

## **Fourth Week Newsletter. Trinity Term, 2017.**

Morning all!

Time for your weekly dose of news and events from around Oxford! Some sport, some science, some teaching, and some drinks - I know which one I'm most interested in...!

Have a great week everyone!

### **Queen's Notices.**

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#### **1. Committee Meeting.**

A reminder that we'll be having a committee meeting tomorrow at 6pm in the OTR! There's a couple of motions to be discussed (in my previous email), so do come along if you want to have your say. As always, only committee members can vote, but any member of the MCR can come and discuss.

#### **2. Kabaddi Committee Applications.**

TL;DR Apply to be on Kabaddi Committee. It's currently the only sport in Oxford with free membership and the opportunity to get University Colours.

Kabaddi committee applications are open for the 2017-2018 season:

[Application form](#)

If the link is not working, please copy and paste this url into the address bar of your browser  
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdjsuIeXKh-ksKb6Q8BXxLj-Fy6F0Vz2M3UJbszT6XvWZmC\\_Q/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdjsuIeXKh-ksKb6Q8BXxLj-Fy6F0Vz2M3UJbszT6XvWZmC_Q/viewform)

This year, you don't need to have played Kabaddi before to join the committee. The only requirement for being on committee is that you're enthusiastic about growing the sport in Oxford. All of this year's committee will be present next year if you need any help.

As the newest sport to arrive at Oxford, we have grown massively already, and we need a new committee to keep all this groundwork in place. We are currently allowed to have 4 official teams, with colours up for grabs for men and women in the Blues team.

### **3. Reach Cambridge: Teaching Opportunity.**

2017 Summer teaching opportunity

Reach Cambridge is looking for Postgraduate students, academics and professionals to teach **Computer Science (esp. website development and Pygame)** and **Business Management and Economics** on summer school courses in July and August 2017. We are looking for candidates who are passionate and dedicated to teaching to deliver a high-quality academic content to classes of young international students 14-18 years old. We offer supportive atmosphere, teachers training and feedback sessions, no supervisory duties outside of classes, autonomy in course planning and availability of resources and class budget for activities, experiments and excursions. We provide flexibility in adjusting the teaching schedule to other commitments of our teachers and coordinators.

Candidates with previous teaching experience will be preferred.

For questions and to apply please contact Monika at [monika@reachcambridge.com](mailto:monika@reachcambridge.com) or visit [www.reachcambridge.com/jobs](http://www.reachcambridge.com/jobs)

### **4. Oxford Union Graduate Drinks.**

The Oxford Union will be hosting a Graduate Drinks event this coming Thursday (18th May) at 7:45pm at the Oxford Union bar. This is aimed at graduate students who are members of the Union and are interested in learning more about the society, as well as socialising with fellow grad members who they might not otherwise have the chance to meet. After the drinks, should you choose, the group can head over to some reserved seats for our highly anticipated Patriotism Debate, to be held at 8.30pm in the Chamber. We have some great high-profile speakers and the motion will be "This house believes patriotism divides us more than it unites us".

The bar itself has a brilliant selection of drinks and cocktails at low prices. It really would be great to see as many graduates from Queens there as possible.

### **5. Notices from the Economics Society.**

1. You looking at me, looking at you: Brexit Britain and the World

## 2. Public debt in advanced countries: problems and solutions

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You looking at me, looking at you: Brexit Britain and the World

May 16th, 9:30 - 18:45

Nissan Lecture Theatre, St Antony's College, 62 Woodstock Road, Oxford OX2 6JF

The Political Economy of Financial Markets (PEFM) Programme at St Antony's College is collaborating with the Global Strategy Forum (GSF) in the organization of this one-day, high-level Conference, to consider the options and implications of Brexit, from the perspectives of the United Kingdom, the rest of Europe and the rest of the world.

Our confirmed speakers include Baroness O'Neill, Vernon Bogdanor, Christopher Hill, Sir Simon Jenkins, Swati Dhingra, Ravi Kanbur, Caroline de Gruyter and many more to guide us through the options and implications of Brexit. You can find a full list of speakers and details of the event here: [www.sant.ox.ac.uk/events/you-looking-me-looking-you-brexit-britain-and-world](http://www.sant.ox.ac.uk/events/you-looking-me-looking-you-brexit-britain-and-world)

This event is free for anyone to attend, though pre-registration is required. You can register quickly and easily here: [pefmbrexitconference.eventbrite.co.uk/](https://pefmbrexitconference.eventbrite.co.uk/)

The two Conferences will look specifically at four perspectives on Brexit: (i) how the UK expects its relationship with Europe to change, (ii) how the UK hopes to engage with the rest of the (non-European) world, (iii) how the rest of the world might respond to this (unforeseen) European divorce, and (iv) how the Europeans themselves see Brexit, both in terms of the new relationship which will need to be forged with the UK, and in terms of the implications for the EU itself.

Admission is free

For more information see the link below

### Public debt in advanced countries: problems and solutions

15th May, 17:00 - 19:00

European Studies Centre, St Antony's College

Carlo Cottarelli, IMF Executive Director for Italy joins us to speak on the problems and solutions to public debt in advanced countries.

Speaker: Carlo Cottarelli (IMF Executive Director for Italy)

Chair: Charles Enoch (St Antony's College, Oxford)

Series: Political Economy of Financial Markets (PEFM)

Public debt has surged in most advanced economies since 2007 and remains at historically high levels in many of them. What are the effects of this surge for economic stability and growth? Why have interest rates on government securities remained so low in spite of the rising supply of government securities? And, most of all, if high public debt is a problem, what is the solution. Carlo Cottarelli will

discuss these issues based on a book (“What we owe”) that will be published in September. He will argue that there is a need to gradually lower public debt and that this is achievable through orthodox fiscal policy too, as long as high debt countries, particularly those more vulnerable, do not procrastinate the adjustment in their spending levels.

For more information visit our webpage: [www.sant.ox.ac.uk/research-centres/political-economy-financial-markets](http://www.sant.ox.ac.uk/research-centres/political-economy-financial-markets)

or see the facebook event: [www.facebook.com/events/216220362211931/](https://www.facebook.com/events/216220362211931/)

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### A Week in Economics

**International:** In Europe this week, German growth rises in the first quarter and outstrips the UK and US and Spanish inflation rises unexpectedly to 2.6%. A record high current account surplus is recorded in Japan due to the fall in oil prices and Japan’s role as a large international creditor. Oman’s credit rating with S&P is lowered to BBB- with a negative outlook, following concerns over volatile exports and a high degree of external financing needs.

**US:** The US signs off a pledge at a G7 meeting affirming a commitment to free trade, in spite of US withdrawal from the TPP and rhetoric of ‘America First.’ Sino-American agreement helps to hold back protectionist measures on both sides over energy, agricultural goods and banking regulations (11<sup>th</sup> May).

**UK:** John Lewis set aside £36 million over possible minimum wage law infractions, concerning their practice of ‘smoothing’ employee wages from month to month. Petrofac (headquarters in the UK), a provider of oilfield services, plunges in value following announcements of its investigation by the Serious Fraud Office

**Markets:** Bridgepoint Capital appoints banks for an IPO of Pret A Manger on the New York stock exchange, with JP Morgan and Jeffries as lead advisers. European stocks stall as US futures fall.

Enjoy your week everyone!

## **6. Notices from the International Relations Society.**

1. **Lord David Owen** CH FRCP is coming to give a talk about his illustrious career in British politics. Foreign Secretary from 1977-1979, Owen was involved in overseeing and developing the creation of independence for certain African states, and in the promotion of human rights. A staunch centrist having held a lot of previous support for the European Union, Owen made headlines when he announced that he intended to Vote Leave in the Referendum of 2016.

In 1981, Owen became one of the ‘Gang of Four’, leaving the Labour Party to found the Social Democratic Party, of which he was leader from 1983-1987 and which eventually transformed into the

Liberal Democrats. Made a life peer in 1992, he now sits in the House of Lords, changing his status from 'crossbencher' in 2014, to 'independent social democrat'.

Lord Owen will be sharing his thoughts on 'Brexit - An amicable divorce from the E.U.?'

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.

Wednesday 4th Week (17th May), Saskatchewan Room, Exeter College

Facebook Event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1926994697547256/>

If you would like to have dinner with the speaker, please fill in the form below to enter the

ballot: <https://goo.gl/forms/UW4D58zyR7MIE0D22>

2. OXIRSoc is hosting **Sir Frank Berman**, where he will be giving a talk on British Diplomacy and Negotiation.

Sir Frank Berman is a distinguished diplomat and civil servant. After a Rhodes Scholarship to Wadham College, he joined Her Majesty's Diplomatic Service, and from 1965-1971 served as an assistant legal advisor for the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. He served as legal advisor for the British Military Government of Berlin from 1971-72, and at the British Embassy in Bonn from 1972-74. He has been a legal counsellor for the FCO and counsellor for the UK Mission to the United Nations from, and in 1983 was J C Smith Visiting Fellow at the University of Nottingham. He served first as deputy legal advisor, then as legal advisor for the FCO from 1988-99, and was made an honorary Queen's Counsel in 1992. Since joining Essex Street Chambers in 2000, he has specialised in international arbitration and advisory work in international law, serving as a member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration since 2010. He is a visiting professor of international law at the University of Oxford, the University of Cape Town, and King's College London, and has won numerous awards.

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.

Wednesday 5th Week (24th May), Saskatchewan Room, Exeter College

Facebook Event: <https://www.facebook.com/events/376220689404344/>

If you would like to have dinner with the speaker, please fill in the form below to enter the

ballot: <https://goo.gl/forms/s1NgezG0oI07yZ1z1>

## . OxHOS Roadshow.

Join the OxHOS Roadshow 2017!

**Do you love science?** Do you want to share this passion with others? Do you believe that science is fun, exciting and relevant to everyone? Then **join us for the 2017 Oxford Hands-On Science Summer Roadshow!**

Oxford Hands-On Science (**OxHOS**) is a student society seeking to spread our enthusiasm for science

by taking interactive, hands-on experiments to schools and public venues. We want to show the public that science is awesome and inspire the next generation of scientists. We'll provide training, food, transport, and camping for the weeks outside Oxfordshire, so all it will cost you is your time!

We're going on tour **between 17<sup>th</sup> June and 15<sup>th</sup> July** and are looking for keen science students (undergraduate or postgraduate) or University scientists to join us as demonstrators – for **part** of this time!

If you'd like to find out more and sign up, please fill in the form ([http://www.oxhos.org/Volunteers\\_Info\\_Involve.php](http://www.oxhos.org/Volunteers_Info_Involve.php)) and we'll get in touch soon!