

## **Seventh Week Newsletter.**

### **Michaelmas Term, 2016.**

Morning all!

Here is the weekly bundle of joy that is the newsletter. This week, we have a lot of studies, various bits and pieces of recruitment, and I don't even need to tell you how exciting the Memorial Room closures are.

Have a good day!

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##### **1. Memorial Room Closures!**

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

- Monday 21st, 1-8pm.

Also remember that there will be a Committee Meeting taking place in the MR from 5.30 on Wednesday.

The usual drill: please make sure that you are not working there at these times, and ensure that you take all of your belongings with you!

##### **2. Linguistic Brainwave Study.**

My name is Noriko Tanigawa. I am a DPhil student in the Faculty of Linguistics at the University of Oxford. I am conducting my research study in the Language and Brain Laboratory (37 Wellington Square), located within a 4-minute walk from the Language Centre, or a 5-minute walk from the Magdalen St. city centre bus stops, or a 11-minute walk from the South Parks Road Science Area.

I am currently running my final project, a brainwave study, to investigate how healthy adult brains process speech sounds in speech perception and production.

For a part of this experiment, I am recruiting adult (18 years old to mid 40's) right-handed native speakers of English (Southern British English or North American English), German (German, Austrian, Swiss), or Japanese, who grew up in monolingual families, without hearing impairments or neurological disorders.

Specifically, I'm currently looking for individuals interested in participating in one of the brainwave recording sessions from 1-5pm (or 2-6pm, time slots negotiable for 4 consecutive hours) on the dates listed below (10 GBP per hour; 40 GBP expected at the completion of a 4-hour session):

\*\*\* late Nov. & Dec. schedule:

Mon. 28 Nov.  
Tues. 29 Nov.

Fri. 2 Dec.

Wed. 7 Dec.  
Fri. 9 Dec.

Mon. 12 Dec.  
Tue. 13 Dec.  
Wed. 14 Dec.  
Fri. 16 Dec.

\*\*\* about linguistic brainwave recording:

Brain wave data will be recorded non-invasively from the scalp using a cap. Here are photos of the brainwave recording room at the Language and Brain laboratory and the brainwave-recording sensors placed on the head and the face if these images would help with your decision.

a participant wearing a cap with 64 sensors (image that shows the same type of sensors used in my study)

source: <http://uilots-labs.wp.hum.uu.nl/facilities/eeg-lab/>

shielded brainwave recording room in the Language and Brain Laboratory

source: <http://brainlab.clp.ox.ac.uk/lab>

When you come to the lab, I will be recording your brain waves in 4 different settings. One of the tasks will engage you in speech production in your native language, but in other 3 tasks you will be asked to just sit still relaxed for brainwave recording while you are watching silent movies with some auditory stimuli presented out of your attention.

The time commitment is 4 hours including preparation, breaks, and cleaning up. The compensation is 10 GBP per hour, expected to reach 40 GBP when all the tasks have been completed.

\*\*\* about scheduling:

I would appreciate it if you could please let me know whether you would be available for one of the days mentioned above, and if so, on which day(s) you would be available and in which language group (English, German, or Japanese) you would be participating. If 1-5pm would not fit your schedule, please let me know the 4 consecutive hours that would work for you (e.g., 2-6pm).

If you are a native speaker of English or German and have studied Japanese, please let me know for how many years you have learned Japanese, how well you are in listening comprehension, speaking, writing, and reading, and the course level you are currently taking or you most recently took.

If you are a native speaker of English and have studied German, please let me know for how many years you have learned English, how well you are in listening comprehension, speaking, writing, and reading, and the course level you are currently taking or you most recently took.

If you know right-handed graduate students, post doctoral fellows, academic staff and their adult family members who are native speakers of English, German, or Japanese who grew up in monolingual families, and might be interested in participating in this study, I would appreciate it if you could let me know their names and email addresses so I can contact them.

Thank you very much for reading this message.

Best wishes,  
Viele Grüße,

Noriko Tanigawa

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### **3. Psychology Study: Game-Playing.**

We are seeking participants aged 18-40 who are fluent in English with normal or corrected to normal vision, for a study investigating how people play economic games in groups. You will be asked to complete a series of questionnaires and a computer based task. The tasks will last approximately 30 minutes. All tasks will be completed in the Department of Experimental Psychology building. You will be compensated for your time. There will also be a lottery draw with bonus monetary prizes. If you are interested in participating and would like some more information please contact Danielle Shore: [Danielle.shore@psy.ox.ac.uk](mailto:Danielle.shore@psy.ox.ac.uk)

To sign up please complete this doodle poll (using your email address as your name for participating):

<http://doodle.com/poll/imh8ucm79m696s2p>

### **4. OxPolicy Recruitment.**

Today OxPolicy opened applications for Research Coordinators, so I would be really grateful if you could share the message below with your mailing lists e.g. in the weekly roundup email.

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.

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 Friday 25th November 2016 (7th Week).

Many thanks and best wishes,

Hector Stinton (Keble College)  
OxPolicy Publicity Officer

## **5. Psychology Study: Speed and Accuracy [Repeat Notice].**

Speed and accuracy in pairs

We are looking to recruit participants for our research study on how working with other people effects 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](mailto: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!

## **6. Messages from the Oxford International Relations Society.**

[Oxford International Relations Society Journal Launch Event featuring Photojournalist Panel](#)

This term's issue of the Oxford International Relations Society Journal, The Lighthouse, will be launching on Wednesday of 7th week.

The journal this term, under the title People, has focused on how culture, traditions, art and behaviour affect international politics. For the symposium we zoomed in on how the Arts in particular contribute to political discourse on the international stage.

For our launch event we will be hosting a panel discussion on the power and changing role of photojournalism, linking into our themes for this term's journal.

Joining us to discuss this topic is an illustrious group of speakers:

- -Sean Smith: An award-winning photographer and filmmaker for The Guardian. He is best known for his coverage of conflicts and wars, such as Iraq and Afghanistan.
- -Heather Agyepong: Visual artist & performer. Her projects have included 'Too many Blackamores' and 'The Gaze on Agbogbloshie: The misrepresentation of -West Africa as dystopia'
- -Chris Eades: Chairman of the British Press Photographers Association.
- -Marcus Bleasdale: Photojournalist who has covered conflicts such as that in the Democratic Republic of Congo and Central African Republic.

This event will be FREE for IRSoc members and £3 for non-members. There will be a drinks reception afterwards with **\*\*free wine\*\***

Facebook event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1783495721905245/>

#### ALL WELCOME- Oxford International Relations Society Elections- RUN FOR A POSITION!

Stand for election for the 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 will only have to give a 1 minute speech for junior positions.

We are holding elections for:

- President-Elect (Vice President),
- Treasurer-Elect.
- Secretary/ Events Director.
- Director of Communications
- IT/Web Officer
- Event Officers – perfect for new committee members, we will elect as many as there are interested people so if you want to get involved at a junior level and see what the committee is like then this is the position to stand for.

We are accepting applications for:

- Sponsorship officer.
- Graphics Officer.

**\*Application Procedure\***

If you would like to stand, or would like to apply for a position, please email [Matthew.collyer@new.ox.ac.uk](mailto:Matthew.collyer@new.ox.ac.uk) with your name, college, and the position(s) that you would like to stand/ apply for. All emails should be sent BEFORE 12 NOON on Saturday. Nominations and

applications are open to all members and non-members, however only members, and those standing for election, can vote.

If you would like, you can provide a manifesto of maximum 1-side A4, attached to your email. You can include previous experience, interest, reasons for standing etc in this. This is entirely voluntary, and there is no need to provide a manifesto - simply to make a short speech. Any sent manifestos will be printed and distributed at the husts, so it may be to your advantage to submit one.

For more information, visit our Facebook event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/212087442567034/>

ALL WELCOME- Oxford International Relations Society Open Editorial Positions- APPLY NOW!

Join the international relations society editorial committee! Extensive details about the available positions and how to apply can be found here on our website: [oxirsoc.com/apply/](http://oxirsoc.com/apply/). Information about joining our events team or executive committee can be found here: [facebook.com/events/212087442567034/](https://www.facebook.com/events/212087442567034/)

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We are currently recruiting people to fill our editorial positions for the Hilary 2017 term. All applications are due by 23:59 on November 27 (Sunday 8th week). All If you have any questions, e-mail [haley.lemieux@st-hildas.ox.ac.uk](mailto:haley.lemieux@st-hildas.ox.ac.uk)

We are currently recruiting individuals to fill positions in all of our publications: our termly print journal (seven positions), our podcast (three positions) and our daily e-news bulletin (two positions). We are also looking for an editor-in-chief to oversee them all.

Please note that the application process for all of these positions involves submitting a written statement and will involve a brief interview sometime in eighth week. You may apply for multiple positions, but please do include a stated preference on positions with your application. All of these positions are only for one term.

A full list of positions available is as follows:

- Editor-in-Chief
- Podcast Editor (three positions)
- IRSoc Daily Editor (two positions)
- Head Lighthouse Editor (two positions)
- Lighthouse Deputy and Sub-Editors (four positions)
- Lighthouse Journal Designer

For details on the positions and information on how to apply, go to our website: [oxirsoc.com/apply/](http://oxirsoc.com/apply/)  
Also check out our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1716807765276182/>