

Sixth Week Newsletter. Trinity Term, 2017.

Morning all!

Brace yourself: this week's newsletter is here. A brief one this week, only a couple of notices, but they're all gems (I promise): programming, getting paid for being experimented on, international relations - and the true excitement that is tomorrow's Annual General Meeting!

Have a great week!

Queen's Notices.

1. MCR Annual General Meeting.

Other Notices.

2. Student Programmer Wanted.

3. Paid Study.

4. Notices from the International Relations Society.

1. MCR Annual General Meeting.

Just a reminder that we will be holding our Annual General Meeting tomorrow at 6pm in the Memorial Room! Do come along; there will be pizza!

2. Student Programmer Wanted.

St Edmund Hall Centre for the Creative Brain is seeking a student programmer who would be interested in building an interactive procedural weather event for an exciting art installation that will form part of a science public engagement event. This opportunity to work with a team of science, design, art and virtual reality professionals will culminate in an immersive and interactive experience that incorporates EEG information from a real time participant.

The ideal candidate would have experience in working with Unity or C++ animation software. For more information please contact ainslie.johnstone@ndcn.ox.ac.uk

3. Paid Study.

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 two visits to the John Radcliffe in Oxford. Participants will be asked to fill out mood and anxiety questionnaires and perform a computer-based learning task during and/or after receiving tDCS. Each session will take no more than 2 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 me at amy-may.dicks@univ.ox.ac.uk. Please feel free to ask any questions, simply showing interest doesn't commit you to anything!

4. Notices from the International Relations Society.

1. Dr Annette Idler on 'The Convergence of Conflict and Organised Crime' - Tuesday 6th Week
2. Richard Barrett CMG OBE on 'The Influence of Terrorism on International Affairs' - Thursday 6th Week

1. Dr Idler is the Director of Studies of the Changing Character of War Programme, Senior Research Fellow at Pembroke College, and Senior Research Fellow at the Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Oxford University. She is also Research Associate at the Centre on Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding, Graduate Institute Geneva. Her research interests lie at the interface of security, conflict and transnational organised crime and she has conducted extensive fieldwork in the war-torn and crisis-affected borderlands of Colombia, Ecuador and Venezuela, analysing the relationships among rebels, criminals and paramilitary groups. Alongside her experience of working for the UNDP's Bureau for Crisis Prevention and Recovery and the UN Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, she is regularly invited to give expert briefings to governments and international organisations including the UN Security Council Counter-Terrorism Committee Executive Directorate, the UN Department of Political Affairs and EUROPOL, among others.

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.

Tuesday 30th May, Pichette Auditorium, Pembroke College @ 7:30

Facebook Event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1277647025617155>

If you would like to have dinner with the speaker, please fill in the form below to enter the ballot: <https://goo.gl/forms/hos3O6xxtulXCxI92>

2. Richard Barrett CMG OBE is a counter-terrorism expert, highly respected around the world for his insight and experience in combating violent extremism. Formerly a British diplomat (and Oxford student), Barrett has worked in the Foreign Office, MI5 and the British Secret Intelligence Service. Barrett was Director of Global Counter Terrorism Operations at the SIS at the time of 9/11. He has also worked with the UN in monitoring the activity of Al-Qaida, and helped found the UN Counter Terrorism Implementation Task Force. Alongside these roles, Barrett has shared his thoughts through

a number of prestigious journalistic outlets such as the Guardian, The Financial Times and CNN's Amanpour.

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Thursday 1st June, Pichette Auditorium, Pembroke College @ 7:30

Facebook Event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/307818596315010>

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