

Seventh Week Newsletter. Hilary Term, 2017.

Morning everyone!

On this rainy February day, the newsletter has arrived to bring some sunshine! Peruse some job opportunities, plenty of paid studies, and a dash of light entertainment.

Happy seventh week!

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1. Memorial Room Closures.

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

- Wednesday 1st March, 6-7pm.

The usual drill!

2. OxPolicy Research Co-ordinators.

Applications are now **open** for new **Research Coordinators**. Research Coordinators lead a team of OxPolicy researchers in producing a **high quality** and **high impact report** on the policy issue detailed in their application. This report will be **published** online and in print in order to **influence policy** and **spark debate**.

Please note that if you are in your 1st year of a master's programme or DPhil and wondering if you have the required research experience, then the answer is **YES** and we strongly encourage an

application from you.

The **application form** is available [here](#) and on our [website](#). All policy report proposals are welcome, though the form also includes a list of suggestions for possible topics. Any interested members of the University of Oxford are strongly encouraged to apply before the **deadline**: 23:59 on Sunday **25th February 2017** (7th Week). Email applications to director@oxpolicy.co.uk

3. Paid Study (1).

We are looking for volunteers to participate in a study investigating how transcranial direct current stimulation (tDCS) affects our ability to learn and remember new motor tasks. We would want you to be involved in the study on 4 days, each around a week apart. On each day of the study you would be asked to participate in one morning session (lasting around 1.5-2 hours) and one evening session (around 10 mins).

In the morning sessions you will learn a new motor task, while receiving tDCS and your brain activity will be recorded using transcranial magnetic stimulation (TMS). In the evening sessions your skill on the motor task will be tested again.

We need volunteers between 18 and 35 years old, who do not play a musical instrument to a high level (e.g. to grade 6 or above and still taking part in regular practice). You must be in good health and without a history of epilepsy or any other disease affecting the brain or spinal cord. If you are pregnant you should not volunteer.

Sessions will take place at the Warneford Hospital. You will be remunerated for your time.

If you are interested in taking part you should contact Ainslie Johnstone (ainslie.johnstone@ndcn.ox.ac.uk) for more information.

4. Paid Study (2)

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.

5. Oxford Summer Courses.

Oxford Summer Courses is looking for Part-Time Student Helpers to accompany international students on day trips and support the On-Course delivery team on arrivals day. You will be required to work between 4 and 5 days per 2-week course. On your work days you will also accompany students to restaurant meals and take part in evening activities. You will work in a team of like-minded people committed to the smooth and successful delivery of a well-organised course. This role is ideal for anyone already staying in Oxford over the summer, who is looking to earn some money without committing to full-time employment.

6. Paid Study (3).

Get involved with psychology research, paying £10/hour plus performance-based bonuses. Take part in an interesting study in social psychology and earn some cash. Take a look at the following pre-screen to see if you're eligible to take part in a social decision-making study, and if you pass then fill in your availability using the doodle poll!

https://oxfordxpsy.az1.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_bvXk3iltxZkDqoB

7. Notices from the International Relations Society.

Ideology and Genocide – Dr. Jonathan Leader-Maynard

7:30pm, Wednesday of 7th Week (March 1st)

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1873557862890658/>

Oxford International Relations Society is looking forward to hosting Dr. Jonathan Leader-Maynard at 7:30 in Lecture Room 6, New College, where he will be giving a talk on the topic of 'Ideology and Genocide'.

Dr. Leader-Maynard is a Departmental Lecturer in International Relations based at New College. His primary research is on the ideological dynamics of mass killings and other atrocities, aiming to produce a general account of the role of ideology in these informed by the latest research on both phenomena. He holds a BA in War Studies and History from King's College London, along with an MPhil and a DPhil from Oxford University.

If you would like to enter the ballot to have dinner with Dr. Leader-Maynard, please fill in the form below:

<https://goo.gl/forms/HR6XgppiRqH7Ealc2>

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.

Launch of the Lighthouse

8:30pm, Wednesday of 7th Week (March 1st)

<https://www.facebook.com/events/372635409789947/>

On Wednesday the 1st March the Society will officially be launching our termly magazine of International affairs, the Lighthouse. This edition has as its theme: Progress. We have a range of articles dealing with the function and history of the veil and its relationship with feminism, the role of technology in warfare and whether that is in fact progress, the Judeo-Christian notion of time and how it saturates International relations and, inevitably, with Donald Trump. Join us at New College in Lecture room 6 for a good deal of complementary wine and the chance to discuss the contributions with the writers and the editorial team as well as to question the very existence of the idea of progress. Please see the Facebook page below. Come especially if you are interested in contributing to the journal next term or joining the editorial team.

International Relations Society Committee Elections

2:30pm, Sunday of 8th Week (March 5th)

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1396652040356831/>

Stand for election for next term's International Relations Society Committee - we have positions for experienced and new people alike. You don't have to be a member to stand for election, and you can run for multiple positions. Apart from President and Treasurer, all positions are for

Trinity term.

See <https://www.facebook.com/events/1396652040356831/>

To find more information about positions for our *editorial* team, go to oxirsoc.com/apply or see <https://www.facebook.com/events/176505406182613/>

Position details: <https://drive.google.com/open?id=0ByKOZu7BfF1iSGEyUHdjLUxNWjg>

We are holding elections for:

- President Michaelmas 2017 (President-Elect in Trinity)
- Treasurer Michaelmas 2017 (Treasurer-Elect in Trinity)
- Secretary / Events Director
- Director of Communications
- 10 Events Officers

We are accepting applications for the following appointed positions:

- Sponsorship Officer
- Development Officer

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China in Africa: A Model for Development? - Dr. Soares de Oliveira

7:30pm, Tuesday of 8th Week (March 7th)

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1304527709609732/>

Oxford International Relations Society and Oxford Economics Society are looking forward to hosting Dr. Ricardo Soares de Oliveira for a joint event at 7:30 in Lecture Room 6, New College, where he will be giving a talk on Sino-African Developmental Relations.

Ricardo Soares de Oliveira is Associate Professor in Comparative Politics (African Politics) at the Department of Politics and International Relations, University of Oxford, Official Fellow of St Peter's College, and a Fellow with the Global Public Policy Institute, Berlin. His research interests include African politics (particularly West and Central Africa), the geopolitics of energy and international political economy, especially in the fields of natural resource extraction, state decay and post-conflict reconstruction. He is the author of *Oil and Politics in the Gulf of Guinea*, co-editor of *China Returns to Africa: A Rising Power and a Continent Embrace* and *The New Protectorates: International Tutelage and the Making of Liberal States*. His latest book is *Magnificent and Beggar Land: Angola Since the Civil War*. Soares de Oliveira has worked in the field of governance and the extractive industries for the World Bank, the European Commission, Catholic Relief Services, the National Democratic Institute for International Affairs (NDI), Oxfam, and the French Ministry of Defence, among others.

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Cyberwarfare: The New Front Line? – Dr Lucas Kello

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

<https://www.facebook.com/events/679529565505498/>

Oxford International Relations Society is looking forward to hosting Dr. Lukcas Kello at 7:30 in Lecture Room 6, New College, where he will be giving a talk on the topic 'Cyberwarfare: The New Front Line?'.

Lucas Kello is Senior Lecturer in International Relations at Oxford. He serves as Director of the Cyber Studies Programme, a major research and teaching initiative on all aspects of the modern information society. He is also Co-Director of the interdisciplinary Centre for Doctoral Training in Cyber Security at the Department of Computer Science. Previously, he was a joint Research Fellow in the International Security Program and the Cyber Project at Harvard University's Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, and was also a member of the Harvard-MIT multiyear project on Explorations in Cyber International Relations. Dr. Kello is Region Head for Cyber Issues at Oxford Analytica, and holds a B.A. from Harvard as well as an MPhil and a DPhil from Oxford.

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Join the Editorial Team

Oxford International Relations Society is currently looking for new members of our editorial team. We are looking to replace up to eleven editors, including the Editor-in-chief, the two Lighthouse Editors, four deputy editors and sub-editors of the Lighthouse, three podcast editors

and two bulletin editors. Whether you would prefer to sound out your opinions on the Beacon, help to produce our termly journal the Lighthouse or manage the whole thing as Editor-in-Chief, please do apply with a statement of interest and example of writing to rupert.sparling@wadh.ox.ac.uk. After these have been received there will be interviews for the position in 8th week. For further details about what each role requires please visit the page below on the IRSoc website and the Facebook event. All applications will be due by 23:59 on Sunday of 8th week (5th of March).

<http://www.oxirsoc.com/apply/>
<https://www.facebook.com/events/176505406182613/>

8. Notices from the Economics Society.

‘Brexit: The Path Ahead’ – Savvas Savouri of Toscafund

3pm on Wednesday March 1st, Lecture Theatre 5, Saïd Business School

<https://www.facebook.com/events/137364443450850/>

Oxford Economics Society is looking forward to hosting Savvas Savouri for an event at 3pm in Lecture Theatre 5, Saïd Business School, where he will be giving a talk on 'Brexit: The Path Ahead'.

Dr. Savvas Savouri is Chief Economist for Toscafund Asset Management. Before joining Toscafund, he was the CEO of Quantmetriks Research Limited, a business he founded in 2005. Savvas has been involved in commercial finance since 1991 when he joined Hoare Govett as their UK economist. Since then, he has worked for the capital markets divisions of Lazard, Credit Lyonnais, and Commerzbank, having started his career with ABN AMRO, in each case in the capacity of head of quantitative finance. He has also taught extensively, in London at the LSE and the University of Woolwich, as well as at Oxford and Moscow Universities, covering statistics, mathematics, and economics. He has authored various academic papers published in peer-reviewed journals, including one authored alongside a recent Nobel Prize winner. Dr. Savouri holds a doctorate in Econometrics and Mathematical Economics from the London School of Economics.

This event is FREE to all, with many thanks to the Oxford Entrepreneurship Centre for their support.

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Lord Mervyn King

5:45pm on Thursday March 9th, Lecture Theatre, Saïd Business School

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1405197232824519/>

Lord Mervyn King will be coming to the Saïd Business School for an event jointly hosted by Oxford Economics Society and the Hertford Business and Economics Society. Mervyn King was the Governor of the Bank of England from 2003-2013 and oversaw the bailouts of the British banking sector. He is now a crossbench Peer and School Professor of Economics and Political Science at LSE.

This event will take the format of a 30 minute conversation between Lord King and Hertford Principal/Guardian columnist Will Hutton, followed by a question and answer session with the audience.

Tickets to this event are free, provided on a first come, first served basis. Please reserve a ticket through the link below to avoid disappointment:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/hertford-conversation-mervyn-king-tickets-31265377586?ref=estw>

Oxford Economics Society Recruitment

EconSoc is recruiting!

Oxford Economics Society is recruiting new committee members for Trinity Term 2017. We are recruiting members for the Speakers, Partnerships, and Marketing teams. This is a great opportunity to get involved with a young and exciting society, and to help host events with some of the world's most influential economists.

Marketing team

The marketing team is looking for new members to help the marketing strategy of the society and make sure our events attract the greatest attendance possible. This is a great opportunity for any media enthusiasts to channel their interests in a constructive manner. You will be working in a small team including a Graphics Officer and various other roles, so there will be plenty of opportunities to get involved with marketing projects as soon as you begin!

Partnerships team

In this role you will join our existing partnerships team and will have significant responsibility and autonomy. For example, you will communicate with and manage our relationships with potential clients and existing clients. This role will provide significant opportunities: the chance to build a personal relationship with HR and senior members of interesting companies, an impressive position to be able to talk about and put on your CV as well as the opportunity to meet and dine with the most influential economists in the world.

Speakers team

This role involves joining our current speakers team and inviting the biggest names in Economics to speak. You will liaise with prominent and influential thinkers, organising and running events during and after which you will meet and dine with them. This provides excellent opportunities to discuss interests and ideas with scholars in the field, and develop valuable skills. This year alone we have hosted: Hal Varian, Tim Harford, Olivier Blanchard, Christopher Pissarides, Ha-Joon Chang, and John Vickers, and are looking forward to Lord Mervyn King and many others.

Those who wish to apply should fill out the below Google form before 20:00 on Saturday March 4th, with informal interviews in 8th week:

<https://goo.gl/forms/sLqgUP6Y4T3iyNlr1>

www.oxfordeconsoc.org

9. OULES: It's All Greek to Me.

It's All Greek To Me // St. Hilda's // 8th Week

OULES presents 'It's All Greek To Me', an epic musical tale of gods and heroes in a quest to stop Hades' questionably realistic evil plans to take control over Olympus (surprise!). Unexpected heroes, professionally choreographed fights, mildly terrifying villains, some really dodgy accents and an impressive amount of wine jokes await.

Monday, Tuesday and Thursday (March 6, 7, 9) of 8th week, at the Jacqueline du Pré Music Building at St. Hilda's College.

All proceeds to charity (Reuben's Fight and the Oxford Homeless Project)

Event page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1241415985907852/>