

Eighth Week Newsletter. Hilary Term, 2017.

Morning all!

The newsletter welcomes you into eighth week, and into spitting distance of the end of term. It's a bumper edition this week, with some psychology studies, some international relations, some teaching/mentoring opportunities over the summer, and a fascinating-looking workshop co-organised by one of our own ex-committee members, Julia Hamilton (number 4 below)! Have a browse, have a read, and have a good week!

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1. Arrangements for the Library over the Easter Vac (and Beyond!).

Tessa Shaw, one of our lovely librarians, sent round an email earlier this week detailing the arrangements for the library over the Easter Vac; have a scroll through your inbox for that if you want the full detail. Here are the salient points:

- Book moves will be taking place over Easter, meaning that the Lower Library and Basement/Law Library will be inaccessible. While this is happening, the Upper Library will be open for longer hours (9am-10pm) to ensure that there is a space for everyone to work, and the Peet Library will be open once the Upper Library has shut (10pm-9am) for those who wish to work through the night.
- Access to the UL/Peet will be via Bod card, much as with the current library. Access to the UL will be via the SCR stairs.
- When the New Library is open (hopefully some time in Trinity), all users of the Library will

need to go through an induction process, as some of the rules will be changing. The most significant of these is that no bags will be allowed in the Library (only clear plastic bags provided by the Library staff and small handbags), and that all belongings will have to be left in lockers that will be provided in the New Library.

There is much more detail than this in Tessa's email, so if you have any questions, start there! Otherwise, feel free to email me.

2. Florence & Mila!

Date for your diaries: Florence and Mila, her lovely labradoodle puppy, will be coming to Queen's again on Thursday, 3-4pm, in the Nun's Garden. (Watch out for a sign-up form that will be coming out later today.) Come and hug a puppy for all your welfare-related needs!

3. Memorial Room Closures.

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

- Wednesday 8th March, 2-4pm.

The usual: make sure you don't leave your belongings behind, make sure you're not there, etc.

4. Making a Mark: Graffiti in Early Text Cultures.

MAKING A MARK: GRAFFITI IN EARLY TEXT CULTURES

13th March 2017, 11.00–14.30, Ashmolean Museum

Register: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/making-a-mark-graffiti-in-early-text-cultures-tickets-32533028163>

This 3-hour workshop, convened by Tuuli Ahlholm and Julia Hamilton, will explore graffiti as a genre of epigraphic text, the methodological problems of studying graffiti in ancient and pre-modern text cultures – including Egypt, Rome, and China – and how graffiti should be integrated into our corpora of historical writings. Talks will be given by: Ying CHEN, Domenico GIORDANI, Dr. Elizabeth FROOD, Chiara SALVADOR, and Dr. Hana NAVRÁTILOVÁ.

Making a Mark is affiliated with the **Early Text Cultures project**. Early Text Cultures is a multi-disciplinary project created for discussion of common and similar text types across ancient and pre-modern text cultures, and is intended to help students of different regions of the pre-modern world to meet and exchange ideas without being confined to the conventional discourses of our disciplines.

Location: The Education Studio, the Ashmolean Museum, University of Oxford (Beaumont St, Oxford OX1 2PH)

Time: 13th March, 11.00–14.30.

Website: <https://makingamarkweb.wordpress.com>

5. Annual Oxford Global Health Group Careers Fair.

The Annual Careers Fair - Oxford Global Health Group

***** What? *****

The annual OGHG Careers Fair for medical students, doctors and allied health professionals.

Drinks reception, refreshments and the unique chance to make steps in discovering excellent opportunities for your career in Global Health.

- Stalls from charities, NGOs and research institutions.
- Featuring eminent Professor of Orthopaedic and Tropical Surgery Chris Lavy
- Certificate of attendance to be provided if desired.

***** When? *****

Tuesday March 7th 2017

17:30-19:00

***** Where? *****

Medical Sciences Teaching Centre, Sherard Road (off South Parks road), Oxford, OX1 3PL

***** Visit [facebook](https://www.facebook.com/events/1483123858379159/) for more information: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1483123858379159/> *****

6. Effective Altruism.

Effective Altruism represents a group of people who seek to use reason and evidence to do good with their time and money.

Three Effective Altruism student organisations: Effective Altruism Oxford, Giving What We Can: Oxford and 80,000 Hours: Oxford are all recruiting.

We're looking for highly motivated, committed and creative individuals to help grow the Effective Altruism Community in Oxford.

Apply now: <https://eaoxford.typeform.com/to/xJJYp7>

7. Psychology Study: Investigating the Effects of the Drug Prucalopride on Emotional Processing.

I am looking for healthy volunteers to take part in a study investigating the effects of the drug prucalopride on the processing of emotions at the Department of Psychiatry. If you are healthy, aged 18-40 years and have no history of a psychological disorder please contact me on lucy.wright@st-annes.ox.ac.uk for more information! Time and expenses will be reimbursed.

The study will continue to run throughout the vac and all through Trinity term too so please do email to find out more information even if you wouldn't like to take part right away.

(Central University Research Ethics Committee number: R44853/RE001)

8. Psychology Study: Eating Behaviour and Cognitive Abilities.

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? Using fMRI we explore the link between eating behaviour and cognitive abilities in a healthy adult population. We want to understand how eating is linked to our response to food-related information. MRI is a type of non-invasive brain scan that allows us to see how the brain is organised, processes information and performs skills like speech or memory.

What do you have to do? This study will consist of two test sessions, each lasting about 2 hours. During each session you will first be asked to fill in some questionnaires and we will measure blood glucose levels. After that, during the MRI scan session you would be asked to lie still in a scanner and perform some simple tasks like watching food and non-food pictures.

Who are we looking for? Healthy, fluent English-speaking, right-handed women aged 18-40 who are not pregnant, do not have any metal in their head or body (except fillings), have not had surgery in the past six weeks, and do not have any metallic implants (e.g. a pacemaker).

What do you get? You will be reimbursed for your time.

If this study sounds interesting to you, please do not hesitate to contact us for more **information**: mrifood@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!

9. Varsity Education Recruitment.

Varsity Education is recruiting for July and August 2017!

Varsity Education is a not-for-profit education company that runs summer programmes in both Oxford and Cambridge. Students attending our programmes are aged 15-18 and are keen to learn more about their chosen subjects and looking to apply to top UK Universities.

We are running one two-week programme in Cambridge between 22nd July - 5th August and one two week programme in Oxford between 7th August – 21st August.

We are looking for advanced undergraduates, graduates and postgraduates from Oxford and Cambridge to lead students in small group classes (in both subject specific lessons as well as study skills workshops), complete general pastoral tasks and accompany students on excursions and activities around the city. There are a number of roles on offer and this is a great opportunity for those keen to spend the summer in the city, gain valuable teaching experience and work with bright students from the UK and around the world.

Most applicants will be required to be available for the full two week session they apply for however, there will also be some part time work available.

We can provide accommodation for those interested in the role of Housemistress/Housemaster and some meals will be included. Pay will be between £300-£400 per week depending on the role.

If you would like to find out more, please email us at office@varsity-education.ac or apply by clicking on [this link](#).

10. Compass News.

Hi everyone,

We're doing a partnership with Compass News and we thought you would be super interested in their new product that they're launching exclusively here at Oxford. We've also managed to get a great deal with them that you can take advantage of!

Compass News is the Spotify for journalism. It's designed for people who want to read fascinating, high-quality journalism from a diverse bunch of sources, without spending huge amounts of time and money on it.

It gets you access to the best sources of paywalled and free journalism on the planet, giving you multiple perspectives on the topics you care about.

They are launching exclusively in 5 universities including ours, and if you follow the link below, you can get full access currently for free. You can get hold of it here:

<http://compassnews.co.uk/#/sign-in>

Cheers,

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Compass News Oxford Team

11. Oxford Summer Courses Recruitment.

Oxford Summer Courses seeks on-course delivery staff for our 10-12s summer courses at Wycombe Abbey. We are looking for enthusiastic and friendly people who are passionate about education and experienced at working with this age group. Staff lead day trips and activities, run workshops and accompany students to meals. We offer competitive pay, and accommodation in some cases. For further details of the roles we are hiring for and how to apply please visit our website: <http://oxfordsummercourses.com/on-course-staff/>

12. Notices from the International Relations Society.

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.

If you would like to enter the ballot to have dinner with Dr. Soares de Oliveira, please fill in the form below:

<https://goo.gl/forms/u9iJyPOLrj1XHTRG2>

This event is FREE for IRSoc 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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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.

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

<https://goo.gl/forms/NR0qDesEYO1ALOKG2>

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Publications

This week IRSoc has produced a fascinating blog on the delicate issues surrounding the distinction between Urdu and Hindi: Sparsh Ahuja argues these are in fact the same language and the difference lies in divisive cultural and ideological factors not in the languages themselves. Also have a listen to the latest profound episode of the Beacon by Dunya Habash on the Tunisian Revolution. Dunya enquires into the phenomenon which initiated what has commonly become known as the 'Arab Spring' and attempts to see it from the perspective both of academics and direct participants.

<http://www.oxirsoc.com/blog/2017/2/22/yes-hindi-and-urdu-are-the-same-language>

<http://www.oxirsoc.com/podcast/2017/2/21/revolution-in-tunisia>

Join the Editorial Team

The 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/>