

First Week Newsletter. Hilary Term, 2017.

Morning all, and Happy First Week!

In the newsletter this week: a dash of teaching, a pinch of psychology studies, a dollop of IT challenges, and a teaspoon of international relations. Hope everyone's term gets off to a great start!

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1. Teaching Opportunities for Students this Summer.

[Oxford Summer Courses](http://oxfordsummercourses.com/tutors/) seeks experienced and passionate tutors to deliver summer courses to 13-15, 16-17 and 18-24 year old international students. Our courses take place between 26th June and 12th August 2017, and teaching commitments are arranged in two week blocks. We offer competitive pay, flexible working, autonomy over the syllabus and an excellent chance to gain Oxford-style teaching experience. Applications will be considered on a rolling basis until the positions are filled. For more information about the roles and the application process visit <http://oxfordsummercourses.com/tutors/>

2. Psychology Study: Speed and Accuracy in Pairs [Repeat].

We are looking to recruit participants for our research study on how working with other people effects performance, compared to working alone. The study involves a computer task that assesses your speed and accuracy. It takes under 30 minutes and you will be compensated for your time. Additionally, you will get a chance to win a chocolate bar. You must be at least 16 years of age and fluent in English. If you would like to participate in this study or have any questions, please respond to luka.katic@psy.ox.ac.uk Testing takes place at the Department of Experimental Psychology, University of Oxford (9 South Parks Road, Oxford OX1 3UD).

MSD Ethics reference number: R46006/RE001

Thank you!

3. Oxford University IT Innovation Challenges.

Oxford University IT Innovation Challenges 2017 now open!

IT Innovation Challenges 2017 are now open. We are looking for innovative ideas for digital projects to be run by students. Successful ideas will receive funding of up to £15,000.

For this round, we particularly welcome ideas related to teaching and learning and student welfare, but any ideas for projects that bring benefit to the University, its staff and/or students will be considered. We welcome collaborations involving staff and students, and any member of the University can put forward an idea, but projects must be led by a student.

To take part, submit a brief description of your idea as soon as possible at <https://oxfordideas.wazoku.com/>. You can then edit your submitted idea and incorporate any comments or suggestions received up until 29th January. Sharing your idea early allows others time to comment, offer advice and support your idea giving you a greater chance of success.

A short information session will be held on Monday 23rd January at 12:30 (IT Services, 13 Banbury Road), please join us.

For more information and a list of previously successful student projects please visit <http://blogs.it.ox.ac.uk/innovation-challenges/>

[IT Innovation Challenges is a University of Oxford initiative, funded through the IT Capital fund].

4. Psychology Study: Impulsivity and Eating Behaviour.

Who are we?

We are the **Oxford Centre for Emotions and Affective Neuroscience** (OCEAN lab) led by Prof. Elaine Fox. We are situated at the Department of Experimental Psychology at the University of Oxford.

Find us at: <http://www.psy.ox.ac.uk/research/ocean>

What do we do?

We explore the link between eating behaviour and cognitive abilities in a healthy adult population. We want to understand how impulsivity is linked to our response to food-related information and eating behaviour. We will also investigate if a simple computer-based training task can influence the ability to inhibit actions in response to events.

What do you have to do?

You will be asked to fill in some questionnaire and perform some computer-based tasks. You need to come twice to the Department of Experimental Psychology (for 1.5 hours each). Further, you will have to do some practicing on your computer at home (approx. 10 mins) every day for 6 days between

the two appointments.

What do you get?

You would be paid £10 per assessment session at the lab and you can also win money on one of the tasks (around £5). Additionally, you will receive a total of £10 for the practice sessions at home.

If this study sounds interesting to you, please do not hesitate to contact us for more **information**:

Danna.oomen@psy.ox.ac.uk

You can take time to think about it and ask questions before you decide whether or not to take part in our study! Your enquiry will be kept confidential and you will not be obliged to take part in our study!

5. Psychology Study: Clinical Neuroscience.

Researchers at the Nuffield Department of Clinical Neurosciences, University of Oxford are seeking volunteers aged 18 – 45 for a Transcranial Direct Current Stimulation (tDCS) study.

The purpose of this study is to examine how non-invasive brain stimulation can affect skills such as decision making and learning. The results of this study will inform future research on decision making processes in depression and anxiety disorders.

This study involves up to three visits to the Nuffield Department of Clinical Neurosciences or the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Oxford. Participants will be asked to fill out mood and anxiety questionnaires and perform a computer-based learning task while receiving tDCS. Each session will take no more than 1.5 hours, and participants will be reimbursed for their time and travel expenses.

If you are interested in participating in this study and/or would like further information, please contact Margot Overman at margot.overman@ndcn.ox.ac.uk.

6. Reach Cambridge Recruitment.

Spring Programme:

[if !supportLists]- [endif]1st-15th April (2 weeks)

Summer Programmes:

[if !supportLists]- [endif]Programme 1: 2nd July – 22nd July (3 weeks)

[if !supportLists]- [endif]Programme 2: 24th July - 6th August (2 weeks)

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The Job: Supervisor of international students aged 13-19.

Programme Dates:

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1st-14th April (2 weeks)

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Programme 1: 2nd July – 22nd July (3 weeks)

Programme 2: 24th July - 6th August (2 weeks)

Programme 3: 7th August – 20th August (2 weeks)

Please note we will most likely be having two intakes of supervisory staff: one for the three-week July programme, and one for the remaining four weeks (which comprises Programmes 2 and 3). However, we would be grateful if you could give as full an indication as possible of your availability for the whole of the summer.

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The Pay: £275 per week

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The Free Stuff: Free accommodation in Cambridge; half-board meals.

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The Perks: Excursions across the UK including places such as London, Stratford-upon-Avon, Brighton and Oxford, scope to lead and help with loads of fun activities including sports, arts, cultural visits and evening social events.

The ideal applicant would have experience of – and enjoy – working with teenagers, a good knowledge of the city of Cambridge, and would work well individually and within a team. They should also be hard-working, approachable, conscientious and responsible. Supervisory staff are also expected to have the skills necessary to organise fun, inclusive and educational activities on campus and around Cambridge and in accordance with our health and safety guidelines.

More information about the summer school programmes can be found at www.reachcambridge.com

REACH STUDY ABROAD CAMBRIDGE

Psychology Course -5 Weeks

The Job: Supervisor of Californian college students aged 18 and over.

The Dates: Monday 3rd July – Monday 7th August 2017.

The Pay: £325 per week

The Free Stuff: Free accommodation in Cambridge; free breakfast & dinner Monday – Thursday and excursion days

The Perks: Some weekend excursions which can include London, Paris and York plus cinema and theatre trips, access to sports facilities and equipment.

Please note that all RSA supervisors are required to attend First Aid training, dates for the course will be added shortly.

The ideal applicant would have experience of working with young adults and groups, a good knowledge of Cambridge city, and would be friendly, outgoing, hard-working and reliable. Supervisory staff are also expected to have the skills necessary to organise fun, inclusive and educational activities on campus and around Cambridge.

More information about the summer school programmes can be found at <http://www.reachstudyabroad.com>

HOW TO APPLY

Any future recruitment rounds will be advertised on our website. Keep an eye on www.reachcambridge.com/jobs.

For full job descriptions and an application form, please visit: <http://www.reachcambridge.com/jobs>

Please send a completed application form, along with a CV, to Rosalind Peters at: rosalind@reachcambridge.com.

Please refer to the appropriate format for documentation submittal. Applicants are encouraged to submit applications as soon as possible as interview spaces are limited.

The deadline for applications is **January 31st 2017**.

Successful candidates will then be contacted for interview; interviews will take place the week beginning **February 6th 2017**.

Reach Cambridge promotes the safeguarding of young people. Should applicants be successful, we will contact at least one referee and an enhanced Disclosure and Barring Service Check will be required. Please note that all applicants must be eligible to work in the UK.

7. Notices from the International Relations Society.

Lighthouse Call for Submissions

<https://www.facebook.com/events/454128214975944/>

The Lighthouse is recruiting for submissions for Hilary 2017

In this term's edition of the International Relations Magazine we will be exploring the concept of Progress and we would love to hear your ideas. We want Lighthouse to prove how diverse student opinion can be and we are especially interested in pitches taking a less conventional approach to what progress in international relations might mean. This might include approaching international progress from a historical, philosophical, social activist or economic standpoint, as well as addressing political issues.

Is there a universal notion of progress we can apply internationally?

Is mass migration an inevitable by-product of global economic progress?

Does progress have a culture?

How has progress in science and technology influenced the way in which international relations are conducted?

We would also like to invite submissions for a brand new debate feature, which will be entitled "Progress is a meaningless concept in 21st century international relations". Make sure to indicate clearly in your pitch whether you are for or against the motion, and add 'debate pitch' to your email title.

To pitch an article, photo essay, interview or artwork piece to Oxford International Relations Society's termly journal email irsoclighthouseeditors@gmail.com with both a short paragraph outlining your idea and a sample of previous writing, artwork or photography by midnight on January

21st, or Saturday of 1st week.

Final written pieces are usually 800-1,500 words in length but we are happy to consider pitches for pieces which fall outside of this range if there is a particular need (for example an in-depth investigative piece which would benefit from a longer word count).

We look forward to reading your pitches!

Uprisings and the Internet - Dr. Mohammad Anwar
7:30pm, Thursday of 1st Week (January 19th)

<https://www.facebook.com/events/238086166617691/>

Oxford International Relations Society is looking forward to hosting Dr Mohammad Anwar for our first event of Hilary Term. Dr. Anwar will be giving a talk at 7:30 in Lecture Room 6 of New College, on the topic 'Popular Uprisings and Organising Societies - the Internet and Collective Action'.

For the opportunity to attend a dinner with Dr. Anwar, please fill out this balloting form:

<https://goo.gl/forms/5JYmd9kMf58FQ9k33>

Dr. Anwar is a researcher at the Oxford Internet Institute, having joined in January 2016. Before joining the OII, he was at the University of Johannesburg as a Post-Doctoral Research Fellow. Previously, Dr. Anwar worked as a Research Assistant for an Irish Research Council funded project on the role of information and communication technologies in enterprise development and industrial change in Africa. He received his PhD from Trinity College Dublin, where his doctoral thesis explored the political economy of the growth and development of Special Economic Zones in India.

His work has mainly focused on geography of globalisation, political economy and development in the Global South, with a special focus on India and Africa. He is currently researching the growth of knowledge economy in Sub-Saharan Africa and the role of digital work on the African population, particularly those at the 'bottom of the pyramid'.

This event is FREE to all, with a special offer of £20 for lifetime membership of the Society available for a limited time.

Japan, China, and the 1937 Invasion - Professor Rana Mitter 7:30pm, Monday of 2nd Week (January 23rd)

<https://www.facebook.com/events/738563962962038/>

Oxford International Relations Society is looking forward to hosting Professor Rana Mitter for what is

sure to be a fascinating talk. Professor Mitter will be giving a talk at 7:30 in the Danson Room of Trinity College, on the topic 'The 1937 Japanese Invasion of China'.

Professor Mitter is a Professor of the History and Politics of Modern China at the Oxford University Institute for Chinese Studies, where he specialises in the history of republican China. He is Director of the Dickson Poon China Centre, a Fellow and Vice-Master of St. Cross College, and the author of numerous books including 'China's War with Japan, 1937-1945: The Struggle for Survival'. He is a Fellow of the British Academy and one of the foremost authorities on mid-20th Century China.

This event is FREE for members and £3 for non-members, with a special offer of £20 for lifetime membership of the Society available for a limited time.

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Dr. Elisabeth Kendall on the Politics of the Middle East
7:30pm, Wednesday of 2nd Week (January 25th)

<https://www.facebook.com/events/324834661249999/>

Oxford International Relations Society is looking forward to hosting Dr. Elisabeth Kendall at 7:30 in New College, where she will be giving a talk on the Politics of the Middle East.

Dr. Kendall is a Senior Research Fellow in Arabic at Pembroke College, Oxford. Previously, she was Director of the Centre for the Advanced Study of the Arab World, a Kennedy Fellow at Harvard University, and a lecturer at Edinburgh and Oxford Universities. She has sat on a variety of International Advisory Boards, and has received numerous awards for her work.

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