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Newsletter Week 3
Trinity Term 2016
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1. St. Hilda's College Trinity Term Seminar Series: New Horizons in the Study of Gender, Race, and Sexual Orientation

All events are held at **5pm** in the **Vernon Harcourt Room, St. Hilda's College**

Week 3, Tuesday 10th May

Keynote lecture: *Co-authoring Feminisms Across Scholarship and Activism*

Prof. Richa Nagar, Bennett Chair in Excellence and Fink Professor of Liberal Arts, University of Minnesota

Prof. Nagar's intellectual, pedagogical, and creative labour focuses on writing lives and struggles across the borders of language, genre, discipline, and geographical location. She has worked on gendered and racialised community politics in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, and has built long-term solidarities with struggles around linking questions of intellectual disempowerment with sociopolitical marginalisation and violence. Issues of ethics, responsibility, and translation in writing, artistic production, and alliance work form the core of her scholarship across borders.

Eventbrite registration: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/keynote-lecture-coauthoring-feminisms-across-scholarship-and-activism-tickets-24874216451?utm_term=eventurl_text

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1069183793154838/>

Week 5, Wednesday 25th May

Panel discussion: *Intersections of Gender and Ethnicity in the Developing World*

Prof. Maria Jaschok, International Gender Studies Centre at Lady Margaret Hall, University of Oxford – *"Hui Muslim Women in Central China – Bargaining with*



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Patriarchies

Dr. Kerrie Thornhill, Academic Mentor for MSt Women's Studies Programme, University of Oxford – “Indigenous Feminisms, Indigenous Sovereignties, and Development in Canada and Liberia”

Prof. Abosede George, Associate Professor of History and Africana Studies, Barnard College, Columbia University – Title TBA

Hamsa Rajan, DPhil candidate, Department of Social Policy and Intervention, University of Oxford – “Struggling for Ethnic Unity and Resilience: Tibetan Activism for Women's Empowerment”

Week 7, Wednesday 8th June

Panel discussion: Alternative Realities and New Perspectives on Family Violence

Prof. Marianne Hester, Centre for Gender and Violence Research, University of Bristol – “Intimate Partner Violence in LGBTQ Relationships – What's Gender Got to Do with It?”

Prof. Rachel Condry, Associate Professor of Criminology, University of Oxford – “Making Sense of Adolescent to Parent Violence”

Dr. Carlene Firmin, Head of the MsUnderstood Partnership and Senior Research Fellow at the University of Bedfordshire – “Contextual Dimensions of Abuse in Young People's Relationships”

Convened by the St. Hilda's College Equalities Research Network: Mind the Gap
For questions and comments, contact Hamsa Rajan at hamsa.rajan@st-hildas.ox.ac.uk

2. Trouble Sleeping? Online Questionnaire Study

Researchers from the University of Oxford are conducting a study to better understand interactions between stressful events, mood and sleep.

The study involves completing **one online questionnaire**, lasting around **20 minutes**. You would be reimbursed **£5** by online bank transfer for your time.

If you think you might be interested, here are some more details about the study, and below that is a link to the screening questions:

Who are we looking for?

- Participants **aged 18 or above**
- Participants who have been having **difficulty falling or staying asleep for 2 weeks or more**



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What does the study involve?

- Filling in **1 online questionnaire pack**, which takes around **20 - 30 minutes** to complete,

What else is important?

- All the information you provide will be treated **confidentially**
- You will be reimbursed **£5** for your time via online bank transfer
- This study has been reviewed by, and received ethics clearance through the University of Oxford Central University Research Ethics Committee

LINK to screening questions to see if you are suitable to take part in the study:
<http://www.surveymzmo.com/s3/2578829/Psychometric-Screener-Mood>

If you have any questions, please contact us on: madeleine.mettam@wadh.ox.ac.uk

3. Volunteers Needed for Study of The Genetics of Social Brain Function

We are looking for healthy volunteers to improve our understanding of how different genes affect social brain function. Certain genes are involved in the activity of chemicals in the brain - we want to know whether individuals with certain genes process social information in different ways. The study will take up to 1.5 hours of your time. You will be asked to come in for a 30-minute session to collect saliva for genetic analysis, answer questions about your social network, and have your hands digitally scanned (Session 1). You may also be asked to come back (Session 2) to lie still in an MRI scanner for 40 minutes and perform simple social cognitive tasks.

MRI is a type of brain scan that allows us to see how the brain is organised, processes information and performs skills like speech or memory. This scan is safe and does not involve any needles or injections.

Who are we looking for? Healthy individuals over 18 who do not currently use recreational drugs, drug replacement therapy (e.g. methadone), or medication for depression, psychosis or anxiety (Session 1); and who are right-handed, aged 18-45, do not have any metal in their head or body (except fillings) or any metallic implants, are not pregnant (Session 2).



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If you are interested and would like more information please, go http://bit.do/genetics_research, or alternatively contact Rafael Wlodarski (Experimental Psychology) on [0784 7632782](tel:07847632782), or email rafael.wlodarski@psy.ox.ac.uk.

Participants will be reimbursed for their time.

Approved by the Oxford Ethics Committee, ref no. MSD-IDREC-C2-2015-026

4. How does stress affect your memory, emotion and sleep?

Researchers from the University of Oxford are conducting a study to better understand the relationship between emotion, memory and sleep in response to stressful situations

Are you eligible?

- I am aged 18 and above
- I am healthy
- I have never experienced an interpersonal trauma (e.g., sexual assault, or rape)

What does our research involve?

- Filling in a set of questionnaires
- Participating in 2 research sessions, 1 week apart. The sessions involve some computer tasks and watching an unpleasant or neutral film clip.
- Recording your sleep and how you feel for 7 days at home in between the sessions.

What else is important?

- All the information you provide will be treated confidentially
- You will be reimbursed £50 for your time and travel expenses



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- This study has been approved by the Central University Research Ethics

Committee (Reference: R43827/RE001)

If you are interested in taking part, please follow this link to get to our screening-

questions: https://oxfordxpsy.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_oPoQogAK1b8H1ul

If you have any questions, please contact us on: emotionandmemory@psy.ox.ac.uk.

5. Oxford Africa Conference

The Oxford Africa conference is the leading interdisciplinary conference on Africa in the UK. Hosting over 50 world-class speakers, the conference aims to provide a platform for new thinking about Africa across all disciplines – challenging the political landscape, addressing the burgeoning youth bulge, and showcasing African business.

Last year we had the privilege of hosting a range of speakers such as H.E. John Dramani Mahama, President of Ghana, Acha Leke, Director at McKinsey & Company and Taiye Selassie, Author, Photographer and Filmmaker, to name just a few. For the Africa Conference 2016, our theme is '*Changing the Narratives: Governance, Youth Leadership, and Business Innovation in Africa*' expanding discourse on Africa to reflect a holistic view of the continent.

The conference will take place on the 20th and 21st of May, 2016 at the Oxford Union and Blavatnik School of Government. For tickets and more details go to <http://www.oxfordafricaconference.com/> and <https://www.facebook.com/oxfordafricaconference/>

6. Tortoise Faire

Howdy there!

It's trinity term, the sun is sh-shining sometimes, and there's excitement around the freakin' bend!

On Sunday 5th week (22nd May), within the wee underdog gates of Corpus Christi, A furious scuttling of testudinal feet will be heard as the annual Tortoise Race will once again take place!

The Race is part of the huge summer jamboree that is The Corpus Christi Tortoise Fair! There will be plenty of Pimm's, goodies, games, prizes, G&D's ice cream, a big fat BBQ and



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performances from The incredible Oxford Gargoyles and more! To top it all off, the combined mighty force of the college tortoises of Oxford will be competing in the main event, the afore-mentioned RACE!

The fair runs from Midday to 5pm and the Race will kick off at 3pm. The whole shindig is entirely contained in the sunny quads of Corpus Christi!

The Facebook event is below, get your perfectly rad virtual selves on it and come on over for an afternoon of cute fun and quirky Oxford tradition!

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1593561604290794/>