

Fourth Week Newsletter. Hilary Term, 2017.

Happy fourth week!

The newsletter for this week is below, with some studies, some international relations, and some drama.

Hope everyone has a fab week!

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1. Reminder: TGM.

Just a reminder that we'll be holding our Termly General Meeting on Tuesday (tomorrow!) at 6pm in the Memorial Room! There will be pizza...

2. Memorial Room Closures.

The Memorial Room is closed at the following times this week:

- Tuesday 7th, 6-8pm.
- Thursday 9th, 9am-5pm.

Please ensure that you're not working in there at these times, and make sure that you haven't left any books/papers/close relatives behind!

3. Study Recruitment (1).

“We are currently recruiting participants for an experiment investigating personality, social relationships, and performance-enhancement during exercise. The experiment will last 1.5 - 2 hours and you will be paid between £25 and £30 for your time, depending on your effort levels. The

experiment will take place at the Nuffield Department of Clinical Neurosciences. West Wing, John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford OX3 9DU

The experiment will involve completing several trials of a hand gripping exercise, answering a series of computer-based questionnaires, and taking a dose of a naturally occurring substance that enhances performance and reduces perceptions of pain and fatigue during exercise.

Participants must be aged 18-49 and able to sustain moderate intensity exercise (e.g., brisk walking or easy jogging) for a minimum of 30 minutes. Participants must also have refrained from doing strenuous exercise or using illegal drugs and alcohol in the 12 hours preceding the beginning of this study. Participants may use caffeine and tobacco as they would normally. In addition, participants must be free of any prior or current conditions/injuries that will prevent them from safely completing the hand gripping exercise tasks in the study.

Finally, before coming to the study, participants must submit a photo of a friend, family member, or partner – someone they feel they have a close connection with and that they can depend on in times of need.

Please contact arran.davis@anthro.ox.ac.uk for more information and / or sign up here: <https://doodle.com/poll/pwdvtiridentuvxt4>. It is okay to sign up for a date and to change it at a later time if another date suits you better.”

4. Study Recruitment (2).

We are looking for healthy male volunteers to for a study that uses magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) scans to look at how potential painkiller works. The study involves 5 visits. You would be asked to lie still in a scanner, and would also be asked to rate some physical stimuli to determine whether they are painful. You would be reimbursed for your time and expenses. On one of the visits you would be asked to take an investigational drug, and on another visit you would take a placebo pill. The study would also involve some blood tests

MRI is a type of brain scan that is very safe, and that allows us to see how the brain is organised, processes information and performs skills. It is very useful in understanding how painkillers work.

Who are we looking for? Healthy fluent English-speaking men aged 18-55 who do not have any contraindications to having an MRI scan (if in doubt we will confirm this), do not take any regular medications, and have no history of neurological or psychiatric illness. If you are interested and would like more information please contact Sarah Waldman at the FMRIB Centre, John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford on 01865 222725 or sarah.waldman@pmb.ox.ac.uk.

Thank you for your time!

5. Notices from the International Relations Society.

British Diplomacy and Negotiation - Sir Frank Berman

7:30pm, Wednesday of 4th Week (February 8th)

<https://www.facebook.com/events/376220689404344/>

Oxford International Relations Society is looking forward to hosting Sir Frank Berman at 7:30 in the Danson Room, Trinity College, where he will be giving a talk on his long career at the heart of British Diplomacy and Negotiation.

Sir Frank Berman is a distinguished diplomat and civil servant. After a Rhodes Scholarship to Wadham College, he joined Her Majesty's Diplomatic Service, and from 1965-1971 served as an assistant legal advisor for the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. He served as legal advisor for the British Military Government of Berlin from 1971–72, and at the British Embassy in Bonn from 1972-74. He has been a legal counsellor for the FCO and counsellor for the UK Mission to the United Nations from, and in 1983 was J C Smith Visiting Fellow at the University of Nottingham. He served first as deputy legal advisor, then as legal advisor for the FCO from 1988-99, and was made an honorary Queen's Counsel in 1992. Since joining Essex Street Chambers in 2000, he has specialised in international arbitration and advisory work in international law, serving as a member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration since 2010. He is a visiting professor of international law at the University of Oxford, the University of Cape Town, and King's College London, and has won numerous awards.

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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The Colonial Legacies of Britain and France – Professor Robert Gildea

7:30pm, Thursday of 5th Week (February 16th)

<https://www.facebook.com/events/112878692562318/>

Oxford International Relations Society is looking forward to hosting Professor Robert Gildea at 7:30 in Lecture Room 6, New College, where he will be giving a talk on the colonial legacies of Britain and France.

Professor Robert Gildea is a professor of Modern History at Wadham College, Oxford. An influential historian of 19th and 20th century France, and has written a number of important books including *Fighters in the Shadows: A new history of the French Resistance* and *Europe's 1968: Voices of Revolt*.

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6. Play Advert: Suddenly Last Summer.

"SUDDENLY LAST SUMMER @ OXFORD PLAYHOUSE - 4th week

The Experimental Theatre Club is bringing Tennessee Williams' dark and poetic masterpiece to Oxford on the 8th - 11th February

Buy tickets: www.oxfordplayhouse.com/whats-on/all-shows/suddenly-last-summer/3562

Video: <https://www.facebook.com/ETCoxford/videos/953014954833556/>"

FB event - <https://www.facebook.com/events/857669307669055/>