial Congo'
- Miles Larmer (Oxford): 'Decolonising' Knowledge Production in Central Africa's Mining Towns Before and After Independence'

9 Nov: Michael Joseph (Oxford)

'The First World War and the Reimagination of Empire in the British and French Caribbean'

16 Nov: Alexander Morrison (Oxford)

'Comparing Russian Settler Colonialism'

23 Nov: Patrick O'Brien (LSE)

'Debating the Great Divergence from the Demise of the Ming (1618-44) to the Industrialization of Western Europe (1756-1846)'

30 Nov: Bronwen Everill (Cambridge)

Title tbc

Convenors: Professor James Belich, Dr Peter Brooke

[Oxford Transnational and Global History Seminar](#) - 'The History of Science and the Global Turn'

The following seminars will be given at 5pm on Tuesdays of odd weeks in the Butler Room, Nuffield College, unless noted below. Wine and soft drink refreshments provided – all welcome.

9 Oct: Graduate Welcome Event

'Roundtable: How Are Graduate Students Practising Global History at Oxford?'

Thurs 11 Oct, 4:00-5:30pm – Lecture Room, History Faculty

Special lecture held in collaboration with the Oxford Environmental History Network

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Dr Julia Adeney Thomas (Notre Dame), 'The Historian's Task in the Anthropocene'

23 Oct: Dr Hansun Hsiung (Max-Planck-Institut)
'Civilization and Reproduction: The Freedom of Translation, Berlin/Tokyo 1908'

6 Nov: Dr Claas Kirchhelle (Oxford)
'Dr Felix' Fingerprint Bureau – Bacteriophages and Global Disease Surveillance (1920-2006)'

20 Nov: Special guest to be confirmed

Supported by the Oxford Sudbury Global and Transnational History Fund
Convenors: Harriet Mercer, Sean Phillips

Joint Seminar - History of War Seminar / Oxford Centre for Global History

Professor Richard Reid, Oxford, will deliver a seminar at 5.15pm on 17 October in the Wharton Room, All Souls College.

Convenors: Professor Peter Wilson, Dr Marianne Klerk, Dr Alexander Morrison.
'Remembering and forgetting Mirambo: histories of pre-colonial war in modern Africa'

For further events and information visit our website <http://global.history.ox.ac.uk>

1.11 Study Day invitation - Translingualism

The MALMECC team would be delighted if you could join us at this event: "Translingualism in Late Medieval European Court Cultures: England – Low Countries – Germany – France", which will be taking place on 2nd November in Oxford. We are very fortunate to have a wide range of speakers and discussants taking part, and it promises to be a fascinating day.

Registration is free, but please email me at martha.buckley@humanities.ox.ac.uk to confirm your place.

*** Please see item 1.10 attachment for further information:**

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

1.12 Blind Football Taster Session

World Sight Day is Thursday 11th October this year. The day focuses on raising awareness of blindness and vision impairment, and educating people about blindness & prevention.

Oxford University Sport are proud to host a Blind Football taster session in conjunction with the Oxford University Association Football Club. The session will start at 6pm and run until 7pm in the new Acer Nethercott Sports Hall at the Iffley Road Sports Centre. The event will be completely free of charge, with all equipment being provided for you to have a go. The session is open to students and staff with visual impairments as well as those without sight impairment. With all participants wearing eyeshades it means that anyone of any sight can play, and the ball has bells in so players can hear the ball. If you want to test your skills, or simply try something new, we would love to see you there.

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<https://weblearn.ox.ac.uk/x/dWRXQ2>

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1.13 Literatures of multilingual Europe: Scandinavian literature

Taylor Institution Library, Room 2 Wednesday, October 17th 17:15 – 18:15

Speaker: Eveliina Pulkki, TORCH Nordic Network

The Taylor Institution Library, one of the Bodleian libraries, is hosting a lecture series entitled Literatures of Multilingual Europe in Michaelmas 2018. This series is being run with a view to offering an introduction to less well-known European literatures such as Polish, Welsh and Scandinavian literatures (among others), showcasing the holdings of the Taylorian and the Bodleian and offering another perspective on creative multilingualism from a literary perspective.

This lecture series complements the Bodleian exhibition in Hilary 2019 Babel: adventures in translation.

<https://www.bodleian.ox.ac.uk/whatson/whats-on/upcoming-events/2018/october/scandinavian-literature>

** Please see item 1.12 attachment for further information:*

<https://weblearn.ox.ac.uk/x/q21rXQ>

1.14 Modern Greek Seminar: Chryssanthi Avlami

Thursday 25 October, Ground Floor Lecture Room 1, 47 Wellington Square

Topic: Commerce, Virtues and the Question of Civilization in Coray's "Mémoire sur l'état actuel de la civilisation en Grèce" (Paris, 1803)

** Please see item 1.13 attachment for further information:*

<https://weblearn.ox.ac.uk/x/4nCuSu>

1.15 Faculty of History Lecture Series: Russian since 1900

** Please see item 1.14 attachment for further information:*

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

External – Elsewhere

1.16 London Society for Medieval Studies

Tuesday 16th October at 7pm, Institute of Historical Research, Wolfson Room NB01, Senate House (located on Malet Street, London WC1E 7HU).

Carol Sweetenham, speaking on 'Popularising Heroism: The Crusades through the Eyes of the Medieval Translator'.

All those who are interested in Medieval Studies are very welcome to attend!

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2 Calls for Papers

2.1 The Nineteenth Century Research Seminars – Spring 2019

The Nineteenth Century Research Seminars (NCRS) invites proposals for twenty-minute papers from postgraduate and early career researchers that address any aspect of nineteenth-century literature, history, art, and culture.

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

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

2.2 Thinking with Jean-Luc Nancy – An International Conference

Thursday 28th- Saturday 30th March 2019, Balliol College, University of Oxford

Keynote Speakers: Jean-Luc Nancy (University of Strasbourg) and Emmanuel Falque (Catholic University of Paris)

Organisers: Marie Chabbert and Nikolaas Deketelaere

Confirmed Participants: Ian James (University of Cambridge), Aukje van Rooden (University of Amsterdam), Gert-Jan van der Heiden (Radboud University), Benjamin Hutchens (Rutgers University), John McKeane (University of Reading), Peter Gratton (Memorial University of Newfoundland), and Irving Goh (National University of Singapore).

The work of the French philosopher Jean-Luc Nancy spans across dozens of books and hundreds of articles, addressing virtually every possible topic of philosophical interest as well as the major figures of the modern intellectual tradition. This interdisciplinary conference aims to provide a platform to take stock of this ever-growing body of work, reflecting on its significance in terms of how it allows us to bring into view or address certain contemporary challenges, whether these are intellectual, cultural, political or religious. We hope to facilitate a fruitful exchange of current research as well as providing an opportunity for both established and aspiring scholars of Nancy's thought to meet one another. To this end, we invite contributions from post-graduate students and early career researchers that engage with Nancy in this way. Possible topics might include, but are not limited to:

- *Nancy and the crisis of philosophy:* What is the status of philosophy? What is its genre? How does philosophy relate to other modes of reflection (theology, science, or literature and the arts)? What should be the role of the intellectual today?
- *Nancy and intellectual history:* How does Nancy draw on the giants of the history of thought? Are there any authors or movements he ignores unduly? What makes his readings distinctive? How does he relate to the various movements of contemporary philosophy (e.g. speculative realism or phenomenology's theological turn)?
- *Nancy on the contemporary world, our present culture and socio-political condition:* What is 'the West' today? What has happened to reason? And what about (our) humanity? What does it mean to think the death of God? How are we to think a fragmentary, though globalised world? How do we understand his thinking of community today?
- *Nancy on theology, religion and spirituality:* Why deconstruct Christianity? What is the value of this approach for contemporary theology? How may it be applied to Christian doctrine? How does Nancy relate to various theologians (Bultmann, Kierkegaard, de Lubac, Caputo, Milbank, etc.)? What does it mean to deny knowledge in order to make room for faith?
- *Nancy on the arts, the body and affectivity:* How has Nancy engaged with the arts over the course of his career (perhaps most notably film and dance)? How does this tie in to his thinking of the body and touch?

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- *Engagement with Nancy*: How and why has Nancy been read over the years? What has his influence been (Agamben, Derrida, Marion, Denis, etc.)? What does he give us to think today?

Proposals for presentations in either French or English should be sent to the organisers (thinking.with.nancy.conference@gmail.com) by **1st November 2018**. Interested scholars are welcome to first consult the organisers about their proposal before making a formal submission. Proposals should include a title, abstract, your name, affiliation and contact information. Abstracts should not exceed 500 words.

Main contact for further details: Marie Chabbert - marie.chabbert@mod-langs.ox.ac.uk

3 Adverts

Jobs, Recruitment and Volunteering

3.1 Stipendiary Lectureship in Spanish

Exeter College proposes, if there is a suitable candidate, to appoint a Stipendiary Lecturer in Spanish. This is a fixed-term role, tenable from 1 January 2019 until 30 September 2019, and the postholder will teach Spanish language and literature to undergraduates

Further Particulars for the role may be obtained from the Exeter College website at:

<https://www.exeter.ox.ac.uk/vacancies/stipendiary-lecturer-in-spanish-fixed-term/>

** Please see item 3.3 and 3.3a attachments for further information:*

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

<https://weblearn.ox.ac.uk/x/PAzP7Y>

3.2 Notetaker for Lectures and Amanuensis (Scribe) for Weekly Tutorial Work and Examinations

The Disability Advisory Service are seeking to recruit a team of support workers with experience of studying undergraduate Maths (or another relevant subject area, such as physics, medical sciences, etc), to take lecture notes and/or scribe for weekly tutorial work and examinations for disabled undergraduate students at the University of Oxford. We welcome applications from people who are interested in taking on some or all the available support hours (e.g. from 5 to 15 hours per week). There is scope to provide support to students on a long-term basis throughout the duration of their programme of study.

** Please see item 3.4 attachment for further information:*

<https://weblearn.ox.ac.uk/x/QMZ8FS>

Miscellaneous

3.3 PhotOx Photography Society

Photographer & Lecturer David Tolley, set up the PhotOx Photography Society to provide a friendly, creative environment, where Oxford University staff and students passionate about digital (or film) photography will receive inspiration, technical advice, and constructive feedback on their images. Sessions will continue in Hilary and Trinity terms, 2019.

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Whether you have a Nikon or Canon DSLR; a mirror-less M4/3; a point-and-shoot camera, or just an iPhone – you will learn how to compose, expose, and capture better images. This is an excellent opportunity for you to improve your photography and to develop professional skills.

Membership Fee: £65 per term (payable at the start of the 1st session on Thursday 11 October).

PhotOx Membership Benefits:

Professional feedback & advice

Printing-lab and photographic equipment discounts

Termly competitions to enter

Share images within a member-only Facebook group for constructive feedback

Weekly assignments to help develop your photographic skills

Option to join PhotOx-on-Tour trips to UK & Europe locations (Berlin, Budapest, Copenhagen, etc.)

Photography equipment hire: cameras, tripods, lenses, lights, and accessories

To become a member of the PhotOx Photography Society just email: davidtolley@me.com Please contact David using your University/OUP email account and put PhotOx in the subject box

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

<https://weblearn.ox.ac.uk/x/JK4Vkv>

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

4.2 Year Abroad Travel Hardship Fund / Academic Year 2018-19

For the attention of students on their year abroad for the academic year (2018-19)

Please be advised that applications to the Year Abroad Travel Hardship Fund (for Michaelmas Term 2018) need to be submitted by the end of Week 2 / Friday 19th October 2018.

Information about the YA Travel Hardship Fund and the application form can be found here

<https://weblearn.ox.ac.uk/access/content/group/03321840-f1c2-4971-994e-15046cd9765f/by_application/ya_hardship_grant.html> .

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Please remember, you should only apply for the YA Travel Hardship Fund if you find yourself in genuine financial difficulty and your application will only be valid with a reference from your Tutor. All applications will be treated in the strictest confidence.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any queries, Lætitia Stevenson year-abroad@mod-langs.ox.ac.uk

4.3 Year Abroad Language Specific Information Sessions 2018-19

The language-specific Year Abroad Sessions will be taking place as follows:

FRENCH: Week 2 / Friday 19 October, 5-6.30 pm / Main Hall, Taylorian

GERMAN: Week 3 / Wednesday 24 October, 4.30 pm / Main Hall, Taylorian

MODERN GREEK: WEEK 3 / Wednesday 24 October, 4pm / Kostas Skordyles's office

ITALIAN: Week 5 / Monday 5 November, 5-6pm / Ground Floor Lecture Room 1, 47 Wellington Square

PORTUGUESE: Week 2 / Wednesday 17 October, 4-5 pm / Ground Floor Lecture Room 1, 47 Wellington Square

RUSSIAN: Week 5 / Saturday 10 November, 11.30 – 12.30pm / Main Hall, Taylorian

SPANISH: Week 5 / Thursday 8 November, 5-6pm / Main Hall, Taylorian

You can check the dates and other important information as it becomes available on the Year Abroad pages of WebLearn: https://weblearn.ox.ac.uk/portal/site:/humdiv/modlang/year_abroad

And via the specific link for [Important Dates and Deadlines](#)

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