

Sixth Week Newsletter. Michaelmas Term, 2016.

Morning everyone!

We've got through fifth week, and the end is in sight. Less than two months 'til Christmas! If that's not enough to spice up your Monday morning, never fear, the newsletter is here, feat. international relations, publishing papers, psychology study (x2!), an opportunity to volunteer in Malawi - and something about the Memorial Room.

Have a good day!

Queen's Notices.

1. Memorial Room Opening Times.

Other Notices.

- 2. Psychology Study: Speed and Accuracy in Pairs [Repeat Notice].**
- 3. Psychology Study: Impulsivity and Eating Behaviour.**
- 4. Prayog Malawi Project.**
- 5. Oxford International Relations Society: Alexander Matheou.**
- 6. Oxford Student Consultancy Programme.**

1. Memorial Room Opening Times.

The Memorial Room will be closed at the following times this week:

- Monday 14th, 1-8pm.
- Wednesday 16th, 10am-12noon.

The usual drill: make sure you're not working in the Memorial Room at these times, and make sure you don't leave anything behind!

2. Psychology Study: Speed and Accuracy in Pairs.

Speed and accuracy in pairs

We are looking to recruit participants for our research study on how working with other people affects performance, compared to working alone.

The study involves completing a computer task that assesses your speed and accuracy. It takes under

30 minutes for which you will be paid £5, and 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. 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!

4. Prayog Malawi Project.

Are you passionate about helping others and improving education? Are you looking for an impactful volunteering experience abroad this summer? Do you want to visit Malawi? Prayog Education, is a student-led charitable organisation with the aim of improving access and quality of education in

developing communities. We do this through student-led volunteering initiatives from the University of Oxford. This year our partnering NGO is the Ellie Baxter Foundation in Malawi (<http://elliebaxter.org/>). You will have the opportunity to work on issues surrounding:

- lack of school resources,
- lack of school infrastructure
- food scarcity
- child marriage

Please find more information about these problems through the following google link:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ehEncdOxQV1ExyfdBVM3LDkIAZVTzG3A1COVOTZ7UuE/edit?usp=sharing>

Want to learn more about the Malawi project? Interested in joining us? Please send us an email at: prayogeducation@gmail.com. We are arranging meetings soon, so please send us an email before 17-11-16

5. Oxford International Relations Society: Alexander Matheou.

Oxford International Relations Society presents Alexander Matheou of the British Red Cross on Humanitarian Aid: "Is Neutrality an Illusion?"

Where: The Sutro Room, Trinity College

When: Tuesday Week 6 (15th November), 19:30

The Oxford International Relations Society is delighted to be welcoming Alexander Matheou from the Red Cross to talk to us on the subject: "Is Neutrality an Illusion? The Reality of Humanitarianism"

Alexander Matheou is the Director of International Programs and Partnerships for the British Red Cross. He has worked for the past 17 years in humanitarian aid, development and institutional development in the Middle East, South Asia, the former Soviet Union and Africa. His major areas of thematic experience include disaster management, risk reduction, good donorship practices and aid effectiveness.

This event will be FREE for IRSoc members. Entry will be £3 for non-members. As with all our events, the talk will be followed by a drinks reception for all attendees.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/events/323076494729668/>

6. Oxford Student Consultancy Programme.

Do you want to change the way you publish your papers?

The Oxford Student Consultancy Programme is helping an Oxford based start-up change the way that your future papers will be published. Do you want to shape the course of that start-up? Please fill in the survey below (this will take you less than 5 minutes) and make things easier for yourself for your next paper!

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/8FMS7KQ>